



## A PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

### The leader addresses the congregation:

We gather together in the name of God our Father on this Education Sunday. Jesus has called men and women to service. Each of us has been given a unique expression of God's Spirit. We must allow what God has given us to be used for the common good. All those working in education in any way are part of God's provision for education in our universities, colleges, schools and nurseries.

### The promises:

You as lecturers, teachers, leaders, assistants, volunteers and governors carry a particular joy and responsibility.

You were chosen from among us to teach both us and our children. You are charged to represent the gospel in all your work.

Through your education ministry our faith will be deepened and nurtured.

We look to you to equip us to live the truth of Jesus Christ in community, family, workplace and world.

### All those involved in education in the congregation stand.

### The leader continues:

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to give yourselves to this calling with energy, hard work and love, and to be guided by the Spirit and the Word of God?

### The lecturers, teachers, leaders, assistants, volunteers and governors reply:

We do, by the grace of God.

### The leader says:

Christians, let us acknowledge the gifts and calling of these brothers and sisters.

### The congregation stands.

### The congregation responds in unison:

We consider ourselves joint workers with you in Christ.

We promise to support you in your service.

We commit to support you with prayer.

We receive you as servants of Christ.

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## The Charge:

### The Leader says:

Do not neglect the gift that is in you. Accept the service which has been entrusted to you. Present yourselves to God as chosen workers.

Without God you can do nothing.

Let us pray:

### Everyone prays:

Lord, we thank you for all those who give themselves to work and volunteer in our places of learning. Lord, in every age you have appointed people to work in education to tell your justice and love. We give thanks that in our communities of learning our children experience teaching from sisters and brothers of faith. We pray for our universities, colleges, schools and nurseries that your ways and words will be taught in them. We pray that you will bless the Head Teachers and Principals. We pray that those working in education will be filled with grace and fill them with the strength and peace of your Spirit.

We ask all these things in your name. Amen.

### Note:

*You may choose to include an opportunity for all those who are currently participating in education to stand so that the congregation can pray for them.*

*You may also expand the prayer of commitment to include parents, grandparents and other family members or friends, who support those who are students.*

