



## A Commissioning Prayer for Education Sunday

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

**Note:** the leader will say the words in bold.

The words in italic can be said by individuals representing the group(s) being referred to, or by the whole congregation.

Members of the congregation are invited to stand when they identify with a group that is mentioned.

## Your Word for Today

**Loving God, you call:**

**Be with us as we seek to hear and answer.**

**Young or old;**

**New or experienced:**

*Equip us with the wise words of a teacher*

*And give us minds that are open to learn.*

**Some are called to positions of authority;**

**Some are called to positions of responsibility:**

*But how can we teach*

*If we have not been taught?*

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**Parent or Grandparent,  
Guardian or Carer:**

*How can we open our mouths to speak  
If we have not first opened our ears to listen?*

**Those who plan and those who deliver;  
Those who are experts and those who are just discovering:**

*How can we presume to know  
If we have not taken time to hear?*

**Child or young person,  
Student or Academic:**

*What is there to learn today  
If not born from the wisdom of past and present?*

*All-knowing God, thank you for your call on every life.  
Help us to listen for your call on our lives.  
Inspire us with the wisdom of your teaching  
And help us to hear your word for today.*

AMEN

This prayer has been written by Karen Campbell. Karen is a mother and Grandma, with a long history of working with children and young people.

