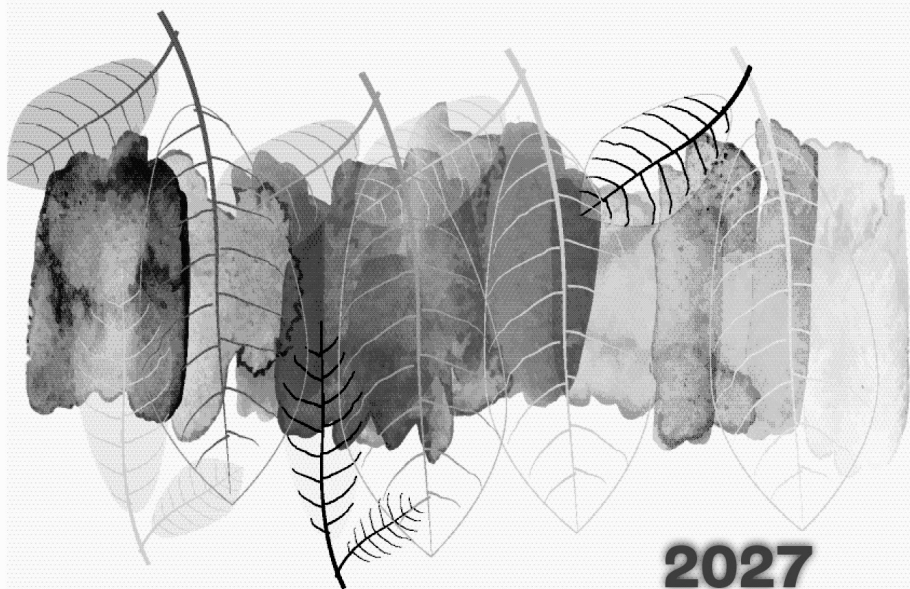




# prayers & reflections *for teachers*

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## Introduction

Welcome to *Prayers and Reflections for Teachers 2027*.

Prayer has wings. It moves out from us and finds its way home, seeking the haven of God's heart. We pray in all the seasons of our lives: in thanks and in trial, in our wins and in our woes, alone and in community. God meets us in all of it.

This book of prayers and reflections is offered as a faithful companion for teachers across the school year: for the staff meeting that needs a gentle word to open it, the classroom moment that asks for more than the day's content, and the quiet gaps in the timetable when you need uplift, encouragement, or simply a moment to breathe. It invites us to slow down, rest in meditative practice, and turn gently away from worry.

We can pray anywhere – in the car, on the train, in a classroom with our students, or gathered with colleagues in the staffroom. This little book is made to travel with you: from meetings to classrooms, and into the quiet corners between lessons.

In a world shaped by algorithms, there is no software for the soul – only the surge of the heart that prayer offers: a way to step back from our busy minds and find sanctuary. Prayer becomes our language of love for God.

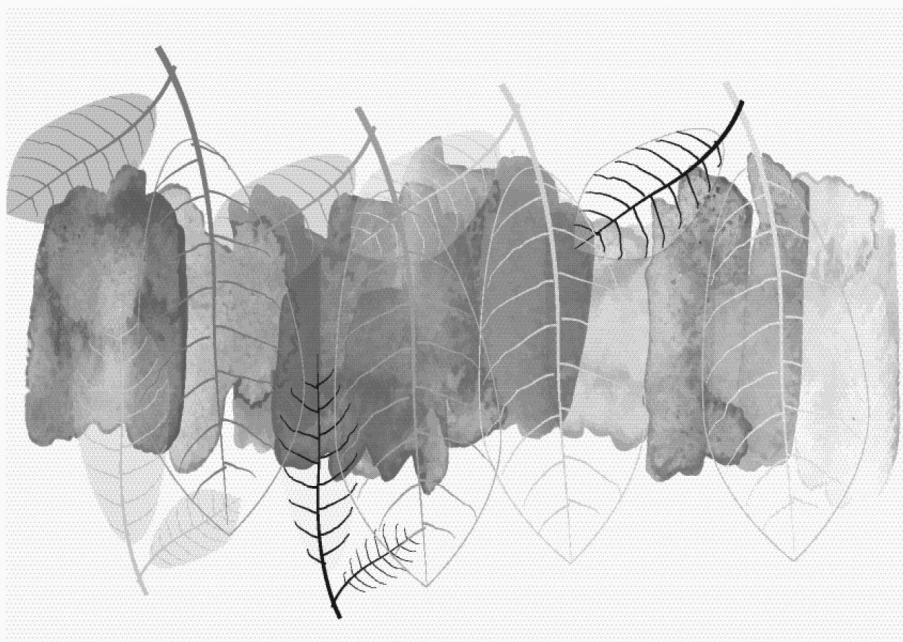
Teaching asks much of us – patience, energy, and grace. We carry both the privilege and the responsibility of forming the young people entrusted to our care, helping them grow into people of goodness, courage, and contribution. These prayers and reflections offer a sacred space for time out with God and with ourselves: time to pause, to breathe, and to recalibrate spiritually as we undertake this momentous task.

As you journey through the year, let these pages be a steady presence – on your desk, in a meeting, in the classroom,

or in private – guiding you and your students through all the year holds. Within them, may you find comfort, gratitude, and a grace-filled way of looking at the world around you. May they help you pray as you are, and as you are becoming, as you embrace 2027 and all it offers.

*Ann Rennie*





2027  
January

18 January – 22 January

# Monday

18.1.2027



*Lord of the long blue day,*

*We thank you for the blessings of the summer holidays  
The days spent with family and friends, old and new  
Of adventures by the sea and excursions to the country  
Of long days and warm nights and the benison of sun on skin  
And the slip, slop, slap of protecting growing limbs  
Days playing cricket or getting lost in a book  
or enjoying long lunches  
Building sandcastles, the quick trip to Bunnings,  
the informal gatherings of a BBQ  
Seeing the beauty of sea and surf, of mountain range  
and promontory  
Of creatures great and small  
And the carillon of birdsong, nature's wake-up call  
After happy evenings reminiscing or making new memories  
Laughing and lingering and lounging  
Restoring and replenishing body and soul  
As the days build  
Into the year to come.*

*For this, we give thanks.*

**Ann Rennie**

# Tuesday

19.1.2027



*Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?  
Thou art more lovely and more temperate.  
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,  
And summer's lease hath all too short a date.*

**William Shakespeare**  
***excerpt from Sonnet 18***

The summer holidays soon disappear and we look back on them fondly. In summer, we are long-limbed and loose, languid with time on our hands and ease from the fray. We indulge ourselves a bit, dream, play, wonder, let the inner child out briefly. We know these days will come to an end as the year ramps up with its exacting expectations, timetables and routines, the regimentation of the workplace and its dreaded KPIs. But in these few short weeks we have been at peace, relaxing in a passing idyll. We have been expansive and welcoming. Perhaps we can keep some of that summer dreaming alive during the year to keep us buoyed and balanced.

**Ann Rennie**

# Wednesday

20.1.2027



At the commencement of a new school year, students gather to congratulate those who excelled in their Year 12 Exams from the previous year. This is a wonderful thing.

There are others who deserve an honourable mention.

To the student who worked with diligence to raise their grade from a D to a C, congratulations.

To the student who was too afraid to get into the pool but now has the confidence to enter the 25metre event at the swimming carnival, congratulations.

To the student who realised an error and made every effort to fix it, congratulations.

To the student who initially refused to go to school but found the courage to attend on day 21 of Term 1, congratulations.

You are all winners.

**Gemma Di Bari**  
*educator, writer, meditation teacher*

**Celebrate the win big and small of your students  
... and yourselves.**