

# **TEACHER'S PRAYER:**

A Half-Earnest Orison

Remove my preconceptions about teaching  
so students can actually learn

Chisel away this ego  
so advice will be heeded & not spurned

Blast away my indifference  
so I'll have enough energy to care

Let me discover Thy Spark in others  
& treat them in ways that are fair

Let me not shun difficulties  
but see them as opportunities to learn

But most of all, oh Lord,  
let me get a paycheck that covers the bills -  
that's not what many teachers earn!

*Melissa:* Is this the prayer you would make?

*Tim:* (Surprised) Huh - me?? I gave up praying a long while ago.

*Melissa:* (Coyly) Wouldn't you pray for a shorter vacation or better retirement bonus?

*Tim:* No! If anything, I'd pray that students do not have to enter public schools.  
Generally speaking, they're not optimal places to learn.

**- T Newfields**

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