

LITANY OF FORTITUDE FOR TEACHERS

When I am beyond tired after the school day,

Give me strength, O Jesus.

When I am tempted to repay sass with snark,

Give me strength, O Jesus.

When I am tempted to judge my students uncharitably,

Give me strength, O Jesus.

When I am tempted to ignore the quieter students,

Give me strength, O Jesus.

When I am tempted to avoid disciplining as I ought,

Give me strength, O Jesus.

When I am tempted to avoid difficult, yet formative conversations,

Give me strength, O Jesus.

When I am tempted to not be emotionally attentive or avoid eye contact,

Give me strength, O Jesus.

When I am tempted to be negative and not joyful,

Give me strength, O Jesus.

When I am tempted to avoid reaching out to students who are struggling academically or emotionally,

Give me strength, O Jesus.

When I am tempted to skip intercessory prayers for my students,

Give me strength, O Jesus.

When I am tempted to drown out the Holy Spirit's "inconvenient" voice of direction,

Give me strength, O Jesus.

When I am tempted to talk over their heads because it is easier,

Give me strength, O Jesus.

When I am tempted to ignore the work it takes to effectively evangelize,

Give me strength, O Jesus.

Lord, teach me to see Your face in each one of my students.

Lord, teach me to learn from my students.

Lord, teach me to love my students.

