

A statement of faith
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I believe every student is a gift from God, entrusted to us by parents, and I am committed in Christian stewardship to educate students holistically in a nurturing environment that includes comprehensive and challenging opportunities in academics, creative arts, spirituality, athletics, co-curricular activities and service.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16 ESV).

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God (Ephesians 2:8 ESV).

And from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace (John 1:16 ESV).

Each of these verses is a gift to be both cherished and practiced. To be invited to draw near to the throne of grace, to receive mercy, to find grace—what gifts! To know and grasp the reality of being saved through faith—what a gift! And to comprehend what it means to receive the fullness of God through His grace—there is no greater gift!

Grace is often defined as “underserved love.” Such love should be freely given, as God did when He sent His Son to be our Saviour, the greatest gift ever received by those who believe! For sinners, this gift is unmerited, but filled with the greatest love possible. When we practice, together, grace-based teaching and leading, all perspectives change. Life is framed differently. The lens of who we are and Whose we are become clearer and better focused, in service to God and to our fellow man.

We need to remember the following:

My ability to teach is a special gift. Not all people have the gift of teaching. I entered a profession that is special, unique, and rewarding. Yes, there are challenges, but hopefully the positive moments outshine any darkness. I have been given a gift that serves Christ and others; and I wear my gift proudly!

Always let your light shine. Even on the days when I think I have little energy, I look for what is deep inside and let it shine for all it's worth – because, after all, it's what God planted in my heart. May my smile be so powerful that it replicates on someone else.

I am refuge for many. Teachers are loved and respected in so many ways. For many children, I am like a parent, and students love and trust me. In a world that is full of darkness and craziness, I am the one who is steadfast and sturdy; protect His lambs with tender Christian care.

My work is for the Lord. Teaching is not easy, but it is priceless. As my vocation to serve God and others, my work in the classroom is far-reaching. I know that the lives I touch each day do indeed make a difference. I wake each morning eager to serve and end each day in gratitude for the ability to serve.

The Lord will provide you with the strength you need. May the Light of Christ dwell in you richly and provide you with all you need – energy, strength, ideas, words – whatever it may

be, ask God. He knows your needs and well provides. God loves you more than you can ever imagine!

As the season of fall moves into winter, I know that I have a God who never changes. His grace, mercy, love, and forgiveness are with me, and my students, every moment of the day. When the days feel long and dreary, I look for His Light – it's a Light that shines brighter than anything else! His Light is a light that shines for us!

My favourite scriptures:

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26)

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)

My favourite hymns:

Above All

<https://youtu.be/YoNmSytCQKU?list=PLFA2C4A7500766137>

Amazing Grace

<https://youtu.be/Jbe7OruLk8I>

Here I am Lord

<https://youtu.be/EcxOkht8w7c>

Shine JESUS Shine

<https://youtu.be/J3iB30gCqAc>

Songs I love to teach in class (see on my [youtube](#) channel, under the [Christmas Songs](#) playlist)

Give Me Oil in My Lamp

Joy to the World

Go tell it on the Mountain

There was a Little Baby