

Prayer

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Divine Spirit,
Bless this school,
Bless all of the staff, the students, and the very bones of this building.

Bless our collective hopes and our universal fears.
Bless the congregations that nurture and support us,
And those we nurture and support in turn.

Teach us to speak the truth,
Both with power and with care.
The world is so full of hurt,
The weight of oppression so heavy,
It sometimes threatens to still our very hearts.
Add your endless compassion
To our awkward words and faltering phrases.
Guide us to wisdom.
Steep us in humility.

Lend us your strength and power,
Soul of all understanding,
May we ride your deep river of Grace
Into the valley of justice revealed.