

Retirement Prayer from the Head of School, Final Chapel

God, We come to you in thankfulness for the many years of service given by Gail Kennedy, Alma Scott, and Rose Morrison who collectively have dedicated 48 years to the Grace community. We thank you for the long term contributions they have made in the execution of daily tasks, in their loyalty to our school and in their sharing of their experience and wisdom with others. We are appreciative of their hard work and dedication. They have adapted to many changes over the years and have made sacrifices of their personal time when the job demanded it. They have been mentors and friends to their fellow employees and have worked faithfully despite their own personal obligations, joys and challenges.

We pray your continued blessings on them during this next phase of their life. May your Presence be with them as they choose new paths and explore new horizons. May they be blessed with strong networks of friends and family to enjoy the journey that lies ahead. Keep them vigorous in body, mind, soul and spirit. Open new doors of service that will satisfy their desire to give and that will make a lasting difference in our world. May they find many receptive hearts and minds for the wisdom they have to offer and many recipients to receive their love and care.

Today we leave them with this blessing:

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
May the rain fall softly on your fields
And until we meet again
May you keep safe
In the gentle loving arms of God.

And so we end our prayer, thankful for what has been and grateful for what has yet to be.