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# God, You Give Each Generation

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words of wisdom, truth to tell.  
And your call to every nation  
is to teach our children well.  
For each child is in your image,  
moving toward maturity.  
Through your word, we hear your message:  
Teach your children! Guide and lead!

Christ, you taught us love of neighbor  
when you welcomed people in;  
and you told us: Children matter!  
To neglect them is a sin.  
May the children who are yearning  
to be all that they can be  
find in every school the caring  
of the whole community.

Spirit, give to us a vision  
of a world that's just and fair.  
May our courage, strength, and wisdom  
reach to children everywhere.  
May enriching education  
touch the lives of rich and poor;  
may we build a strong foundation,  
then watch all your children soar.

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