

## *Ending in Peace*

### *a liturgy for giving exams*

Father, today I come to You as I prepare to assess my students in their final exam. As I plan, may your hands guide mine typing up instructions and study guides. Show me how to examine them with care and concern for their English abilities and for their futures.

Thank You for bringing us to the end of this long semester. I am worn out from early morning classes and grading assignments. The rapid darkness of winter seems to make work harder some days. As I think of these things, may You kindly point my eyes towards the many provisions and graces You've given all the way through the finish of this course.

I see that my students are tired too - from the long hours of studying in the library, and the stress of managing multiple exams in one compressed period of time. When I get frustrated at the systems, stresses, and pressures they're captive to, may You remind me of the deepest gifts of love, peace, and freedom. When I see their fatigue from studying and their anxiety over the outcome of this exam, may you allow me to extend peace through a smile or an encouragement. Teach me how to praise not just their academic abilities, but their perseverance and dedication too.

Remind me that my weariness is seen and known.

Remind me that my students' weariness is seen and known.

And remind me that the One who provides everything we need in every moment is able to provide peace in this exam season.

*Amen*