## Playground Blessings: Nanette Erban @TLCS

## **TLCS Playground Dedication (Option 1)**

Lord, we thank you for the gift of life, the gift of each other and the chance to share in the world that you have made. We thank you for this place of learning of joy of hope of growing in faith and experiencing life together. God of fullness, God of grace

### we give you praise

We thank you for the TLCS Child Development Center through which your love that has shown through for over 28 years for all the children who have been shaped and molded by you. God of fullness, god of grace

#### we give you praise

For all the teachers support staff, CDC Director, Nanette, and Preschool Director Joell, staff leadership that has had the courage to continue to teach, to lead, to guide, and to instruct. God of fullness god of grace

#### we give you praise

We pray for this playground for the hours and hours of fun, the laughter, the games, the relationships that will grow over the years as this place is blessed with your presence and the power of the Spirit. God of fullness god of grace,

#### we give you praise

God we thank you for the opportunity to make a new playground guide us and all who work on creating this new space as a place to grow and learn to see Jesus in each other. God of fullness

God of grace,

#### we give you praise

We pray that this new playground is an extension of your love and welcome for ALL children, where children for generations to come can feel connected and grow and learn and play in the company of our invaluable teachers, staff, and congregation as we seek to willingly join you mission in this place through the ministry of TLCS. God of fullness, God of grace,

#### we give you praise

Send your blessing upon us and upon this playground, which we set apart today to your praise and honor. May it be a lively place for sound learning and new discovery; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. And all God's children said,

Amen

# **TLCS Playground Dedication (Option 2)**

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PH We gather this morning, under this sky with these clouds and sun (clouds and liquid sunshine!), connecting with this earth, which nourishes and supports us, to dedicate this natural playground.

PJ New things need to be recognized and appreciated – that's what we do with dedication. To dedicate means to set something aside for a particular purpose.

What is the purpose of this playground? PLAY! And joy! We are blessing this space, trusting that the Spirit fill every person, adult and young, with the joy of playfulness and wholeness today and in the future, praying that delight and joy will always surround and fill it.

PH We begin with the blessing of God our creator, the Son, and the Spirit

PJ Now we dedicate this space to the children here and to all those in the future who will use the playground.

NE We dedicate it, also, to the good of the earth, from which the trees come and to which we all return. We dedicate it for physical movement, spiritual growth,

and for making friends. We dedicate it for creativity, and to practice forgiveness, care, and compassion for one another..

PH May this space be blessed by the joy of play and the connections of friends.

JD May the teachers, assisting teachers, staff, and parents, as well as their families be blessed, nurtured, and filled with the life-giving presence of the Spirit as they care for our children.

NE May you protect the little ones who play on this playground from harm and hurt. May the teachers that are with them sow seeds of faith and hope in their lives.

PJ May it be blessed by those who touch it and move on it and who watch others play. May it connect all who use it with one another and with wonder.

PH Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who said "let the little children come to me." And all God's children said,

**ALL Amen** 

Building up and joining in God's mission as one to nurture, love, and serve all.



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