

the Service for a prayer card.

Let us now commit ourselves as a Church to companion our SRE teachers by our prayers, interest and support.

As members of (name) Church, will you endeavour to pray regularly for this ministry?

Response: *Yes, we will by the grace of God.*

Minister: I invite you to raise your hands towards our SRE volunteers as we ask God's blessing on them and the children that they teach.

Blessing for SRE Teachers:

Minister: Lord, send your Spirit on our SRE teachers. Fill them with your wisdom and strength that they may devote themselves fully to this ministry.

May they nurture in the students
a zest for life,
a love of the truth,
and a desire to know God.

May they communicate the Gospel message
by their words and their example.

As we send these teachers forth, we pray that you will bless them and fill them with your love.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Companions on a Journey



2007 Commissioning Ceremony for
Special Religious Education Teachers

COMMISSIONING CEREMONY FOR SRE TEACHERS

A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans:
'For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news."
Romans 10:13-15

Minister: Today we have the privilege of commissioning the Special Religious Education Teachers. In NSW, religious education given by volunteers from local Churches is called Special Religious Education.

Presentation to Church:

Commentator: I would like to present to this Church our SRE teachers for the coming year.
Would (Names) please come forward.

SRE Teachers' Commitment:

Minister: SRE teachers will be 'companions on a journey' with children in our local schools during this coming year. They need our support and prayers as we companion them on this journey.
We thank our volunteers for their commitment to this ministry with children.

Minister: You have responded to the call to share your faith with children in our state schools. Do you promise to share the Good News of Jesus in your lessons and by your example?

Teachers: *Yes, we will by the grace of God.*

Minister: Are you willing to diligently and prayerfully prepare your lessons each week?

Teachers: *Yes, we will by the grace of God.*

Minister: Are you willing to attend classes regularly and punctually?

Teachers: *Yes, we will by the grace of God.*

Minister: As you strive to grow towards a deeper faith in your own lives are you willing to encourage others to do the same.

Teachers: *Yes, we will by the grace of God.*

Minister: You are authorised, as a member of this Church, to teach SRE in the local schools. I now present you with your Authorisation Card.
May God bless you and the children in your classes.

Church Commitment:

Minister: I ask everyone to stand.
As members of the Church of (name), we can all share in this ministry by praying each week for our SRE teachers, for the school that they attend, and for the children and their families.
Why not contact one of the SRE teachers after