

### *3. I am thankful:*

For the teacher  
who bothers me with her annoying manner,  
because she helps on the duty roster  
and serves the team in lots of other ways

For the litter  
that I too often have to pick up,  
for it means my students have plenty  
to eat, and can afford to buy from shops

For the feeling of tiredness  
at the end of the day,  
for it means I have been serving  
God in ministry and I have employment

For my wage  
even if teachers elsewhere get more,  
for it means I don't have to rely on deputation  
and seek support as do so many Christian teachers elsewhere

For my old textbooks and computers  
as it means we have reliable electricity and some ICT facility,  
and we do have desks, chairs, books , shelter  
and viable facilities when others have minimal

For the sound of my alarm clock  
as it means I am fit and healthy enough to be in meaningful work,  
and I can go and serve God with my Christian colleagues on team  
and I have the privilege of working in a paid ministry vital to the Kingdom

For my critics and detractors  
for Jesus worked in the midst of the same,  
and because God will use them to bring out the best in me  
and somehow work all things for good because I am a believer

*I am thankful!*

1 Thessalonians 5:18 *In every circumstance of life be thankful; for this is God's will in Christ Jesus respecting you.*

