**Litany of Farewell** (for someone leaving a role) <https://presbyterianchurchaotearoa-my.sharepoint.com/personal/stephanie_presbyterian_org_nz/Documents/Church%20Schools%20Resource%20Office/Prayers/Litany%20of%20Farewell.docx>

Leader: A church/school family is constantly changing. People come and go in our church/school life. It is important and right that we recognise these times of passage, of endings and beginnings. Today we say farewell to *name of leaver*, whose time as our *name of role* has come to an end.

*Leaver: I thank name of institution, its members and friends, for the love, kindness and support shown to me these last time in role. I thank you for accepting my leadership. I recall with joy the many things we have been able to accomplish together and with sadness the things we were not able to do. I ask your understanding and forgiveness for the mistakes I have made and for the times I have let you down.*

**Congregation/School/Group: We receive your thankfulness, and we offer our forgiveness for any failures. We express gratitude for your time among us and ask your forgiveness for our mistakes and short comings. We accept that you now leave us to *whatever new role is*. Your influence on us will not leave us, even though you depart from us.**

*Leaver: I forgive your failures and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to the Christ we are called to serve.*

Leader: Do you, members and friends of *name of institution*, now release *name of leaver* from the duties of *role*?

**Congregation/School/Group: We do, with the help of God.**

Leader: Do you, *name of leaver*, release *name of institution/group* from the ties that have bound us together for the last *time of role*?

*Leaver: I do, with the help of God.*

Leader: Let us pray together

**All: God, during our time together, we have experienced laughter and tears, hopes and disappointments. Let these memories help us to trust you for the future, leaving the unknown in your care.**

**Amen**

Leader: Go now*, name of leaver,* surrounded by our love and led by the promises of God, the presence of Jesus, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**