

# · A Blessing for the Speech Pathologist ·

YOU ARE BLESSED WITH AN ANOINTED GIFT. YOU ARE A HOPE BEARER. YOU CAN OPEN THE DOOR TO BROKEN COMMUNICATION AND SHINE A LIGHT. YOU POUR YOUR GIFTS ONTO OTHERS AS YOU PRACTICE, SOLVE PROBLEMS, COUNSEL, LEAD, DOCUMENT, AND TALK. AND TALK AND TALK AND TALK...

MAY YOUR STOREHOUSES BE CONSTANTLY REFILLED WITH THE ENERGY AND PASSION THAT SUCH A THERAPEUTIC HEART DEMANDS.

AS YOU WALK WITH THOSE IN THEIR HOLY STRUGGLE TO CONVEY THOUGHTS, IDEAS, EMOTIONS, MAY YOU STRIVE TO BE A JOYFUL AND HUMBLE GUIDE.

AS YOU SIT AT THE TABLE OR ON THE FLOOR WITH THE INDIVIDUALS WHO NEED YOU, MAY YOUR WORDS REFLECT THE LANGUAGE OF LOVING COMPASSION.

WHEN CHALLENGES AND MISTAKES ATTEMPT TO CLOUD YOUR VISION, MAY YOU SEEK VOICES OF WISDOM TO CALMLY HELP YOU FIND YOUR WAY TO GRACE.

WITH CLIENTS, FAMILIES, AND COLLEAGUES, MAY YOU ARTICULATE A KINDNESS THAT SPEAKS LOUDER THAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

AS PAPERWORK AND LACK OF FUNDING AND DEADLINES TRY TO DISHEARTEN, MAY THE FLUENCY OF LAUGHTER KEEP YOU COMPANY AND PROVIDE A BALANCED PERSPECTIVE.

BE RECEPTIVE AND LISTEN TO WORDS THAT ARE SPOKEN, EVEN MORE CAREFULLY TO THE UNSPOKEN. MAY YOU DARE BRAVELY AND GO DEEP TO THE HEART OF THOSE IN YOUR CARE.

BE EXPRESSIVE AND SPEAK LIFE: ENCOURAGE, INSPIRE, EMBOLDEN, COMFORT, PRAISE. REFUSE TO LET GOSSIP OR SLANDER OR WHINING ESCAPE LIPS ANOINTED FOR A HIGHER PURPOSE. MAY YOU FIERCELY GUARD YOUR HEART, FOR IT IS THE BIRTHPLACE OF ALL SPEECH.

BE OPEN ALWAYS AS A CREATIVE, AS A LEARNER, HUNGRY TO SHARE NEW TECHNIQUES, SKILLS, EPIPHANIES. MAY YOU ASK QUESTIONS IN HUMILITY, NEVER ASSUMING TO KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS.

AT TIMES YOU FEEL UNHEARD, INEFFECTIVE, AND ANXIOUS. MAY THESE MOMENTS GATHER EMPATHY FOR EVERYONE IN YOUR PATH WHO FEELS THE SAME.

GRACIOUSLY ACCEPT SLOW PROGRESS. EMBRACE THE MYSTERY OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR. MAY IRRITATION AND IMPATIENCE AND LOSS OF WONDER HAVE NO PLACE IN YOUR THERAPY SPACE.

YOU BEAR WITNESS TO AN ARRAY OF HUMAN NEED. MAY YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO USE YOUR SPHERE OF INFLUENCE TO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND.

SEEK GRACE. FOR YOUR CLIENTS. SEEK GRACE ESPECIALLY FOR YOUR OWN SOUL. ALL YOU DO FOR OTHERS? PLEASE DO UNTO YOURSELF.

AT THE END OF EACH DAY, MAY YOU LIE PLEASANTLY EXHAUSTED FROM WORK COMPLETED OUT OF THIS MAGNIFICENT CALLING

