



Back to School BLESSING

God of wisdom and love, we thank you for new opportunities to learn and grow whether it be in an actual classroom, a virtual classroom, or from our homes.

Be with our teachers, leaders, parents, caregivers, and administrators as they guide us into the new school year. Give them the tools and energy to create engaging ways for all of us to learn and grow.

Help us to open our hearts and minds to new ideas, new friends and leaders, and new ways of learning.

Show us how to seek joy in all things.

When things don't go as planned, help us rejoice in the newness. When we have technical difficulties, help us rejoice in simple things like books and crayons. When we feel lonely or isolated, remind us that you are by our side. When our teachers and caregivers seem worried and wary, help them to be gentle with themselves.

As we begin to explore the unknown of this school year, let us rejoice with new friends, in new ways of learning, in knowing that you are with us through it all.

God of joy and light, pour out your blessing upon these students, families, teachers, and leaders. Bless their backpacks, Chromebooks and computers, virtual classrooms, school buildings, and all preparations that help build a strong and safe year for everyone.

May each of them share your blessings with others, and go into the world and shine bright with kindness, patience, energy and love!

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.