



# Prayer for a New *School Year*

Lord God,

Source of all wisdom and knowledge, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to live among us and to proclaim his message of faith, hope, and love to all nations.

In your goodness, bless us as we offer ourselves to your Church as teachers and catechists at the beginning of this new school year. Strengthen us with your gifts that we may teach by word and example the truth which comes from you.

Give us the courage of Abraham and Sarah, who did not hesitate when God called them to a new land.

Give us the resilience of Moses, who led others through hardship to hope and freedom.

Give us the wisdom of Samuel, to listen more than we speak.

Give us hearts for justice, as Amos had, so that we will challenge those we teach to work together to build a peaceful world.

Give us the faith of Joseph, so that we can be models of faith to the young people in our care.

Give us the humility of Mary, to remember that you are the source of any good we do.

Guide us, help us, and inspire us always, to teach as your Son did, helping children—by word and example—to grow in faith each day.

To you we give praise and glory, now and forever.

Amen

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