

# Prayers of Calling

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The beginning of each new school year offers an opportunity to ask God's blessing upon all those involved in the education of youth. This prayer for the start of a new school year invites students, parents, educators, and administrators to pause and consider the tasks of teaching and learning as holy work. You may choose to pray the following litany within worship, invite youth to lead the prayer themselves, or share the blessing with youth ministers as they begin a new year of ministry.

## A Blessing for the New School Year

God of Goodness,  
Bless the new school year that lies before us.

You are Alpha and Omega.  
Bless the firsts and lasts that this year will bring.

You are Wisdom and Life.  
Bless the lessons we will learn and the ways we will grow.

You are Truth and Light.  
Bless our study of the past and our work toward the future.

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You are Teacher and Guide.

Bless our teachers and administrators, our parents and coaches.

You are Healer and Reconciler.

Bless our friends and enemies, our relationships and conflicts.

You are Rock and Refuge.

Bless our homes and our families, our schools and our communities.

You are Caller and Companion.

Bless the decisions we will make and the struggles we will face.

You are Creator and Spirit.

Bless our changes and challenges, our questions and dreams.

In all things, in your name,

Amen.

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