



The Church that
Children Built

Prayers for Back to School 2020

This is a school year like no other.
Here are some prayers for the beginning
of this year.

A Prayer for Back to School

At the start of the school year, we are beginning something new
New things can be exciting
New things can be scary
New things can be wonderful
New things can be confusing

God, you are always with us
You are with us when things are exciting, or scary, or wonderful,
or confusing.
You are with us every day and all the time

God, please help us to feel your presence with us on the first day of
school, and every day. Amen

A Prayer for At Home (Remote) Learning

Home is where we eat at the table and sleep in our bed
For now, home is where we do our learning, too

God, please be with me when I learn at home
Help me to understand what to do
Help me to be patient if it gets hard or feels too different
Most of all, help me to feel your love. Amen

A Prayer for Blended Learning

I can learn in many different ways
I can learn at home
I can learn at school
I can learn in both home and school
This year I'll be learning in many different places
Though my body will be in different places, one thing will always
stay the same:
No matter where I am, God is with me
No matter where I am, God loves me
No matter where I am, I am God's child
Amen

A Prayer for Homeschooling

As I start a year of school at home, I pray for all of the things I will learn this year. I pray for my teachers and family members. (Sometimes my teachers *are* my family members!) Help us all on this journey. May we be kind and do our very best. Amen.

A Prayer for Schools and Colleges (Book of Common Prayer)

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centers of sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for the Care of Children (Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Prayer for Washing My Hands

I wash my hands
I make them clean
I dry them off
While I wash I say “Thank you, God”
While I wash I say “Peace to all” Amen.

A Prayer for Putting on a Mask

I put on my mask to show others I care
I put on my mask to keep others safe
I put on my mask to love my neighbor
Thank you, God, for being with me
Amen

A Prayer in the Time of COVID-19

God, we have so many things to pray for:

We pray for those who are sick

We pray for those who are worried about getting sick

We pray for doctors, and nurses, and medical professionals

We pray for those who are sad and grieving someone who has died

We pray for scientists

We pray for politicians

We pray for our family

We pray for our friends

We pray for all the other things in our hearts and on our minds

We end our prayer by saying “thank you,” God

Thank you for the small blessings of every day

Thank you for hearing us when we pray

Thank you for your love. Amen.

A Prayer for When I’m Out of My Routine

Some days are topsy turvy

Some days are not what I was expecting

On those days I stop

I breathe in

I breathe out

I take a break and feel the Holy Spirit guide me

A Prayer for When I’m Tired and Overwhelmed

When I’m tired I need rest for my body

And for my mind and spirit, too

God, please show me how to rest and space

Help me to find peace for my spirit

Peace for my mind

Peace for my body

Thank you for my breath

Thank you for my family

Thank you for your Spirit

Amen

A Blessing for the School Space Inside the Home

God we dedicate this space as a space for learning
May our minds be quieted in this space
May we be open to learning in this space
May we be curious in this space
Be with us each and every moment we come to our special
learning place
Amen

A Blessing to Start the Day

May your day be filled with joy and gladness
May you be kind today
May you be at peace today
May you know you are loved today, by God and by your family
May you hold that love in your heart, today and every day

A Blessing to End the Day

Goodnight, sweet dreams, the day is done
Goodnight, have peace, and know God's love

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