



BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Gracious and loving God,
fill us with courage and hope for this school year.

It will look different and feel different, yet we trust that you
are with us always.

Prepare our hearts for new experiences.
Open our eyes to joy and wonder in surprising places.
Help us to stay focused on learning.

Give us an extra measure of patience and understanding –
for ourselves and for others.

Show us your mercy when we get frustrated.
Fill our spirit with the desire to be good friends.
Remind us of the special gifts you have given to each of us.
Inspire us to be creative.
Help us to be brave and kind.
Hold us in any uncertainty or fear.
Draw us closer to one another and to you.

We give you thanks for the chance to learn, grow, and live
into the loving and remarkable people you have created us
to be.

We pray for our teachers and their families as they try their
best to continue their work of teaching, tending, and
supporting.

Guide us and show us your presence as we find our way in
this new time.
Amen.

-adapted from Emily Slichter Given

