

BLESSING OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

(All teachers, students, and others involved in education please stand.)

God is the source of all wisdom and knowledge. Let us ask God to bless those who seek to learn and their teachers. **Fill us with your wisdom, Lord.**

For students (as they begin this new school year), that the Spirit of God may grant them the gifts of wisdom and understanding, let us pray to the Lord. **Fill us with your wisdom, Lord.**

For teachers, that they may share their knowledge with gentleness, patience, and concern for their students, let us pray to the Lord. **Fill us with your wisdom, Lord.**

For those who seek knowledge of the things of this world, that they may always pursue God's wisdom, let us pray to the Lord. **Fill us with your wisdom, Lord.**

For parents, the first teachers of their children, that their faith and love may be an example to us always, let us pray to the Lord. **Fill us with your wisdom, Lord.**

Eternal God, Creator of Heaven and Earth:

You formed us in your image and gave us the ability to reason and learn. [In your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.]

As we begin this new school year, bless all those who seek to learn: children, youth, adults, and teachers.

Bless those who prepare the learning environment: teachers, teachers' assistants, principals, counselors, coaches, secretaries, tutors, cooks, custodians, nurses, bus drivers, and crossing guards.

Bless those who support students: parents, grandparents, and this church community.

Bless each school as a place of compassion and safety. **Amen.**

Teacher and Redeemer, we consecrate these school supplies in your Holy Name and to your glory. We pray your blessing upon those who give them and those who will receive them. May generation upon generation be blessed by these gifts. **Amen**

Let each person who stands before us now feel the love and support of this congregation, and grant us all the wisdom and means to meet their needs throughout the coming year. **Amen.**

Sustainer of us all, help us to grow in your wisdom and in your ways. Remind us that your truth sets us free to learn and to love. **Amen**