



As our kids, youth, young adults and all those in the educational ministry prepare to return to the classrooms in August, I invite you to join me in prayer...

God of wisdom and knowledge, enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn. Make the schools of our community lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom.

We thank you for teachers and administrators. Continually renew and affirm in them a sense of calling to the sacred vocation of teaching. Give them loving hearts, wise minds, strong spirits, and a passion for their students. Fill them with joy, sustain and strengthen them, and give them rest when they are weary. Let them trust the seeds they plant even when they do not see the harvest. Let them hear deep within themselves your words, "Well done, good and trustworthy servant."

We thank you for each student, their life among us, and the future before them. Lead them in your way, your truth, and your life. Let each classroom they enter be a place of life and light, warmth and welcome, discovery and growth. Give them good friends and let them be good friends for others. Set them at tasks which demand their best efforts, and lead them to accomplishments which satisfy and delight. Let them not take failures and disappointments as a measure of their worth but as opportunities for new learning and new beginnings. Open their hearts to life and their minds to learning. Let Holy Wisdom be their companion. Amen.

Let us also take time in the coming weeks to remember and give thanks for the many teachers that have shaped our faith journeys. These are the beloved saints of God that have taught us by word and deed to love God with all our hearts, minds and souls and love our neighbors as ourselves. Thanks be to God for these partners in faith!

~ Pastor Jane