

# Benediction for a New School Year

*Note: When praying this prayer in a community, various parts can be given to various community members — particularly the petitions in the litany from lines two through nine.*

## Lord of All Wisdom,

As we open our school year, we pray  
that your Spirit may always be found  
in our midst.

May our school be a place of safety.

May our school be a place of equality.

May our school be a place of truth.

May our school be a place of growth.

May our school be a place of joy.

May our school be a place of faith.

May our school be a place of hope.

May our school be a place of love.

Lord, bless our students, faculty and  
staff:

The citizens of our school with whom  
we will share our classrooms and  
corridors this year.

Bless the families who have trusted our  
institution with their precious  
children.

Help us bless our community and be  
blessed in turn by the community.

May we look back on this school year  
in times to come  
And say that this was a time when we  
found something wonderful and new  
in ourselves  
And recall a place that was more than  
a school,  
But a family.  
For where two or three are gathered in  
your name  
There are you.

Father of all, we ask in your name  
Bless this school.

**All:** *Bless this school!*

**Amen**