



Prayer for the Beginning of Term

Loving God,
Another term begins and we come back to school
Refreshed and restored by the break,
Grateful for those we share our lives with,
For the memories of the past few weeks,
For the opportunities we have, which are denied
To so many in our world today.
We come back to school pleased to see our friends,
Determined to make the most of our talents,
To grow in understanding of the kind of person we are called to be,
To turn over a new leaf, perhaps,
To make up for the times we were less than our best self.
We come back to school and are grateful
For the energy and enthusiasm a new term brings,
For the optimism and good humour in the air.
Bless our school, keep us safe and well,
Keep us on the right path.
Bless our teachers and support staff
Who look after us and help us to grow in knowledge and skills.
Bless the new pupils and staff
As they begin their journey with us,
May they very quickly feel at home.
Bless all our efforts to build up the kingdom of God,
To make the world more just and compassionate
Beginning here, in this school of ours,
Our home from home.

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