

BACK TO SCHOOL LITURGY 2022

INTROIT / PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God is with us every day, at home, at work
and at school. Good or bad days, God is
always there. We can rely on God's Presence –
ALWAYS...God is with us

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Welcome and Introduction

Lay Minister leads:

Dear Lord, thank you for our children, they are
indeed a blessing to all:

Lord, Help us to walk in your light

Dear Lord, thank you for every teacher, support
staff and principal; give them wisdom and
strength to teach our children:

Lord, Help us to walk in your light

Dear Lord, bless all with patience, tolerance,
and respect:

Lord, Help us to walk in your light

Dear Lord, let us all be an example of Love and Forgiveness:

Lord, Help us to walk in your light

THE GLORIA

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Lord, you are the way that leads to the
Father,

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, you are the truth that brings joy to the
world,

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you are the life that renews the world.

Lord, have mercy

PENITENCE

ABSOLUTION

THE COLLECT

THE WORD

HYMN

THE MESSAGE

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYERS

Leader of Representative of Christian Education

Loving God, we come before you with prayers from our hearts to Yours. We offer to You our very lives that we may live according to your will. We pray for all those who learn—children, youth, young adults and adults. Keep them from being discouraged when facing the trials of the day. Instil in them a desire to grow in wisdom and understanding. Grant them the discipline of study and the ability to concentrate. We pray for all of us as learners, O God. We know that we never stop learning about your love and faithfulness.

Lord in Your Mercy

Hear our Prayer

Speaker or representative from Community Organisation (Walking Bus etc)

We pray for all children—for their playfulness, for their curiosity and for their joyfulness. We pray, as they go beyond the boundaries of home, that they will find strong and true friendships. We pray especially for those called to lead and to care for them. We pray dear Lord, that our children and the adults who minister with them might grow in your love.

Lord in Your Mercy

Hear our Prayer

Educator

God of all learning, grant all educators an abundance of your wisdom. Prepare their hearts to welcome and love. Give them grace in their encounters, courage to face challenges, and strength when they feel weak. When they feel unseen, remind them we are overwhelmed with gratitude for the gifts they share with our children. May they see how their dedication forever impacts generations.

Lord in Your Mercy

Hear our Prayer

Acknowledgement:

Prayers adapted and revised from “ideas! For Church Leaders”

Parent 1

We pray for all young people, for the ways they test boundaries and question authority. We pray, O God that they will continue to develop and to use the gifts you have given them

Lord in Your Mercy

Hear our Prayer

Parent 2

Dear Lord, we confess some days the worries of parenthood are as abundant as the joys.

Guide us through the valleys, so we may be present for our children in their valleys, until we are all brought again to the mountaintop. We ask you to bless our children with hearts of compassion and courage, and keep them safe from harm. Fill them with the knowledge that they are loved and beloved

Lord in Your Mercy

Hear our Prayer

Student

Eternal God, your wisdom is greater than our minds can attain, and your truth enlightens our learning. To those who study, give curiosity, imagination, and patience to wait and work for insight. Fill their learning with joy. Help them to doubt with courage. And hold all their days in the love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord in Your Mercy
Hear our Prayer

Student 2

God of all wisdom, we praise you for gifting us with curiosity and learning. Give to all students, teachers, and support staff a clear sense of your love. May they feel your presence throughout this school year. Guide their choices, their quest for knowledge, and their relationships. Use their successes and failures as opportunities to grow in understanding of who you would have them to be. Continue to shape them, that they may walk in the way of Christ, grow strong in Spirit's love for all people, and know the complete joy of life in you

Lord in Your Mercy
Hear our Prayer

Congregation pray concluding prayer:

Loving God, listen to our prayers and let your face shine on us through Christ our Lord. Amen

PEACE GREETING

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Gracious God, accept these gifts as we begin a new school year. Help us to recognise Christ in this Eucharist and welcome him with love into our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

CONCLUSION

Loving God, in this Eucharist you touch our lives. Keep your love alive in our hearts, especially during this academic year. We ask this in the name of your Son our Lord.

Amen

FINAL BLESSING

May the Lord bless this new academic year with happiness and peace. **Amen**

May you discover new gifts in yourselves and celebrate the giftedness of others. **Amen**

May the love of God shine through you at home, in school and with friends. **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

DISMISSAL

REFLECTION

One tree can start a forest,
One sunbeam lights a room,
One bird can herald spring,
One smile begins a friendship,
One handclasp lifts a soul,
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One candle wipes out darkness,
One vote can change a nation,
One laugh will lift sadness,
One step must start each journey,
One word must start each prayer,
One hope will raise our spirits,
One touch can show care,
One voice can speak with wisdom,
One heart can know what's true,
One life can make the difference,
You see it's up to you!
Don't forget how very important
YOU ARE.

(Author Unknown)