



## Blessing of the Backpacks Prayer

Holy and gracious God, we give thanks for these young people, for their teachers, friends, and fellow students as the school year begins. We give thanks for the ways they will teach us and help to expand our universe. Help all of us to continue to learn and grow, and be signs of your love in the world. Amen.

May God bless you and keep you as you learn, grow, and explore the world around you and may you continue to bless the world with the gifts God has given you: love, kindness, curiosity, and joy. Amen.