

**Leader:** It is the beginning of a new school year, and God is a God of new beginnings and new creations. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, new life, blessed it and called it good.

**People:** We give thanks for a new school year and for new beginnings. We give thanks that you call us good.

**Leader:** In another beginning, a star shone in the sky when Jesus our Saviour was born. In the beginning of his ministry, the heavens opened up and called Jesus God's beloved.

**People:** We give thanks that you know our pathways and what it means to be human. We give thanks that you call us your beloved children.



**Leader:** O God of new beginnings, new life, and new journeys, you sent Abraham and Sarah into a new land; you led Moses, Aaron and Miriam out of Egypt and into freedom; you led your Son to earth, to the cross, and into resurrection.

**People:** Walk with us, we pray, as we enter into a new school year, a new path, new opportunities. Amen.


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Jesus, thank you for being with us and helping us. We pray for our local schools this week. Please be with the teachers and all support staff. Help them to teach well and give each student the support they need to learn and stay safe.

Please be with the students. Help them to enjoy learning new things, to have good friendships and to be responsible members of their school community.

We pray for people who are going to college, university or starting jobs. Please look after them and guide them along the paths you have set out for them.





Please help us to look after the people in our families, schools, work places, our town, and also our friends. Help us to share your love with everyone we meet.

**Amen**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.**