



A Back-to-School Prayer

As students, teachers, and administrators head back to the classroom, we invite you to join UMHEF in this back-to-school prayer. Be sure to share it with your friends, family, congregation, and community!

Creator God,

As a new school year begins, we ask You to guide, comfort, protect, and challenge us.

For students just beginning college, help them remember with gratitude those who prepared them for this stage of life. Give them the confidence to be more independent but the humility to continue to listen and learn.

For those starting a new semester or new career, lead them to be their best selves in mind, body, and spirit.

For parents sending a child to college, give them peace. Comfort them as they learn to trust and walk beside their young adult child in new ways.

For teachers and professors, empower them to share knowledge and to spark questions and curiosity.

We—neighbors, friends, and church family—commit ourselves to pray for one another and be a community, no matter the distance. Help us encourage and love one another.

Lord, we give You thanks for Your presence in the years behind and the years ahead.
Amen.

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