Back to School Prayer

This prayer is written to be led by one or more children.

Leader: God who never changes, you are with us in all of our changes. Thank you for your steadfast love. Thank you for your care for teachers, for children, and for parents. We pray for teachers: give them creativity, energy, and encouragement. Guard their health and provide for their needs. Help them to know that their acts of humility and compassion are valuable in your kingdom.
Lord, in your mercy:
All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the students in our church family and in our neighborhoods who are going back to school. Bless them, encourage them, and protect them. Help them to learn well. As they learn truth, open their eyes so that they will see Jesus, who is the Truth. Strengthen them to honor their teachers and love their classmates. Give them what they need.
Lord, in your mercy:
All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for parents in our church family and in our neighborhoods. Whether they have sent their kids to the local public schools, to a private school, or have decided to homeschool, give them peace with their decision and trust in your sovereign love. Help them to love and encourage their kids throughout the year to come.
Lord, in your mercy:
All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray this will be a year of learning and of growth in grace! All truth comes from and points back to you, so help all of us to see and seek you in every good, true, and beautiful thing we learn this year.
In the Name of Jesus:
All: Amen.

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