

Prayer for New Community/New School Year

Through the summer season, You have replenished our spirits
in the playfulness of gentle breezes and refreshing rain
the laughter of children romping outdoors
lush colors of flowers and butterflies
the merriment of songbirds and tenacity of mother ducks and young
times of retreat, celebration, professional development, reading and insight.
Soak our wicks deep in this memory oil
and enlighten us with Your flame of Wisdom for the new year,
that we may become gentle smiles and thoughtful words of encouragement
and compassion that nurture all life entrusted to our care.
We ask for the gift of wholeness and for the grace to accept of all parts of
ourselves still in need of growth.
Teach us patience with ourselves, our families and communities and partners
in ministry and openness to the letting-go's of the upcoming autumn season
that we may surrender to Your transforming Grace.
Instill in us a spirit of gratitude that ever delights in the wonders of Your
creative love brought anew in the freshness of each day.
As we faithfully work with You our Great Teacher and Community Builder to
educate and re-create our world in justice and peace.

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