



# Back to School Prayer

*We thank you for the fragrance of a new box of crayons, Lord,  
The rainbow in each perfect row;  
Thank you for each bundle of snowy white notebook paper,  
Awaiting fresh possibilities.  
May they remind us that you make all things new and bless us with abundance.  
Thank you for this ruler; for every eraser that tops every pencil.  
May they help us remember to measure our blessings ,  
But never your boundless love for us;  
To allow for the making of mistakes as a normal part of human learning.  
As we lay out our new clothes for these first days of school,  
Help us remember to put on Christ each day, too,  
And to “clothe the naked” as He asked us.  
But mostly, God, help us remember  
that Jesus is always our best and most devoted teacher—  
That we never outgrow all his lessons on how you want us to live and to love.*

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