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PRAYER

God of all creation, we come to you in the name of Jesus. We thank you in advance for a successful school year and bringing us safely through this pandemic. Lord, there is much anxiety and fear regarding virtual and in-person learning due to COVID-19, yet Philippians 4:6 instructs us to pray about everything instead of worrying about anything. It also says that we should tell you what we need and thank you for all that you've done. Then we will experience your peace which exceeds anything we can understand.

So Lord in the name of Jesus, we pray for every student (preschool, elementary, middle school, high school, or college). We ask you to protect them from dangers seen and unseen. Give them the focus that they need to do what is required of them. Open their minds to receive instruction. Allow them to hear effectively and comprehend fully what is being conveyed to them online and in person. Lord, give them the stamina to stay focused and to complete every assignment in excellence. We invite you into their learning environment, keep it safe. Allow it to be a space where they know that they are cared for and concerned about.

Lord, equip every parent to be the support that their child needs. Give them wisdom and the discernment to make the best decisions for their children and to hold them accountable for their learning. Calm every anxiety they have and help them to turn to you when they are unsure as to what they should do. Bless the work of every parent's hands, whether they stay at home with their children or go off to work outside the home. Give them the resources needed to ensure their child will receive the education they deserve. Lord, we pray that every need is met according to your riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Open the eyes of every educators' understanding so they can create new and exciting ways for students to learn in whatever space they teach. Protect those who must go into schools and classrooms to teach. Be a fence of protection around them and help them to learn as they are helping others to learn. Expand their minds to be out-of-the-box educators that pull greatness and purpose out of every student. Help them to turn all of their cares over to you and give them the strategies they need to educate and innovate in this pandemic season.

As every student, parent and educator begins each day, help them to seek you first, Lord. Give them what they need to do what each day requires. Assure them that they are not alone and remind them that they can do all things through Christ who strengthens them.

Lord we have prayed and told you what we need, so we thank you, in advance, for allowing every student, parent and educator to experience your peace, the peace that guards their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Lord, we place this entire school year into your loving and capable hands.

We, the St. James faith community, still believe in miracles so we are expecting something miraculous to come out of all of this - miracles that not only bless every family with a child in school, but we declare that this is the best school year that any student, parent and educator will experience. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. ~Philippians 4:6-7