**Beginning the School Year**

Dear God, today is N’s first day of *school,* a happy, exciting, scary day. We pray that N’s teachers will be generous, wise, and gracious. We pray for N’s classmates, so that true friendships may be found for all. Especially we pray for N. Keep *her* safe and well. Open *her* heart and mind to a world of learning and may this be the first of thousands of days in which *she* knows the depth of your love and the constancy of your care. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*Or this*

Child of my heart, may the blessing of the Holy Trinity go with you today.

May God’s strength keep you secure.

May Christ our true Wisdom guide your learning.

May the Holy Spirit make you glad and good.

May the enfolding of the Trinity hold you and bring you, at day’s end, safely home. Amen.

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