

Prayer for an Uncertain Beginning to a New Academic Year

We begin again, O Creator God,
To study your world, your peoples,
Your teachings, the signs of your love,
And the signs of these difficult times.

Your Word opens the way,
Calling us to cherish the dignity
And the safety of all members
Of our communities—a sign
Of our compassion and solidarity,
our contribution to the common good.

As we struggle to continue
The tasks we must take up now,
We look to you to, the Light
That keeps shining in the darkness,
To make clear the path ahead.

As we step forward into uncertainty,
We are open to your grace, choosing hope,
Living out your call to us,
Learning to become the people of God,
Learning to trust your mercy and
The gifts you have given us.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

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