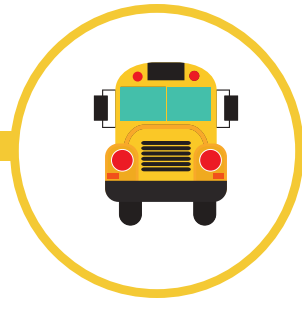


# A Back-to-School Prayer for Moms



Lord,

It's-back to-school time. We've packed the backpacks and the van. We've labeled all the things (so many things!) We've filled out all the forms (so many forms!) We've reminded them to be brave and to be kind.

Help me to be the same when:

- ... they come home after working hard all day, just like me.
- ... they "don't want to talk about it."
- ... they do want to talk about 'it.'
- ... their feelings are bruised.
- ... they were the one who hurt another.
- ... the grades come in.
- ... conferences arrive.
- ... the texts to our college student go read, but unanswered.
- ... we're up till 2am, consumed with fear or worry.
- ... we're up till midnight waiting for them to come home.
- ... the school year just. feels. so. long.
- ... the project is due tomorrow... and I found the worksheet at 7:30pm.
- ... I can't pack one more lunch. I just cannot.
- ... the PTA calls.
- ... our priorities feel out of alignment.
- ... the overdue library fines hit the inbox.
- ... I can't be at the school program because I have to work.
- ... winter break rolls around.
- ... spring break rolls around.
- ... I swear they were my tiny babies just last week.

May I put my trust in You Lord, knowing You go before my kid(s) as they head to school. Pave their way, Lord, that they may see You in each and every bump. Help them to make friends, to work hard, to have a mind open and ready for learning beyond their reading & writing. Keep my love tucked deep into their hearts.

Help them to be brave and kind, Lord... and help their mom be the same.

Amen.

