

## Good and Gracious God

We pray to you, our good and gracious God, as a people who cherish the memories that are ours, and who claim a common history as a sacred gift. We ask you to renew your grace in us, that we might recognize your presence in our midst and hear the call of the gospel in the human needs that surround us.

Through the power of your compelling Spirit may we grow in courage, that our actions might reflect the love we profess.

We ask this in the name of Jesus.

God our Father,  
we pray that the message of your Son  
will dwell richly among us,  
as we teach and admonish one another  
with the wisdom you give,  
and sing with thankfulness in our hearts to you.  
And whatever we do, in word or deed,  
may it be done  
in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and for his glory. **Amen.**

Loving and Gracious God, you are indeed the giver of all good gifts and we thank you today for all your blessings, for the successful outcomes of our school events and for all our staff members, both the teaching and support members.

We ask that you bless them abundantly and we continue to seek your wisdom, guidance, courage and strength. Be with us in our deliberations and help us to be wise in the decisions we make for the good of all those who have placed their trust and confidence in our leadership.

Give us insight to lead with integrity that our decisions may reflect what is right and good. Keep us from short-sightedness and pettiness. Help us to make decisions that are for the good of all and guard us from blind self interest. Dear Lord, grant us the humility to always seek your will in all that we do and say.

All Glory be to you, loving God, now and always through Christ and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.