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Blessings to all of you who are beginning a new school year. I pray that God will give you many blessings throughout this year. What are your desires for this new school year? No doubt, you hope to have a successful year with many of God's blessings. You might want to reflect on the past year or so, and ask what were the things that you liked the best? Thank God for the good things that God has given you, and ask for strength for the difficulties that still lay ahead.

I recall stories as I grew up about my family. I had a wonderful mother and dad, and my siblings for the most part all got along well. I'll never forget the time that my mother took her mother out to visit relatives on the west coast. My dad stayed at home with us kids, but he would get so lonesome in bed at night without mom. One night he called Mom late at night, and Mom wondered if there was something wrong at home? Dad told her everything was all right. Mom asked why he was calling at that hour of the night. He said, *"I just had to hear your voice."* It was Mom who told us that when she got home. My older sister said, "If we ever doubted that Dad loved Mom, we never doubted it after that summer." Have you ever heard stories about your family that lead you to know the love that existed in your family? Thank God for the gifts that God has given to your family – and ask for blessings on all of them.

As you begin this new school year, pray for your family at home, and all of the people at the college whom you will be becoming close to this year. Recall how the previous year has ended, and know that God is wanting **you** to experience more of His love this year

God bless each of you, and have a wonderful school year!

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