Collect for Episcopal Schools Celebration
God of knowledge and wisdom, we pray to you for all the schools across this country, which are part of the Episcopal Church. We remember them in their variety, in their differences, and in what they share. Give us open doors, open minds, and open hearts that we might accept, learn, and love everything and everyone whom you have given us. Help us to share our lives and what we have, and to learn from all those who are in school with us. We pray in the name of Jesus who opened his arms to all, young and old. Amen.

Did you know that...

- Episcopal schools are early childhood education (ECE) programs and elementary, middle, secondary, and comprehensive (P–12) schools; parish, cathedral, diocesan, religious-order, seminary, and independent schools; urban, suburban, and rural schools; coeducational and single-sex schools; day-only, boarding-only, and day-and-boarding schools; military and Montessori schools.

- There are over 1,200 Episcopal schools and ECE programs throughout the Episcopal Church, which includes dioceses in the states, territories, and commonwealths of the United States and in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, the British Virgin Islands, Honduras, Columbia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Taiwan, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland.

- Of these schools, over 600 are ECE programs serving our youngest students.

- Over 950 parishes and cathedrals in the Episcopal Church have a school or ECE program as part of their ministry.

- Episcopal schools and ECE programs serve an inclusive population of over 160,000 children, with significant socioeconomic, racial, cultural, and religious diversity and are expanding into areas historically underserved.

- On average, about 25% of the students in Episcopal schools and ECE programs are Episcopalians, meaning our schools serve a large number of students from other Christian denominations, non-Christian traditions, or no formal faith background.

- Episcopal schools and ECE programs employ over 15,000 administrators, faculty, and staff members.

- Trinity School, New York City, founded in 1709, is the oldest, continually operating Episcopal school.

National Association of Episcopal Schools

The National Association of Episcopal Schools (NAES) is an independently incorporated, voluntary membership organization that supports, serves, and advocates for the vital work and ministry of those who serve over 1,200 Episcopal schools, early childhood education programs, and school establishment efforts throughout the Episcopal Church. Chartered in 1965, with historic roots dating to the 1930s, NAES is the only pre-collegiate educational association that is both national in scope and Episcopal in character. The Association advances Episcopal education and strengthens Episcopal schools through essential services, resources, conferences, and networking opportunities on Episcopal school identity, leadership, and governance, and on the spiritual and professional development of school leaders. For more information visit www.episcopalschools.org/.