



A Moment to Reflect & Pray

As we begin a new school year, let us reflect on our experiences of sheltering at home and distance learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. Use these discussion prompts as conversation starters for you and your class. Bring closure to your discussion with the prayer on the following page.

- 1** What were the struggles of sheltering at home and finishing the school year away from school? How might these struggles be considered grieving?
- 2** What was the most challenging part for you?
- 3** What were some positive things that happened as a result of sheltering at home?
- 4** Can you name something you are grateful for?
- 5** What are you most looking forward to as this new school year begins?



Let us close together in prayer:

Creator God,

We ask you to bless each of us as we continue to make sense of our experiences of sheltering at home and being away from school and one another. Please give us the wisdom to continue to grow from these experiences.

Let us give thanks for all those who sacrificed so much for the wellness of others.

Let us pray for those who suffered and died during this pandemic.

Let us lift up those in our communities, nation, and world who gave us hope.

Let us remember we are a global family, united in love.

Bless us as we enter this new school year, may we never take for granted the blessing of being together.

Amen.