



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## **Prayer for Christian Education**

Good and Gracious God,

You have called us to the teaching ministry of the church. We pray for that ministry and for the various ministries in the Department of Christian Education. From Districts 1-20 of the AME Church and other churches and denominations around the world, we pray for men, women, boys, and girls who study to show themselves approved. We lift before you those who give of their time, talent, and treasure to help themselves and others grow in discipleship. Lord God, we recommit ourselves to this common ministry. Your word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. We lift to you the Christian educators who give leadership at every level of the church—connection, episcopal district, conference, presiding elder, and the local congregation. We thank you for vacation bible schools, congresses, trips, and retreats that afforded your people opportunity to pause and learn more of you. Lord, we confess that we have not always focused ourselves on your word and your way as you have called us to. Refocus us when we become unfocused, cause us to pause and consider the calling that you have placed on us, reminding us that you have equipped us for the work you have assigned us. Empower and inspire us by your Holy Spirit.

With our heart, souls, and minds, we seek to serve you. May the evidence of our devotion and discipleship be clear and serve as a witness to others of your love, peace, liberation, reconciliation, and salvation as we move throughout this day and the days to come in our conversations and actions. We pray this prayer in the name of the master teacher, Jesus Christ, AMEN.