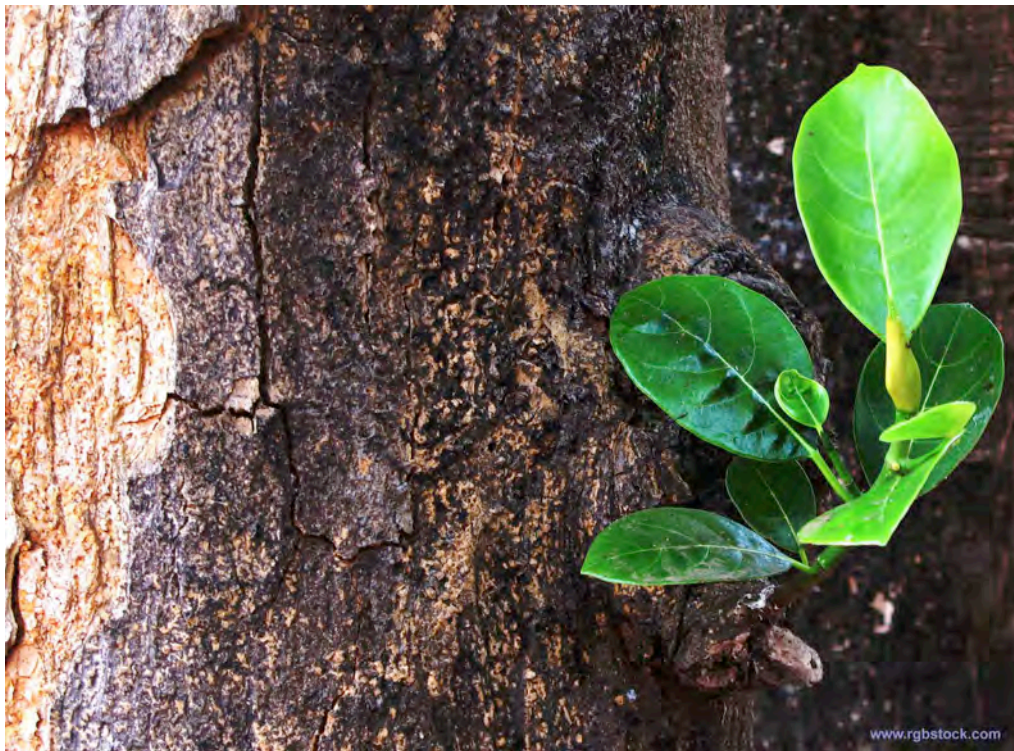


New Beginnings

Prayers and worship resources on the theme of 'New Beginnings' – updated September 2013



Back to School

God of life and love, we thank you for the new beginning that each day brings.

We pray for the young people who will return to school, for those who are moving school, and those who are attending school for the first time. Eclipse anxiety with excitement, that education may be a truly liberating and joyful experience.

We pray for parents who breathe a deep sigh of late summer relief, and for parents who worry on their child's behalf. Awaken in them an awareness of the calling of parenthood, and encourage them through the highs and lows of their privileged ministry.

We pray for young people preparing to leave for university. Equip them with all that is needed on the road to independence. As their parents face a miniature grief, comfort them with the assurance of your presence with them and their children.

We pray for all who long for a new start. Reveal yourself to them as the God whose mercy is new every morning. You who have promised to restore the years the locusts have eaten, restore to us this day a deep love for you, a renewed desire to please you, a passion to receive the future you have planned for us.