

Litany of Labor
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Leader: Let us pray to the Lord of all creation, from whom comes life and work and purpose. Through our work, you made us co-creators with you, shaping the world.

People: You gave dignity to our labor by sending your Son to labor with us.

Leader: By our labor, you enrich the world.

People: By our labor, we enjoy the fruits of creation.

Leader: By our labor, we find direction and purpose.

People: By our labor, our families are made secure.

Leader: For providing varieties of work and for blessing us by our labor:

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who plow the field and those who make the plow; for farmers and farm workers, for steelworkers and machinists; for those who work with their hands and those who move the earth:

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Leader: For those who tend the sick and those who seek new cures; for doctors and nurses, for scientists and technicians; for those who keep notes and those who transcribe:

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who think and those who create; for inventors and explorers, for artists and musicians; for those who write books and those who entertain:

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Leader: For those who work in offices and those who work in warehouses; for secretaries and receptionists, for stockers and bookkeepers; for those who market products and for those who move them:

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Leader: For those who inspire our minds and those who motivate us; for teachers and preachers, for public servants and religious servants; those who help the poor and those who work with our children:

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Leader: For those whose labor is tidiness and cleanliness; for janitors and sanitary workers, for drycleaners and maids; for those who produce cleaning products and those who use them:

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Leader: For those who sail the waves and those who fly the skies; for captains and attendants, for astronauts and deep-sea divers; for those who chart and those who navigate:

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Leader: You bless us all with skills and gifts for labor.

People: You provide us opportunities to use them, for the benefit of others as well as ourselves.

Leader: Guard and protect those who labor in the world.

People: Bless the work of our hands, O Lord.

Leader: Look kindly upon the unemployed and the disabled.

People: Give health to the sick, hope to the bereaved.

Leader: Keep us from laboring only for greed.

People: Make us loving and responsible in all that we do.

Leader: Creator God, give all men and women work that enhances human dignity and bonds us to one another.

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