

Prayer for Labor Day

God of Creation, help us celebrate Labor Day by recalling the Church's teaching on work and workers' rights as well as by praying for all workers and those seeking work.

We celebrate the Church's long history defending workers' rights and the right to unions.

We acknowledge that we are all called to work as co-creators of the Kingdom of God, as Blessed John Paul II has instructed us, and as builders of the common good.

We affirm that work is central to the development of the human person and to enable them to contribute to the common good.

We know that work is first for the good of workers for their own human flourishing and not primarily for profits;

We recognize that all workers have dignity and that all workers must be treated with respect.

We call for a just minimum wage so all families can have decent living conditions.

We support the calls for workers' health and safety in all working environments.

As we reflect on our Church's teachings, we pray for all those currently employed and ask that they enjoy the dignity of work and all the rights workers are entitled to. We especially pray for those who are unemployed and seeking work; may they know the support of our communities and may they be graced by solace and hope so they do not despair.

We pray that our local, state, and Federal government leadership work together to find solutions so that all who seek work may find a decent position in workplaces that uphold the dignity of the worker.

Give us all the gift of good work and the satisfaction of jobs well done.

God of creation, hear our prayer. Amen

