

Novena for Life

Day 5– Working People

Leader: In the Name of the Father + Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. Our Father...

Leader: Jesus answered them “My Father is still working, and I also am working.” John 5:17

Leader: Let us pray.

Father, thank you that you are always at work making all things new and that your Son, the carpenter of Nazareth and the inaugurator of your Kingdom on earth continues your work.

Thank you too, that you give each of us talents and gifts to be used in your service for subduing the earth and in order to provide for ourselves and our families and share with the human community. To this end, we pray for work opportunities to be opened up for everyone and for a just wage for all who are prepared to work diligently according to their abilities. We pray that all places of work will embody a spirit of collaboration rather than aggressive competition and foster eternal values. Let there be vigilance in maintaining safe working environments. We pray for all who are injured in the course of their work, that they might receive a just compensation. May employers treat their employees justly and fairly, knowing that they have a judge in Heaven (Col. 4:1) And since unemployment, almost always wounds its victim’s dignity and threatens the equilibrium of their lives and that of family (CCC 2436), we pray for all who, seeking work, find themselves employed. Keep them patient and long suffering in their affliction. We ask these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

Prayer to Celebrate the Gospel of Life.