

Work Prayer

Father, I come before You thankful
that You have made work a part of life
and given me the opportunity to glorify You in my work.

Thank You for the good days and the difficult ones,
and for the gifts You have given me
to help this world be a better place through my work.

While I know work is good,
I also know our work today isn't what You intended
and is often hard and frustrating.

We all know sin's consequences on work:
toilsome labor, injustice, and trials,
and the pain of wanting work but not finding it.

May these painful situations drive me to a deeper longing
for the return of Christ and consummation of all things—
including work.

May the gospel shape my work habits and attitude,
helping me to avoid the dual dangers of
not working enough (laziness)
and working too much (making work an idol).

Help me to be a humble, teachable, hardworking,
and complaint-free employee, even when doing the mundane
tasks

I'd rather avoid.

***Whatever you do,
work heartily, as for
the Lord and not for
men, knowing that***



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***from the Lord you will
receive the inher-
itance as your reward.***

***You are serving the
Lord Christ.***

(Colossians 3:23-24)

May I work in faith
and be motivated by a love for You
and a love for those whom my work benefits.
Establish the work of my hands by
helping me to be productive, patient, focused, and insightful.
Keep me from distractions
and from technology hindering my work instead of helping it.

May Your Spirit lead me in my work
and help me to be joyful, creative, and worshipful
—constantly reminding me of Your love and that
You're the reason I have breath in my lungs.

Teach me to align my work, family, church life,
and rest in a way that would maximize Your glory
and allow me to bear the most fruit for Your kingdom.

Cause my work and attitude to adorn the gospel
and shine the light of Christ into this dark and desperate world.
Help me bless my workplace by living a salty,
gospel-worthy life in front of my watching coworkers, and help
me honor my boss as I honor You.

And as I work, fix my eyes on Jesus
and his finished work on the cross
that gives me treasure I could not earn,
rest that I could not otherwise experience,
and a living hope that will fuel me to work for the glory of God.



In Jesus' name, AMEN