

A Labor Day Prayer

In Pope Benedict XVI's 2009 encyclical "Charity in Truth" (*Caritas in Veritate*), he calls for justice and dignity for all workers and insists that economic systems should work for people, rather than people serving the system. Before your family picnic this Labor Day weekend, take a moment to give thanks for the gift of work.

Lord, on this Labor Day,
we thank You for the blessing of work.
We ask for strength to complete each day.
We ask for rest when we are weary.
We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking employment,
and we ask that You be with those whose faces
we might never see but who work tirelessly each day
for the good of us all.
Amen.