

# Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

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Lord God, Master of the Vineyard,

How wonderful that you have invited us  
who labor by the sweat of our brow  
to be workers in the vineyard  
and assist your work  
to shape the world around us.

As we seek to respond to this call,  
make us attentive to those who seek work  
but cannot find it.

Help us listen to the struggles of those  
who work hard to provide for their families  
but still have trouble making ends meet.

Open our eyes to the struggles of those exploited  
and help us speak for just wages and safe conditions,  
the freedom to organize, and time for renewal.  
For work was made for humankind  
and not humankind for work.  
Let it not be a vehicle for exploitation  
but a radiant expression of our human dignity.

Give all who labor listening hearts  
that we may pause from our work  
to receive your gift of rest.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that you might work through us to let your justice reign.  
Amen.

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