We Do The Work Jon Fromer

We plant the food, we drive the cab We load the ship, we run the lab We build the bridges, we fly the plane We do the work, this is our day

We do the work, we do the work We do the work, this is our day

We type the page, we clean the streets We sew the clothes, we change the sheets We sell the goods, we lay the stone We do the work, this is our home

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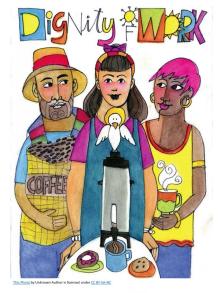
We dig the ditch, we serve the meal We give the care, we mold the steel We teach the kids, we lend a hand We do the work, this is our land

Reminders:

Come on time... Better yet, Come Early! Honor the silence during prayer Share briefly from your personal experience Listen to each other Discussion (cross talk) is for after the hour of prayer

Prayer Leader:

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Honor the Dignity of All Workers



Our prayer is characterized by silence ~

Be still and know that I am God!

In that silence we listen for a new word. God is present in all our lives. God cares for us, and our life experiences are a source of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence we share from our hearts.

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To Ponder: The Hands that Labor adapted from an article by Julie Polter, editor of Sojourners

God the Maker, help us to look with love and renewed wonder at all things that exist in part or in whole through the creativity and toil of others and ourselves: Shelter, food, clothing. Entertainment, literature, music. Medicine, vaccines, technology. Personal care for those of any age. Transport of people and goods, delivery of food and clean spaces.

Each day help us remember those who grow our food and ship it to us, who build our houses, sew our shirts, take our garbage, build our cars, who feed us and bathe us.

And spur in us a hunger, O God, to honor all those who labor, to act for their just working conditions, to demand fair wages and protection, to join them in raising up a more just world.

You call us to mourn and act when the vision of Isaiah 65 is sinfully reversed, when people build houses in which they are not allowed to live; plant food, but go hungry; bathe our sores, but can't afford their water bill. Let our gratitude for each one's service spur us to secure justice for each one's dignity.

Reading:

from September 7, 2009 Sojourners

God who cares for the weary, we pray for all who work more than one job in order to provide for their families.

We pray especially for single parents who labor in many roles; give them rest and support from their communities.

May the dignity of all workers be honored, today and each day.

Sharing... a word... a phrase... a reflection...