

## 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

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

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...*