

A Prayer for Labor Day



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 for Your guidance and hope
for everyone seeking employment.

We ask that You be with those
whose faces we might never see
but who work tirelessly each day
for the good of all of us.

Thank you for providing us with
the gift to share our talents.

Provide our community,
our nation, our world
the fortitude to
provide work for all which
is decent and fair.

Make us faithful stewards
of your creation to enhance
the human dignity of our
global family.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit now and forever.

AMEN.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Pro Populo

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:00 AM †Mary Probst by Dan Probst

10:30 AM †Gloria Cabrera Int. de Angelita Guzman

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:30 AM †John McCowen by Lucy Krouskop

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

†Estela Orap (sister of Flor) by Flor & Jr.
Aramil (Private Mass)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:30 AM Poor Souls by Dulce Robles

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:30 AM For God's Blessing upon our Country

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Pro Populo

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:00 AM †Trisha Willy by Paul Willy

10:30 AM †Jovita & †Ubaldo Villa Int. de la Familia

Please Note:



*The Church Offices will be closed Monday,
September 7th in observance of Labor Day.*



Prayer Requests

Joe Wages	Nick Morales, Sr.
Rosann Kinkaid	Barbara Meshell
Maria Landaverde	Wayne Meshell
Becca Elliott	Judy Aloï
Mike Gonzales	Nancy Bardsley
Richard Lyon	Kenneth Elliott
Warren Terry	George Lawshe
Frances LaPoint	Sheila Acciaro
Juan Ramirez	Susie Connolly
Bill McCrary	Cyndy Vargas
Clarence Gattenby	Ernestina Bueno
Nancy Diaz	Alice Diaz
Whitney Willis	Michelle Hass
Teresa Valenzuela	Bob Rowland
Sheila Wilson	Ma Candelaria
Jovita De la Garza	Stephen LaPoint
Bobbie Goelden	Jeanne Rogers
Felipe Caballero	Blanche Rizkal
Joseph Ellis	Dulce Robles
Esther Luna	Eliberto Meza
Ma. Mercedes Sanchez	Salvador Sanchez

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS



Lord Jesus, we your people pray to you for our Priests. You have given them to us for our needs. We pray for them in their needs. We know that You have made them Priests in the likeness of your own Priesthood. You have consecrated them, set them aside, anointed them, filled them with the Holy Spirit, appointed them to teach, to preach, to minister, to console, to forgive, and to feed us with Your Body and Blood.

Yet we know, too, that they are one with us and share our human weaknesses. We know too that they are tempted to sin and discouragement, as we are, needing to be ministered to, as we do, to be consoled and forgiven, as do we. Indeed, we thank You for choosing them from among us, so that they understand as we understand them, suffer with us and rejoice with us, worry with us and trust with us, share our beings, our lives, our faith.

We ask that You give them this day the gift You gave Your chosen ones on the way to Emmaus: Your presence in their hearts, Your holiness in their souls, Your joy in their spirits. And let them see You face to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread.

Pope John Paul II

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The Twenty-Third Week of Ordinary Time



This Sunday is the **Twenty-Third week in Ordinary Time**. As faithful followers, we are encouraged to “love one another” throughout the readings. **Ezekiel** tells us that we are responsible for each other and Paul’s letter to the **Romans** offers: “Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another.” In **Matthew’s Gospel**, Jesus tells us to challenge each other on our behavior and to pray, “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Tuesday is the **Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** with its own special readings. Wednesday is the **Memorial of Saint Peter Claver**.

In our first reading, we continue with Paul's **First Letter to the Corinthians**, an intimate look at the struggles of an early Church community.

In **Luke's Gospel** this week we see how Jesus spends a night in prayer and calls his twelve closest followers. When people come to him from all over, he heals them. Jesus announces that the poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those hated or excluded or denounced because of him are the blessed. He warns those who are rich, filled, laughing and spoken well of, for their fates will be reversed. He cautions not to be quick to see the splinter in someone else's eye when we do not notice the "wooden beam" in our own eyes. Jesus says that we will be known by our fruit. It is only by building our lives upon him, as a firm foundation, can we hope to survive crises.

Daily Prayer This Week

This week's daily communion with our Lord can be about the mysteries of self-sacrifice and healing. In the back of our minds each day, we can celebrate Mary's birth and her role in the life of Jesus, the early church and in our lives now. We can reflect on how blessed care for those in need is for us and how impoverished we are without that care in our lives.

If we begin each morning by praying a desire, the rest will follow for the day. *"Good morning, Lord. Thank you for this day. Help me today to bring to you the parts of myself that need your healing. Be with me as I face the poverty, hunger or tears of this day."* We can go into this prayer, in more depth or detail while we are in the shower or getting dressed. If we let these desires make their way into the background of our day, we can focus our consciousness no matter what we are doing.

Even in activities that require "our full consciousness" and attention, it is possible to shape that consciousness in the context of our desires. For example, I might be in an important meeting, that doesn't allow me to go day dreaming. But I can walk into that meeting room saying in my heart, *"Okay, Lord, be with me here. While I'm so tempted to be seen as a 'success' here, heal all of that focus on myself and free me to do my best and to be attentive to the needs of others. Let me focus on you and your desires for the greater good here."*

Especially when we are facing something that is quite difficult, requiring real self-sacrifice and genuine love, we can let our background conversation with the Lord release us from our "typical" response or behavior.

"Lord, I can be so judgmental! Help me in this day not to condemn others so quickly. Let me remember your words to forgive and remember how you will forgive me. Sign me with your cross today. Let Mary, the mother of all self-surrender be with me today. Thank you. Give me your love and your grace and I'll ask for nothing more."

Oración del Trabajo

DIA DEL TRABAJO



Te doy gracias, Señor,
porque puedo trabajar.
Bendice mis labores y las de
mis compañeros.

Danos la gracia de conocerte a través
del trabajo de todos los días.

Ayúdanos a ser servidores
incansables de los demás.

Ayúdanos a hacer de nuestro
trabajo una oración.

Ayúdanos a descubrir en el trabajo
una posibilidad de construir
un mundo mejor.

Maestro, como el único que puede
saciar nuestra sed de justicia,
concédenos la gracia de liberarnos
de toda vanidad y de ser
humildes.

Te doy gracias, Señor,
porque puedo trabajar.

Amen.

PONERNOS DE ACUERDO PARA PEDIR LO QUE NOS CONVIENE



Invocar a Dios no es frotar la “lámpara de Aladino” para pedirle a un genio que cumpla nuestros deseos, no. Muchas veces lo único que queremos es que Dios haga nuestra voluntad, sin detenernos a pensar si eso que le pedimos en realidad nos conviene.

- El Señor nos ama, pero él no es tonto. Nosotros somos los que muchas veces actuamos como tales.
- Recordando la parábola del hijo prodigo, vemos en ella que el padre le entregó la parte de la herencia que tenía destinada para su hijo, pero que él no supo darle un buen uso a esos bienes.
- Hoy Jesús nos dice que, si dos de nosotros nos ponemos de acuerdos para pedir algo, “sea lo que fuere” (nunca algo malo), nuestro Padre del cielo nos lo concederá.
- Esto es un llamado para que las familias oren juntas, y para que participemos en la Misa.

Aviso



Las oficinas de la Iglesia estarán cerradas el *lunes, 7 de septiembre* en observación del Día del Trabajo.

**“Donde dos o tres
Se reúnen en mi nombre,
Ahí estoy yo
En medio de ellos”.**