

Thanksgiving for Work

Leader 1: For the work of our lives we give you thanks, O Lord, and praise.

Leader 1: For the work of our hands;

Leader 2: For the work of our minds;

Leader 3: For the work of our hearts,

We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise.

Leader 1: For the enlightening work of teachers, librarians, researchers and scholars;

Leader 2: For the healing work of doctors, nurses and counselors;

Leader 3: For the creative work of artists, musicians, painters and sculptors,

We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise.

Leader 1: For the precise work of engineers, scientists and computer specialists;

Leader 2: For the nurturing work of homemakers, parents and guardians;

Leader 3: For the wise work of grandparents and retirees,

We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise.

Leader 1: For the proclaiming work of writers, photographers, editors and publishers;

Leader 2: For the trustworthy work of accountants, bankers, lawyers; politicians and salespeople;

Leader 3: For the faith-filled work of ministers, ordained and lay,

We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise.

Leader 1: For the protective work of police, firefighters and military personnel;

Leader 2: For the dedicated work of secretaries, receptionists and bookkeepers;

Leader 3: For the compassionate work of volunteers, young and old,

We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise.

Leader 1: For the judicious work of managers, administrators, directors and supervisors;

Leader 2: For the fruitful work of farmers, fisherfolk, growers and gardeners;

Leader 3: For the steadfast work of those who manufacture products, and household goods,

We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise.

Leader 1: For the constructive work of builders, surveyors, architects, masons and carpenters;

Leader 2: For the efficient work of those who transport people and things by bus and train, plane and taxi, truck and boat;

Leader 3: For the hospitable work of cooks, waiters and waitresses, cashiers, and hotel and motel workers,

We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise.

Leader 1: For the clarifying work of those who work with television, radio and news media;

Leader 2: For the dependable work of telephone and postal workers;

Leader 3: For the good work of all who labor for the common good,

We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise.

Leader 1: For our work which sheds light on the darkness;

Leader 2: For our work which creates order from chaos;

Leader 3: For our work which builds peace out of hostility,

We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise.

Leader 1: For our work which serves others;

Leader 2: For our work which empowers others;

Leader 3: For our work which inspires others,

We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise.

Silence.

**For all work on our part, and the part of others, which builds your Kingdom here on earth,
we give you thanks, O Lord, and praise. Amen.**

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Litanies to Enlarge Our Prayer* (Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse Publishing, 1995) pp. 272-73