

Prayers at Work , September 6 10, 2010

Monday, September 6, 2010 - (Meditation: II Timothy 2:15) Dear God, on this Labor Day, we give You thanks for all those who work in stores and markets, in mines and fields, on ships and planes, in the armed forces, in factories and warehouses, in hospitals and churches, in offices and classrooms. We benefit from the labor of so many people, many of whom we never see. Thank You for their good work and faithful service. And God, we pray for those who are jobless in this economy. Grant them peace and hope. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Tuesday, September 7, 2010 - (Meditation: Luke 18:1) Dear God, I would like to pray regularly, but many times I don't take the time to be quiet and to listen -- so I sabotage my own wish. But when I DO spend quiet time with You, I realize that You teach me how to pray. Thank You, God, for waiting me out. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Wednesday, September 8, 2010 - (Meditation: Romans 8:16-17) God, no matter how far on earth I roam, I cannot drift beyond Your mercy and love. No matter what the maddening maze of our world brings to me, it is not so large as Your power to work it for good. No matter how quickly fame fades, fortunes fade, and accomplishments go unnoticed, You number the hairs of my head, and call me by name. You are God, and I am Yours. Amen.

Thursday, September 9, 2010 - (Meditation: Matthew 6:25) God, my mind races to the future, then back to the past like a hummingbird, never lighting, always moving. The future clamors for my attention, demanding to achieve every goal. The past tugs at me with a thousand hands, each begging to be reviewed. I rarely think about the present because the future and the past are so vivid. God, I have reversed Your order for living. Forgive me, for only in the present can I be still. Only in the present can I be spontaneous. Only in the present can I find peace. May I live today in the present, and in Your presence. Through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Friday, September 10, 2010 - (Meditation: Romans 8:28) Almighty God, I pray for those who are very ill. When they are fretful about being dependent upon others, grant them patience. When life seems unfair, grant them the peace that passes understanding. When they feel lonely, hold them close. When they are afraid, comfort them. God, grant them Your healing. And, God, I pray for their families and their caregivers, that they, too, might feel Your nearness. Through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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