

St. Joseph the Worker



*Come, let us worship Christ who was honored
To be the son of a carpenter, alleluia*

Opening Prayer

Creator and ruler of the universe, in every age you call us to develop and use our gifts for the good of others. With St. Joseph as our example and guide, help us to do the work you have asked and come to the rewards you have promised.

Reading: Joseph, out of his quiet demeanor knew the meaning of dilemma, perplexion and indecision. He took his mental tangles inside, found sleep and answers like angels. He listened and became father, and husband. He brought Mary into his heart and home. The quality of his carpentering supported Jesus and Mary.

Response: **St. Joseph faithfully practiced the carpenter's trade. He is a shining example for all workers, alleluia**

Reading: It is not what we do but how we do it. May Joseph help us to do our work and ministry out of love for the neighbor.

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Intercessions;

Joseph, we ask you to intercede with your foster Son for those in the work place, especially all essential workers.

We entrust to you all:

- ❖ Doctors, nurses and all medical personnel
- ❖ Farm workers and farmers
- ❖ fire fighters and EMTs
- ❖ Construction workers

- ❖ Mechanics
- ❖ Those in law enforcement
- ❖ Teachers in public and parochial schools
- ❖ Truck Drivers
- ❖ Food processors or production workers
- ❖ All those who wait tables
- ❖ All dishwashers and blue-collar workers
- ❖ Caltrans workers
- ❖ Child care providers
- ❖ Bus drivers

(Please add to the list).

Joseph, you who worked long hours to support the Christ child,
Teach us to work not for reward but to support the mission of Jesus

Joseph, you who worked with so few tools,
Teach us to live simply and to be good stewards of the tools you do give us.

Joseph, you cared for your son in childhood and youth,
Teach us to care for Christ's body by caring for our brothers and sisters in need.

Please add your own petitions

Prayer for Workers

Joseph, by the work of your hands and the sweat of your brow, you supported Jesus and Mary. Teach us to work as you did, with patience and perseverance, for God and for those whom God has given us to support. Teach us to see in our co-workers the Christ who desires to be in them, that we may always be charitable and forbearing towards all. Grant us to look upon work with the eyes of faith, so that we recognize in it our share in God's own creative activity and so take pride in it. When it is pleasant and productive, remind us to give thanks to God for it. And when it is burdensome, teach us to offer it to God for the good of others.

(closing prayer from Sr. Marianne Race, CSJ - Catholic Mobilizing Network)

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