A Christian Labor Day Litany

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**Leader:** O Jesus, worker and carpenter from Nazareth, on this Labor Day we thank You for Your care and loving concern for workers throughout the world. We remember all workers: men and women; young and old; all races, ethnic and language groups in Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Africa, North Africa, North America, Central America and the Caribbean, South America and the Middle East. Help all working personal realize a deeper understanding of Your presence, and call them to do justice and build human community where they are employed.

**Leader:** For workers who face dangerous conditions or hazards in their work without sufficient warning or protection,

**All:** JESUS, WORKER AND CARPENTER FROM NAZARETH, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

**Leader:** For all who face the conflicts of working and caring for children without adequate support,

**All:** JESUS, WORKER AND CARPENTER FROM NAZARETH, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

**Leader:** For all workers who cannot find work and for whom unemployment assistance is not available,

**All:** JESUS, WORKER AND CARPENTER FROM NAZARETH, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

**Leader:** For workers who are displaced by technical change or global pressures to relocate jobs,

**All:** JESUS, WORKER AND CARPENTER FROM NAZARETH, HEAR OUR PRAYER.
Leader: For children whose childhood has been cut short because they are forced to work,

All: JESUS, WORKER AND CARPENTER FROM NAZARETH, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Leader: For all who face difficulties or are discriminated against in getting work or at the workplace because of race, gender, ethnicity, physical disabilities, political or religious beliefs or sexual orientation,

All: JESUS, WORKER AND CARPENTER FROM NAZARETH, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Leader: For all workers who have been affected by labor disputes or who have been discriminate against as a result of their union activity or because they sought justice in their place of employment,

All: JESUS, WORKER AND CARPENTER FROM NAZARETH, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Leader: For all workers whose work is taken for granted, is unappreciated or lacks meaning,

All: JESUS, WORKER AND CARPENTER FROM NAZARETH, HEAR OUR PRAYER.