

Faith, Professionalism and Wellness

Prayer Service for Labourers in the Field of Catholic Education

INTRODUCTION

Good morning. As we begin this day of professional activity, let us take a few moments to pray and ask God's blessing on our discussions, dialogue and reflection.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us begin, In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Lord God, in your kindness, you allow us to share in your creative designs for humanity through our work each day. Open our eyes this morning to the wonders you are accomplishing in our midst, that we might work in confidence, knowing that your guiding and strengthening hand accompanies us wherever we go. We make this prayer to you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

And now, let us listen to God's word:

SCRIPTURE READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor 3, 8-9)

The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Looking at our work through eyes of faith enables us to see ourselves as having been uniquely chosen for a purpose in the unfolding of God's creative designs for the world. Faith enables us to see our lives and work as God's gift for the betterment of humankind. One plants, another waters, and no one's labours to bring forth what is good, right and true will be without their reward. If this call to plant and water has been entrusted to us, then so have the abilities to exercise professionalism through the sound decisions and wise choices it will require. When the way is unclear, we can rely on one another's insights and support as we labour together with a common purpose; we can defer to the decision-making processes that are put in place to keep our organization true to its mission. The freedom of knowing that everything does not depend on me allows us to build a personal life that becomes a rich wellspring of creativity that overflows into our day-to-day activities for the greater good. Together, as God's field, God's building, each of us can grow to become the person we were meant to be, to the glory of the One who has called us to the marvelous mission in which we share.

PRAYER FOR ALL OUR INTENTIONS

Let us now pause for a moment to give to our God one another's needs, the needs of our families, communities and world... Let us entrust them to the Father in the words that Jesus gave us:

Our Father...

CLOSING PRAYER

We thank you, God, for your marvelous call to labour with you in our homes, our workplaces and communities. We ask you to bless our discussions today, that they may bear much fruit as we seek to grow in faith, professionalism and wellness while answering your call. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

And may Almighty God bless us: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.