

A Responsive Prayer for Workers and our Nation

Liturgist: God, give us the imagination we need today to live in a land where justice and compassion flourish.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgist: God, show us how to provide, so that across this land everyone who needs a job has one. Give us the resolve to make this a nation where no one earns less than a living wage; where compensation between genders—right down to each shiny penny—is equal and men and women are equally valued; where those who cannot work and the elderly are fully provided and cared for; where immigrants are free from exploitation; where corporations give equal weight to social responsibility and profitability.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgist: God, help us to make fair trade of goods and services between nations standard practice, promoting genuine global harmony. Fill us with the wisdom to aid our nation to support the wise use of global resources with the aim of providing everyone with fair wages and livable economic conditions.

People: Lord, hear our prayer

Liturgist: Creator God, transform our world, and transform our hearts and minds. Make us into one people, your people. Amen.

(This prayer is excerpted from one written for the 2004 Neighbors in Need offering. The entire prayer can be found at <http://www.ucc.org/nin/prayer.htm>.)