

Litany for Labor Day 2014

Pastor Mary: As a part of our offering this morning, you'll hear from some in our congregation. God uses all of us to share love and hope with the world. Sometimes we share God's love in word, and sometimes we share it in action. In our workplaces and in all the places we go, we have the opportunity to witness to God's love and grace. Hear how God is using us, and respond as you are invited with the words:

Prosper the works of our hands, which we do for the common good.

Dirk F.

I am a Christian, and God is using me as a nurse in the heart cath lab. As I confront the pain and sorrow of physical illness, I pray that people's suffering might be diminished. I'm thankful for God's presence with me as I work and face difficult days.

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Julie F.

I am a Christian, and God is using me as a mother. I care for my three sons. I share my faith in everyday life at home. I pray for them and seek to raise them into men who know that they are God's beloved.

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Steve H.

I am a Christian, and God is using me as an engineer. I use creativity and skills to solve problem and create new possibilities. My attitude and actions show confidence in my abilities - and even more - thankfulness for God's help.

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Brad H.

I am a Christian, and God is using me as a business owner and leader. I care for my employees and their families. I work with others in the business world to serve our local community. I witness to my faith locally and as I work with people around the country.

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Jenn M.

I am a Christian, and God is using me as a childcare provider. I find joy in being with kids as they grow and learn. In the everyday tasks of playing and feeding, cleaning up messes and comforting, disciplining and teaching, I know that God's love shows through me.

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Jim G.

I am a Christian, and God is using me as a physician. I build relationships with my patients, and they trust me to help them through both the expected and unexpected health issues they face. Even as I care for others, I know I am not alone. I rely on God's help and God's care as I care for others.

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Patrick M.

I am a Christian, and God is using me as I work in a factory that supplies airplane parts and components. I work with others, and we rely on one another to get the work done - and to get it done accurately for our customers. Sometimes days are long, and sometimes work doesn't get done as expected. I rely on God for patience and strength.

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Michael B.

I am a Christian, and God is using me as I work at the Muskegon Rescue Mission. I see people who are hungry, homeless, helpless, and hopeless. I offer support and resources - sometimes walking with people as they ask the tough questions of "why?"

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Cyndi B.

I am a Christian, and God is using me in service as a Church Treasurer. Keeping accurate records and caring for church finances is a vital part of administration, and administration is an important ministry in the Body of Christ. Attention to detail and consistency help me serve God and others.

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Diane T.

I am a Christian, and God is using me as an educator. I taught physical education for many years, and now I use my teaching skills as a volunteer and coach. My faith guides me as I work with youth and adults in our community.

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Gary C.

I am a Christian, and God is using me in industry---first in the automotive industry in tool and die and now in the area of spring form wire. I use my skills to create small springs which are components of life-saving medical equipment. My attention to detail helps things run smoothly and helps our business serve others.

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Mary H.

I am a Christian, and God is using me as I serve at Mission for Area People. Many times, I serve those who live alone or feel alone. I offer food and clothing to people who cannot provide it for themselves. I pray for those that I see every day and ask God to help me be loving and patient.

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Ana I.

I am a Christian, and God is using me as a student. When I treat my teachers and other students with love and respect, they see God's love.

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Harmoni H.

I am a Christian, and God is using me as a daughter and sister. He has blessed me with a large family. I love them and they love me.

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Mary S.

I am a Christian, and God is using me as a school administrator. My staff and students are faced with high expectations, limited resources, and great needs. I am thankful that God is with me as I try to offer them leadership, guidance, and support.

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Karen P.

I am a Christian, and God is using me as a para-professional in a special education classroom. God helps me offer the children a safe classroom, loving attention, and consistent discipline so they will grow into responsible adults.

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Jim P.

I am a Christian, and God is using me as a buyer for Shape Corporation. I seek to be a good steward of my company's resources, which benefits my co-workers. My conduct is one way that I show and share my faith in Jesus Christ.

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Jerry S.

I am a Christian, and God is using me as a landscaper. I cultivate and care for the landscaping and grounds of businesses and homes. I take pride in what I do as I understand that I do not labor in vain.

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Pastor Mary will invite people to pray in unison:

We pray for people in every walk of life and those who labor daily in their chosen profession. Lord, help us to share the faith that we profess as we work in our chosen professions and serve you in the world. Thank you for calling us into our vocations. Thank you for leading us by your grace.