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# BLESS MY FAMILY BLESS MY CHURCH

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## 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 USA LABOUR DAY



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### USA Labour Day



USA Labour Day is observed on the first Monday of September. On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law and Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a national holiday. Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being. Labor Day is still celebrated in cities and towns across the United States with parades, picnics, barbecues, fireworks displays and other public gatherings.

### PRAYER BEFORE WORK TO ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

*(Composed by Pope St. Pius X)*

O Glorious Saint Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance for the expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations; to work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience, never shrinking from weariness and trials; to work above all with purity of intention and detachment from self, keeping unceasingly before my eyes death and the account that I must give of time lost, talents unused, good omitted, and vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God.

All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thy example, O Patriarch, Saint Joseph. Such shall be my motto in life and in death.

Amen.

### Prayer to St. Joseph For Workers

Joseph, by the work of your hands  
and the sweat of your brow,  
you supported Jesus and Mary,  
and had the Son of God as your fellow worker.  
Teach me to work as you did,

with patience and perseverance, for God and for those whom God has given me to support.  
Teach me to see in my fellow workers the Christ who desires to be in them, that I may always be charitable and forbearing towards all.

Grant me to look upon work with the eyes of faith, so that I shall recognize in it my share in God's own creative activity and in Christ's work of our redemption, and so take pride in it.

When it is pleasant and productive, remind me to give thanks to God for it. And when it is burdensome, teach me to offer it to God, in reparation for my sins and the sins of the world.

Amen.

### Novena to St. Joseph the Worker

Joseph, patron saint of workers, blending skill with charity, silent carpenter, we praise you!

Joining work with honesty, you taught Christ with joy to labor, sharing his nobility.

Joseph, close to Christ and Mary, lived with them in poverty, shared with them their home and labor, worked with noble dignity.

May we seek God's will as you did, leader of his family!

Joseph, inspiration for workers, man of faith and charity, make us honest, humble, faithful, strong with Christ's true liberty, Make our labor and our leisure fruitful to eternity!





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## Prayer for the Spirit of Work

God our Father, Creator and Ruler of the universe, in every age you call us to use and develop our gifts for the good of others. With St. Joseph as our guide, help us to do the work you have asked and come to the rewards you have promised. Please grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Prayer to St Joseph for workers and those seeking employment.....

Silent and well-known carpenter in Nazareth, model of workers, by the work of your hands you gave your contribution to the work of the Creator, you earned your living, and you provided for the needs of the Holy Family. Intercede for all workers, in the difficulties of their daily lives especially for the unemployed, in their anxieties for tomorrow, so that through the guidance of God, the great Architect and Builder, they all may use their strength and talents to make visible God's new creation, to offer a concrete service to society, and to earn wages worthy of their efforts. With confidence and trust we make this prayer thru Jesus.

Amen.

**SPEND MORE TIME IN DAILY PRAYER.  
INVITE FAMILY MEMBERS & FRIENDS  
TO GO TO SUNDAY MASS.**

**Pray Everyday ! Go to Daily Mass if you can !  
Volunteer for the Church ! God Bless You !**

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## Prayer to be said by those seeking employment.....



Loving God, you created the human race and know each one of us by name. Through Christ you have chosen us to be your sons and daughters, and to build up your Kingdom on earth. Give us work so that we may share our

talents with others and know the dignity and satisfaction that you give us through our work. Give us patience while you open doors and wisdom to see your will. Keep our families in your care, and provide for all our needs. Never let stress diminish our love for each other nor the desire for material things lessen our love for you. With confidence and trust we make this prayer thru Jesus.

Amen.

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## What's the story behind Labour Day?

**You Tube** <https://youtu.be/F1eGw75xRKw>

## Have We Forgotten The Meaning Of Labor Day?

**You Tube** <https://youtu.be/-zAaGSRBmMI>

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## The History of Labor Day

**You Tube** <https://youtu.be/0J88EogDKIQ>

## History of the Holidays: Labor Day | History

**You Tube** <https://youtu.be/FJamea576YY>

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