

I offer you my work, my daily tasks and my successes. I also offer you my failures, my expectations and fears as well as my hopes and ambitions.

To those who have a job, grant the joy of a job well done and the happiness of true fulfilment.

To those who are burdened by exhausting or degrading work and to those who are looking for a job, or who feel useless or rejected, grant confidence and perseverance.

To those who carry the worries of responsibility, who work in fear of tomorrow or discouraged by routine, and to those who flee from the reality of daily life, grant the dynamism of hope.

To those who bear the beautiful labour of childbirth, grant radiance in the joy of expectation and peace in any distress. Be the consolation of those not granted the gift of motherhood.

Our Lady of Labour, O Mother, grant us the strength and docility of St. Joseph. Grant us the gentleness and kindness that opens closed hearts.

Teach us poverty in wealth and patience in poverty. Give us concern for the poor and tenderness for the most fragile.

May our hands be yours to offer encouragement, comfort, and consolation; and may our hearts be yours in sharing, loving and showing mercy.

Amen.

Our Lady of Labour, pray for us.