

prayer for the workplace

Lord, we long to worship You together and pray that

- You would tear down any mental wall dividing the secular from the sacred in our lives and help us recognize that there is not one part of our existence, including our work, about which You do not cry out, “This is mine. It belongs to me.” (Ps. 24:1)
- You would help us bring every part of our work before You as an offering of praise and worship, recognizing that everything we do is holy to You (Col. 3:22)
- You would help us do excellent work as an offering to You, because it’s what You deserve (Col. 3:23)

Lord, we long to know and live Your Word and ask that

- we would find wisdom from Your Word so that we can live Your truth in our workplaces (2 Tim. 3:16-17)
- we would experience “rest” in our labor knowing that You, Lord, are at work in, through, and for us (Ps. 127:2)
- we would find our calling and pursue it with passion (Eph. 2:10)
- our work would adorn Your doctrine in every respect (Titus 2:10)
- we, who are employers, would treat our employees righteously and fairly (Col. 4:1)
- we would turn from pride, arrogance, self-righteousness, greed, and materialism in order to pursue humility, righteousness, and service to our fellow man at work (Micah 6:8)

Lord, we long to pray boldly and dependently and desire that

- prayer would be the evident and controlling force in our work and our place of worship (Col. 4: 2)
- You would provide good work for those of us who are unemployed (1 Thess. 4:11-12)
- You would establish and prosper the work of our hands (Deut. 30:9; Ps. 90:17)

Lord, we long to hear stories of rescue and redemption and pray that

- we would recognize the incredible opportunity that we have to bring the gospel to the people with whom we work (Col. 4:5-6)
- we would be wise, winsome, gracious, and intentionally influential with non-Christian coworkers (Col. 4:5-6)
- You would use us to draw coworkers to Christ

Lord, we long to see Your will done on earth as it is in heaven and ask that

- we would recognize that all prosperity comes from You, Lord, and desire to use it for Your glory, not personal ease (Deut. 8:18)
- we who are business leaders would recognize and use our business resources, influence, and capital to benefit the citizens of our world with less opportunity (Jer. 29:7)

workplace affirmation and confession

Lord, we affirm that...

- you are the Lord of the workplace as well as the place of worship, and we owe complete allegiance to You in all places
- all work that meets legitimate needs is Your work to be done in Your way and for Your glory
- prosperity comes from You and is a gift to be used for Your glory, not our ease
- while You made all things for us to enjoy, true satisfaction comes only from You

Lord, we confess...

- at times We have been proud and arrogant about success, thinking it was because we were smarter, better, worked harder, or deserved your blessing more than others
- we have sometimes placed success above integrity and power above people. In this we have sinned against You
- we have often let our love of safety and prosperity quench our courage and compassion.
- we have kept You at a safe distance, mentally locking in the church building away from our daily affairs.
- how we could have used Your strength, guidance, wisdom, and love at times if we had only known You are as real part of our lives on Monday as You are on Sunday

Lord, we ask that...

- we, as Your people, would live ethically distinctive lives, both in public and private
- we would practice the discipline of craftsmanship in our field, working with all our hearts as if You were our employer, client, or customer we serve—because You are
- we would pursue what we are gifted to do, finding the delight and joy of doing the work for which You created us
- we would be highly intentional about our spiritual influence, being wise, winsome witnesses in our place of work
- others would see the reality of Your presence in our lives and be attracted to You