



## Labor Day 2022 Litany

Leader: Labor Day weekend is a special time to lift God's concern for workers and the dignity of work. Let us recognize the many people whose work is a blessing to the society and yet struggle to care for their own families.

**All: God of Compassion, hear our prayer.**

Leader: During the pandemic, we heralded our nation's health care workers who have suffered trauma and burnout. We pray for our frontline health care workers that they may get the rest and healing they need for themselves.

**All: God of Compassion, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for construction workers who build our homes and yet can't afford homes for their own families.

**All: God of Compassion, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** We pray for farmworkers, and poultry workers, who help provide us with our food but who often work in dangerous conditions and struggle to provide food for their own families.

**All: God of Compassion, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for Virginia grocery store workers, two-thirds of whom do not have any paid sick days to care for themselves when they are sick.

**All: God of Compassion, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for teachers and school personnel who guide and teach our children.

**All: God of Compassion, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We give thanks for all the employers that provide living wages to their workers and treat their workers with respect and dignity.

**All: God of Compassion, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We claim Your vision for workers as given in Isaiah 65:21-22: "They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyard and eat their fruit. No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat."

**All: God of Compassion, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We recognize that most poor families have families who work but whose wages are too low to lift them from poverty. We pray for these workers and that Virginia's legislators will share the Commonwealth's surplus with workers in low-wage jobs and their families.

**All: God of Compassion, hear our prayer.**

Leader: May each of us pray for all workers and all employers this Labor Day.

**All: Amen.**

*(Parts of this litany were adapted from a litany developed by Interfaith Worker Justice.)*