

A liturgy for prayer at the beginning of the workday:

Kind Father, we acknowledge that this is a day that you have made. You have called us as a team to “maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.” (Ps. 82)

Today we take another step forward in obedience.

We step out in faithfulness—acknowledging that you go before us as the good shepherd.

We step out in courage—acknowledging that our truest security comes from aligning ourselves with your purposes in this world.

We step out in confidence—acknowledging that you are the rock of our salvation.

May we have the satisfaction of exercising our God-given abilities with ease and excellence. May we have confidence that our efforts honor the memory of Willie, Joseph, and Josephat. And may we have the joy of knowing that our obedience brings glory to you.

In the strong name of Jesus,

Let's go and seek... JUSTICE.

A liturgy for prayer at the end of the workday:

Kind Father, we have answered your call today. We have sought to bring the very best of our abilities to the tasks you have given us. As this work day draws to a close, the time has come to leave this important work in your all-powerful hands.

For the successes and accomplishments of this day, we give you thanks.

Take some time for individuals to name some successes and accomplishments out loud.
The rest of the team can respond, "Thank you, Father."

For the setbacks and frustrations of this day, we ask for wisdom and patience.

Pause briefly for individuals to voice brief prayers for wisdom and patience.

Perhaps use the simple phrase: *Father, for the _____ situation, give us your wisdom and patience.*

For the anxieties that weigh us down, we ask for your peace that passes all understanding.

TAKE A FEW MOMENTS IN SILENCE

Take several deep breaths, slowly inhaling and slowly exhaling. As stress, worry, and tension about today or tomorrow come to mind, silently name them and release them to God with a prayer like, "Father, I release to you my anxiety about _____. I leave it in your hands."

After a few moments of silence, the leader can encourage everyone to proceed aloud together.

We step now out of the details of this case and lift our eyes to you—acknowledging that the God of Justice, will have the final word.

We step now out of darkness and into light—acknowledging that in you there is no darkness at all.

We step now out of work and into rest—acknowledging that you neither slumber nor sleep.

In your safety, please guard our whole team, all of our families, and the families of Willie, Joseph, and Josephat.

Now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forevermore.

Amen.