

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH FOR WORKERS

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*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 recognise 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.*