

prayer for work

MON. SEPT. 2, 2019
LABOR DAY

CREATOR GOD,

thank you for providing us
with the gift to share our talents.

Provide our community, our na-
tion, our world
the fortitude to provide work for all
which is decent and fair.

Make us faithful stewards
of your creation
to enhance the human dignity
of our global family.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit
now and forever.

Amen.

—FROM *BEING
NEIGHBOR: THE
CATECHISM AND
SOCIAL JUSTICE*
(USCCB, APRIL
1998).

day of prayer

SEPT. 1, 2019
DAY OF PRAYER FOR CARE OF CREATION

CONFESSING ONE'S SINS
AGAINST GOD'S CREATION

God, our Father, is the Creator of
the heavens and the earth!

God has entrusted creation to the
care of humankind. We are called
to cultivate and steward the earth
with wisdom, manage its resourc-
es well, and respectfully care for
the creatures of the earth.

In calling for a deep “ecological
conversion,” Pope Francis has
emphasized the importance of
examining one’s own conscience,
of recognizing one’s sins against
creation, however great or small.

Seeing the interconnectedness of
our world leads to an understand-
ing that “[e]very violation of soli-
darity and civic friendship harms
the environment” (*Caritas in Veri-
tate*, no. 51). We invite you to bring
these sins to confession and to
perform a spiritual work of mercy
for our common home, such as an
act of “grateful contemplation of
God’s world” (*Laudato Si’*, no. 214).