

Prayer for Equal Dignity

We are all equal as human beings

Sister and brother
Employer and employee
Chief officer and manual laborer

Equally loved before God.

Yet, our system discriminates based on

Education
Abilities
Race
Luck

And many of God's children are placed into a hierarchy of inequality and discomfort.

We are called to stretch out our arms between the tiny, exclusive tip
and the broad, platform of the masses.

To form a bridge, to create a way
For those made unequal to come together as one in equality, in human dignity.

Loving God, Creator of dignity and all that lives,

Help us be bridges.
Help us cry out for respect and value for all
When society forgets that at in our most basic nature,
We are all God's children. Amen.

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Prayers of Intercession

We pray for workers everywhere,
that they will be able to take pride
in the work they do,
be treated with dignity
and receive a fair wage
in return for their labor.

We pray for employers,
that they will be motivated
by compassion and a concern
for the common good,
leading them to value people
more than profit.

We pray for decision makers
and world leaders,
that they will use the power
they have for the good of all peoples.

We pray for ourselves,
that we may take time
to reflect on our own talents
and share our gifts to benefit
our community and wider world.

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