

## **A Prayer for Those Out of Work**

O dear Jesus, have pity on the mental and physical sufferings of the innocent victims of our man-made recession. Remember, O dear Jesus, Your own poverty at Bethlehem, and relieve the sufferings of the children of the poor. O dear Jesus, who at Nazareth worked to support Your Holy Mother, and earned a living by the labor of Your hands, have compassion on the fathers and mothers of families, that they may find and keep work necessary for the support of those dependent on them.

O dear Jesus, who can inspire those in high places with wisdom to plan and devise methods of work for the people, grant them the gift of foresight and prudence, that the terrible scourge of unemployment may soon be ended.

Grant to me, O Jesus, an understanding heart, that I may help, in so far as I can, those who are not so fortunate as I am, and in my own wants, grant me the grace not to complain, but to share with others the benefits with which You have blessed me. Raise up, dear God, from our ranks, men and women who will carry on the fight of Holy Mother Church for the downtrodden and the poor, so that they will not be lead astray by the empty promises of those who would rob them of their most precious possession – their holy Faith. Amen.

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O, Son of God and Son of the Virgin  
Mary,  
Your Sacred heart is an ocean of mercy,  
Compassion, and love, for all men and women,  
But especially for the poor;  
To You I come, filled with confidence,  
To place my prayer for work  
In Your Sacred Heart.  
You came to preach the gospel  
To the poor;

You labored with Your own hands;  
You made poverty holy  
By choosing it for Your own life.  
O, Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
Hear my prayer for work  
And in Your Mother's Name grant my  
request. Amen.

N.B. – Recite this prayer once a day until work is obtained.  
Pray as though everything depended upon God, but look for  
work as though everything depended upon your own efforts,  
and be assured that your prayer of simple faith will be  
answered, just as countless others have been answered.

N.B. - If you are working, it is suggested that you give this  
prayer to your friends who are unemployed. Many of the  
unemployed are on the verge of despair. Such a prayer will  
do much to obtain for them new hope, new love, and  
perhaps, even new faith.