

Prayers for Various Workplace Occasions

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Blessing before a corporate meal

O Most Holy and Gracious Host, as we gather around this table, we are thankful.

We are thankful for the food before us and the friends around us.

We are thankful for the bonds between us and the opportunities you place before us.

We are thankful for the past behind us, and the many, many blessings that tomorrow may bring.

Bless both this food and the fellowship we now share. In the name of all that is holy, we pray. Amen.

Prayer after the passing of a coworker

Lord, our hearts are heavy.

In this time of mourning, we pray for your comfort.

In this time of sorrow, we pray for all those who grieve.

We miss our friend.

As we lean on each other as a family of coworkers, we pray that you, Lord, be the strong pillar that supports us in turn.

We lean on you, dear Lord, and we lean on your promises. Help us now, we pray. Amen.

Prayer in the event of a workplace injury

Lord, our coworker and friend needs you in a mighty way.

Lord, you are a healer and a miracle worker, and you know what our friend needs now. We ask, we pray, and we plead, that your presence and power be felt during this time.

Lord, guide the hands of those tending to our friend. Be with the medics, the nurses, the doctors, and the responders. Fill them all with wisdom and insight; may they be your instruments of healing.

Lord, be with all those who love and care for our injured friend. Where hearts are filled with fear and worry, empty them out and fill them up with hope.

Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

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Prayer in the event of a workplace fatality

Lord, we are in shock.

Lord, this is a day we hoped we would never see.

Dear Lord, tragedy has struck. It has left us stunned, confused, and frightened.

Be with us now as we have to do tasks we prayed we would never have to do.

Be with those who have to notify and tend to our fallen coworker's family; give them empathy and strength.

Be with our coworker's family as they receive the news; comfort them as they mourn.

Be with us as we pick up the pieces around here; enable us to do what has to be done next with dignity, professionalism, and respect.

Be with us as we cry. As we lean on each other, we pray for your presence to be felt.

Lord, we cry out to you now. Hear our prayer in this desperate hour. Amen.

Prayer for an ill coworker

O God of miracles, we ask you for one today.

We lift up our friend and coworker {*name*}, who needs the aid of the Great Physician.

Your wisdom, O God, is unsurpassed and the skill of your hands is unequalled. We entrust our friend to your care. Heal in a way that results in the world giving you glory and praise.

Lord, we love you and we trust you. Amen.

A prayer for when times are stressful

Lord, these are stressful times. We pray for peace.

Lord, it feels like the weight of the world is crushing down on us. We pray for strength.

Lord, it feels like we're having to make guesses, not decisions. It feels like we are taking chances instead of making plans. We pray for wisdom.

Lord, these are stressful times. We are relying on you; we know you've got this. Amen.

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A prayer for a coworker having a baby

Creator God, Source of all life, today how we celebrate!

We praise you for the miracle of life and the child you have blessed our friend and coworker with.

Bless this family we care for with health, abounding love, and joy beyond measure.

In the name of all that is good and holy, we pray. Amen.

Prayer for a coworker getting married

For a blessed union, we petition you, O Lord, this day! To the Author of love and all life we now pray.

May our friend and their loved one, as they form one from two, find joy, peace, and hope as they start together anew.

O Heaven, we celebrate! What a wonderful day! For blessings upon blessings, we beseech you today. Amen.

A prayer for uncertain times

Lord of the universe, we know you are in control.

That being said, we confess we are scared and full of worry. Lord, these are uncertain times.

When the events around us unfold in ways that stop us in our tracks, and the portents of what tomorrow holds make us tremble in fear, we cling to the only solid thing, the only consistent truth we have. We cling to you.

Lord of Forever, who was, is, and ever shall be, we pray to you for safety, security, and reassurance.

In the name of the Prince of Peace, we pray for that very thing. Amen.

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Prayer for a coworker in mourning

Lord, we read in scripture that Jesus wept, and it fills us with trust and confidence. It does so because we know that you know what it is to mourn.

Lord, we have a friend whose heart and soul are heavy with grief. Our concern is for our friend, who needs you active in their life right now in a mighty, powerful, and comforting way.

You once said that blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. We lift up {name} to you now. Help us support our coworker at this time with, and without, words, in all the ways that are needed. Amen.

Prayer for a job opportunity or promotion

Lord, over the course of a person's life, there are many paths to walk down and many doors to walk through. It is with both excitement and fear that the future is considered right now.

Lord, of all the many doors and paths you provide, you know which ones lead where and for whom. In the path now ahead, the door that is now open, and the future that awaits, it is prayed that your guidance and your direction be powerfully felt.

Lead on, O Lord, lead on. Amen.

Prayer for safe travels

Lord, as we travel, may we travel with you. As we go about our work, many miles from home, may we represent well the ideals you have called us to embody, the company that employs us, and the fellowship of the professionals of our chosen field. Guide our steps, guide our decisions, guard our thoughts, and instill our tongues with professionalism and grace.

Lord may the road ahead be smooth and straight. Keep us safe from all harm and, when our labor is done, return us safely back to our homes. Amen.

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Prayer for guidance about a big decision

Creator God, sometimes the choices before us are not easy to make. In your power and wisdom, you spoke the universe into existence. Complex, intricate, and intertwining systems sprung forth into perfect order. We ask for a little of your wisdom to be shared with us as we face the choice before us now.

With fear and trepidation, we consider the outcomes, the consequences, of this decision. Will this bring success, or will it fail? Only you know. Will we be able to meet our obligations? Will we be able to meet the deadlines in time? Again, only you know.

We confess that we struggle to trust. We confess our struggle to discern the proper course ahead. We confess our struggle to wrestle results by our own will and strength in matters about which we have little or no control. Almighty above, we confess that we could confess so much more.

How do we pray about this, Lord? We pray for clarity and direction. We pray for confidence and discernment. We pray for the ability to yield to your will and call. Send forth your wisdom and guidance, we pray. Amen.

Prayer for a retiring coworker

O Source of Joy, what a happy and sad day! We praise you, Lord, for the friend and coworker we have had the joy of knowing for these many, many years. We have laughed together, we have labored together, we have cried together, we have fellowshiped together, we have burned the midnight oil together. We have shared life together.

We celebrate this occasion, but confess we are a little sad that we will no longer have {name} in our lives the same way we used to. Such is the depth of our admiration, love, and appreciation for this person you have blessed us to know.

As {name} turns a page and starts a whole new chapter of life, we pray that you bless them with joy, health, and a well-earned restful, and peaceful retirement. Amen.