A Weekly Prayer Cycle: The Baptized in Their Daily Life and Work

A petition to be added to Prayers of the People each week for an entire year

Below is a series of petitions for the Baptized in the places where they work. As with other cycles, this weekly petition will be offering up a different workplace ministry, such as health care, environmental, social service. Because some months may have more than four weeks, four “extra” weeks have been added after the fourth week of December.

We pray for all the Baptized in their daily work, especially those of our congregation and community who are:

January—Week 1: In the legal profession including lawyers, paralegals, and their support staff.
January—Week 2: In the arts including painters, sculptors, and designers.
January—Week 3: In the legislative process including advocates, lobbyists, legislators, and their staffs.
January—Week 4: In homes including multitasking parents and homemakers, and “crisis managers.”

February—Week 1: In services to children and youth including those who work in residential communities, juvenile justice facilities, advocacy agencies, and governmental organizations.
February—Week 2: In the courts including judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, investigators, librarians, and other support staff.
February—Week 3: In retail including managers, clerks, and promotional staff.
February—Week 4: In the news media including editors, reporters, ad agents, circulation, and printing personnel.

March—Week 1: In the radio and TV media including programmers, editors, camera operators, technicians, and writers.
March—Week 2: In services to the elderly including persons working in retirement and nursing homes.
March—Week 3: In services to protect the environment including those working with state and local agencies and with conservation organizations.
March—Week 4: In the food and beverage production and grocery businesses including farmers, ranchers, fishermen, processors and transporters, store managers, cashiers, and support personnel.

April—Week 1: In the Armed Services, especially those in harm’s way, administrators, suppliers, and support staff.
April—Week 2: On highway and road construction, including contractors, equipment operators, laborers, and maintenance crews.
April—Week 3: In building and home construction, including architects, draftsmen, contractors, carpenters, bricklayers, designers, painters, and trades people.
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April—Week 4: In public service to our communities including city, county, and state managers and elected officials, office workers, and maintenance personnel.

May—Week 1: In the hotel and motel industry including managers, receptionists, concierges, housekeeping staff, and auxiliary personnel
May—Week 2: In providing emergency response services, including regular and volunteer fire and ambulance personnel, EMTs, and ER personnel.
May—Week 3: In the insurance industry including underwriters, sales, and office staff and claims personnel.
May—Week 4: In the investment industries including managers, brokers, analysts, and researchers.

June—Week 1: In the sports and recreation business including competitors and participants, trainers, coaches, promoters, and providers.
June—Week 2: In the stage and screen industries including writers, dancers, actors, stagehands, directors, producers, musicians, box office, and promotion personnel.
June—Week 3: In museums and galleries including curators, artists, docents, educators, and support staff.
June—Week 4: In law enforcement including police officers, detectives, sheriffs, prison wardens and officers, parole officers and support staff.

July—Week 1: In the horticultural business including florists, landscapers, gardeners, and laborers.
July—Week 2: In book production, including those who write, edit, publish, bind, and sell and in our libraries, including reference, selection, and administrative personnel.
July—Week 3: In the electricity industry including engineers, managers, electricians, and their office and support staffs.
July—Week 4: In the information technology and telecommunications industries including programmers, designers, manufacturers, sales, repairs and support personnel.

August—Week 1: In the household furnishings business including designers, manufacturers, and sales personnel.
August—Week 2: In accounting including accountants, bookkeepers, and support staff.
August—Week 3: In the automotive industry including designers, salespersons, manufacturers, insurers, repair persons, and office support staff.
August—Week 4: In the food services industry including wait staff, chefs and cooks, dieticians, proprietors, and wholesalers.

September—Week 1: In the teaching profession from preschool through graduate school including teachers, professors, aides and assistants, administrators, and support personnel.
September—Week 2: In the counseling profession including therapists, counselors, and support staff.

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September—Week 3: In religious institutions including clergy, education directors, nursery attendants, musicians, receptionists, administrators, facilities managers, and support staff.

September—Week 4: In the advertising industry including designers, artists, and salespersons.

October—Week 1: In the pet business including veterinarians, breeders, kennel workers, managers, and sales persons.

October—Week 2: In the transportation industries including flight, ship and train crews, baggage and freight handlers, dock workers, engineers, bus and cab drivers, and maintenance and sales personnel.

October—Week 3: In the real estate industry including appraisers, sales persons, examiners, lawyers, insurers, managers, and developers.

October—Week 4: In the telecommunications business including designers, manufacturers, service, and repair personnel.

November—Week 1: In the photography business including photographers, printers, lab workers, and salespersons.

November—Week 2: In the banking business including executives, managers, loan officers, investors, and tellers.

November—Week 3: In the travel business including those who provide services to travelers and who plan, lead, and direct tours.

November—Week 4: In the garbage, trash, sewage, and recycling business including collectors, treatment, and land fill personnel.

December—Week 1: In the business equipment industry including manufacturers, managers, sales personnel, and support staff.

December—Week 2: In manufacturing including workers, managers, administrative personnel, and raw material providers.

December—Week 3: In day care centers, including those who care for young children, persons with disabilities, and older adults.

December—Week 4: In the health care profession especially nurses, doctors, midwives, dentists, therapists, pharmacists, and aides.

Extra Week 1: In the air conditioning, plumbing and heating industry including engineers, manufacturers, craftsmen, installers, sales, and service personnel

Extra Week 2: In the jewelry and watch business including artists, designers, craftsmen, sales, repair, and support personnel.

Extra Week 3: In the mail service industry including managers, sales personnel, mail carriers, transporters, and carriers

Extra Week 4: In a variety of personal service industries including hair stylists, dry cleaners, funeral directors, and security personnel.

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