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Prayer for Employment

You govern your creation, O God,
and bring it to perfection by the work of our hands.
Hear the prayers of your people who ask for work
that will enhance their human dignity
and promote the building of your kingdom.
Enable them to provide for those confided to their care
either by family ties or by charity we owe to one another
for the betterment of human life.
We ask this blessing in the name of Jesus
who labored with his own hands while he lived on earth Amen

Reflection



Let us

Stop by the side of the road
bring another to an inn of hope
see Christ in suffering
Pray for our brothers and sisters who have had
their homes and communities destroyed in
recent natural disasters.

Suffering with the Lord

Recently I listened to someone who has been suffering with a long term illness. Their revelation and insight was very beautiful and thought I would share it.

I pray quite a bit. I pray, mostly because I have had some suffering in my life that has drained me, even spiritually. I pray for many things, but mostly, I pray for my own faith.

One day, as I was praying, I said to Christ, "I feel like I'm alone in my suffering, yet I am asked to reflect and meditate on Your suffering" After I prayed and asked that question, I had a sort of internal answer to it. I heard, or felt Christ say to me, "I suffer when you suffer. Why wouldn't I? We're in this together. We are one body" I thought about that and, actually couldn't believe that Christ suffers with me.

The question is, was that internal answer correct? I had never thought in all my life that Christ suffers with me, so it came as a shock. Then, I looked it up on the Internet and found out that, while we are asked to suffer for Christ, He also feels our suffering and actually feels bad for us. That notion has helped me a great deal, because I feel more connected to Christ as being a real person with real feelings.

Our challenge is helping other to always be mindful that their suffering is joined to Christ. He is with us always and at all times.

Catholic Charities News

Catholic Charities USA Continues to call for Affordable and Accessible Health Care for All

In accordance with its 100 year history of working to reduce poverty in America, Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) and its President, Rev. Larry Snyder, today called for Health Care Summit attendees to put politics aside and unify behind the need to once and for all bring affordable and accessible health care to all Americans.

"As our nation's leaders come together to look for a bipartisan pathway to reform our broken health care system, it is essential that they recognize the implications of inaction," said Fr. Larry Snyder. "People throughout our country are burdened by health care costs, pushing a new generation of Americans into poverty."

"We have hope that our country's leaders can recognize the moral imperative of addressing the need for affordability and accessibility of health care that respects the dignity of life," said Fr. Larry Snyder. "There are many issues associated with health care reform that divide us as a nation, but one that can unite us all; health care reform is essential to the reduction of poverty in America. CCUSA believes the call for health care reform represents a national moral crisis, but recognizes that the nation's poor are living this reality as an economic crisis.

The nation's current health care system has become an underlying cause for the proliferation of poverty in America. As the leading voice in the mission to reduce poverty throughout the country, we see fixing the nation's health care system as integral to our overall efforts."

Calendar

Fourth Annual Lenten Luncheon
Holy Cross Diocesan Center
Monday, March 8, 2010

The 2010 *In My Name* Award Recipients are:

- **Margaret de Pereiro**
- **The Front Door Ministry at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral**

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Adoption Services-La Crosse, Eau Claire, Stevens Point, Wausau

Post Adoption Program-La Crosse, Eau Claire, Stevens Point

Financial Counseling-La Crosse, Marshfield, Stevens Point, Prairie du Chien, Wausau

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