

March 25, 2020. ~Thankful Praise and For Protection for American Workers~

God over all this world and this nation, we pray today for all your servants working around the clock providing for the needs of your people. While we are in our homes, protected from exposure to the virus, we know there are many who could be exposed while working in essential businesses and volunteer agencies providing essential goods and services.

We are thankful, Father, for agricultural farmers and workers, dairy and poultry farmers, ranchers, and fishermen, who continue laboring to provide the fruits and vegetables, dairy products, and meat, poultry, and fish we need to keep us fed and healthy. We remember all the production plant workers who cannot work at home to accomplish the preparation, processing, and packaging of our food, beverages, paper products, cleaning supplies, and medications, Protect them from exposure and give them strength, Lord.

We are thankful, Father, for warehouse workers who manage the inventories, fill the orders, and both load and unload the pallets, crates, and boxes packed with the essentials you have provided. We pray for safe operation of machinery filling the trucks and trains. Protect them from exposure and give them strength, Lord.

We are thankful for truck drivers and railroad workers. We pray for alertness on the long hauls, for their safety in all weather conditions, and for all the skills needed to drive the trucks, engineer the trains and switches, and travel, even while we sleep, on the railways, the highways, and the streets that lead them to their destinations near our homes. Give them clear thinking about stopping to eat, rest, and sleep. Protect them from exposure and give them strength, Lord.

We are thankful for the people who work or volunteer every day and throughout the night in grocery stores, food banks, pharmacies, essential big box stores, and gasoline stations. Their face to face exposure to all of us is a blessing and a sacrifice. Their bodies are weary, their dedication to provide what your people need is undeniable, and their patience in dealing with impatient customers is superhuman and must surely be your power working in them. Protect them from exposure and give them strength, Lord.

We are thankful for all who work or volunteer to prepare and deliver meals ready to eat. The careful attention of these small business owners and food kitchen organizers is a labor of love. Satisfy the hunger of those who receive the generosity of volunteers and remind those who order to be generous in rewarding take out and food delivery workers. Protect them from exposure and give them strength, Lord.

We are thankful for all design and manufacturing workers in huge factories and in small businesses across America now stepping forward to change directions to meet the needs of overwhelming demands for medical supplies and equipment. You have planted in them a strong desire to provide what other countries are no longer providing. We are thankful also for those who are cutting and sewing in their homes the washable, fabric face mask covers our hospitals have requested. With grateful hearts we are hopeful and ask that your people be empowered to supply an abundance of protective gowns and clothing, face masks and shields, gloves, shoe covers, syringes, IV setups, respirators, patient gowns, and so much more needed to treat the hospitalized and critical coronavirus patients in hospitals in New York and all across America. Protect them from exposure and give them strength, Lord.

Father God, we lift up our prayers to you, not only for your servants working across America, but also for those around the world. In Jesus' Precious Name, we ask for your protection from exposure to the coronavirus for these selfless workers serving us and all your people. Amen.