

Prayer Before Work

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day: defend us by thy mighty power; and grant that this day we do not fall into sin, but that all of our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to always do what is righteous in thy sight. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Our Hackett prayer is taken from The Divine Office, specifically the original Office of Prime ("first" in Latin) which refers to the work, both spiritual and temporal, of the day that has just begun. The Divine Office is the "daily prayer of the Church, marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer." (USCCB, Liturgy of the Hours). In praying the Hackett prayer before our service, may we in communion with the Church, unite our sacrifice with that of Christ offered to our Heavenly Father.