

# Prayer – For the Unemployed

In the wrench of job loss, we fall at your feet, Lord Jesus.  
Occupation and income all suddenly thrown aside,  
our life's apple cart overturned.  
Uncertainty is thrust upon us,  
not-knowing haunting our waking hours,  
anxiety our companion all night long.  
Jesus, stand among us.  
Look in our eyes with love,  
assuring us that we are loved just as we are,  
even as people without jobs.  
Grasp us by the shoulders,  
giving us confidence for the job search ahead.  
Shake us awake  
when we feel like lying down and sleeping forever.  
Whisper words of identity in our ears  
when we wonder who we are.  
God of the unknown journey and the twisting path,  
be our guide in this time of grief and change.  
Enlighten us to the work you would have us do.  
Keep our eyes focused on the employment that never ends,  
the work we do for your kingdom,  
trusting that you will provide for our needs.

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