30th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B October 24th

**Welcome before Mass**: (Commentator)

Tēnā Koutou Katoa – Haere mai. Welcome! Today is the 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time, and in Aotearoa New Zealand, Labour Day weekend: a chance for us to reflect on the importance and dignity of work, pray for all in the workplace, and for those who do not have a workplace to go to. Let us take a few moments of silence to prepare for this celebration. **(20 … seconds - stay at microphone).** Haere mai ki ……………………… (*parish name*). Let’s stand and sing together.

In the Prayer of the Faithful, we, the people accept our priestly role, given to us at baptism, and pray for the needs of the world, the needs of the poor and the needs of the Church.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church** – that the Church be a light which makes it possible to see what is good and beautiful, and bring freedom, justice and charity to places darkened by oppression, injustice or violence.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**For national and international leaders** - that they ensure meaningful work is available to their citizens, and that work is sufficiently reimbursed to enable people to care for their families.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**For employers -** that they provide safe working conditions, make proper payment to their workers, and ensure that the work they provide adds to the quality of people’s lives.

**For people who have no job, have lost jobs or are seeking jobs –** that they will not be discouraged, that they will be supported in times of uncertainty and that they will find jobs.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**For people who are blind –** that their needs be considered in city, urban and rural planning, so that they can live full and dignified lives.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**For people blind to the spiritual nature of life –** that through kindness and love, they might awaken to the light of Christ who dwells deep within the heart of every person.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

Please add a prayer for your local community.

**For our local community of**………………….. That\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**Concluding Prayer**

Loving God, we give thanks for the gift of work which is of fundamental importance to the fulfilment of the human person, to the flourishing of family life, and to the development of society. Be present with those who work by day, or by night; those who work near, or far away. We pray for those who in this uncertain time have no job. We pray all of this knowing that your labours on our behalf never cease. Through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**