

ACTION ALERT

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ISSUE: Showing appreciation for the Workers in Our Communities

May 1 is the International Day of Workers and, since 1955, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. May 1 commemorates the workers across the United State who in 1886 went on strike to demand an eight-hour work day. Attached to this action alert are several “thank you cards” in English, Spanish and Arabic which you can print on your computer. Consider taking time this May Day to write a letter of appreciation to the barista who makes you morning coffee, the cashier who rings up your purchase, the custodial worker you pass each day in the hall. When you give them the card, take time to have a genuine conversation, learn their names and their stories. Build solidarity with workers on May Day and every day.

ACTION: Give a thank you note to a worker

Instructions:

1. Print the card on cardstock or other heavy paper. Select “print on both sides of paper” (flip on short edge).
2. Be sure to make the paper size “actual size,” and then trim off the excess paper.
3. Write a note of gratitude on the back of the card.
4. Give the card to a worker!

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PRAYER:

Worker God, who intends good for all your children, we seek your wisdom and courage as we work to change the harsh conditions under which so many labor. We ask that we might be your witnesses for good work, fair pay, and human dignity. May God our creator, the one who calls us, transforms us, and redeems us, bless us with the courage, vision and strength to work for justice for all workers everywhere. Amen.