

31 August 2018

**“Labor Day 2018”**

The late John Claypool (d. 3 September 2005) reminds us on this Labor Day: “When we offer up our daily work to the glory of God and the benefit of our families and communities, we proceed to play our roles in the daily struggle to make God more visible in the world and bring God’s realm into fuller realization.”

Labor Day is a day to celebrate the work we do in the world. Often, our work is one of the ways we define our lives and thereby celebrate our lives. I suggest that this week and in preparation for Holy Worship of God Almighty that we employ the following prayer from Reinhold Niebuhr, who offered it up to God and for us:

O God, you have bound us together in this life.  
Give us grace to understand how our lives depend  
on the courage, the industry, the honesty,  
and the integrity of all who labor.  
May we be mindful of their needs, grateful for their faithfulness,  
and faithful in our responsibilities to them;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May this Labor Day be a day of thanksgiving for our honest work in God’s Realm.

Come, Worship  
Stay, Learn  
Go, Serve