<u>Prayer Topic #13</u>: A Prayer Regarding Unpleasant Work Environments

Scripture Reading:

I Chronicles 16:8-15, Matthew 5:43-48

Reflections of the Heart:

As Christians, we are called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Regardless of the atmosphere in your work environment, make sure you allow your light to shine brightly and expect God's grace, mercy and favor to surround you and keep you in peace.

Scriptural Prayer:

Glorious Father, we thank You for the blessing of employment. Thank You for Your favor that surrounds Your children like a shield. Thank You for Your goodness and mercy which follow closely behind us. Lord, Your Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. You rule throughout all generations. You always keep Your promises; You are gracious in all that You do. You help the fallen and lift those bent beneath their loads. The eyes of all look to You in hope; You give them their food as they need it. When You open Your hand, You satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. We bless and praise Your holy Name!

Almighty Father, we declare that Your Word will be operative in the lives of our Church Family members who work in unpleasant environments. We confess that as they commit their works to You, their plans will succeed. Holy Spirit, we declare that our Church Family members who work in unpleasant environments will yield to Your leading and guidance so that they will be empowered to be light in the midst of their dark work environment. They are peacemakers in contentious situations so they will be blessed. Lord, we confess that they will walk uprightly and do what is right so no good thing will be withheld from them. We decree that as employers treat their employees and customers with dignity, fairness and respect; they will be blessed as they endure persecution for doing what is right.

Holy Spirit, I will declare the following scriptural blessing for my employer:

Holy Spirit, please fill our Church Family members who work in unpleasant environments with Your wisdom, understanding, counsel, and power. Give them dreams and visions that exceed their expectations and provide them with the resources they need to successfully accomplish Your purpose(s) for them. As they perform their assigned tasks, help them to always work as unto You. Holy Spirit, help them to be peacemakers in their work environment and to not participate in any negative conversations or behaviors. Father, help their supervisors and managers to communicate and write down the mission, vision and job descriptions and make them plain to their employees so that they can implement it. Help our Church Family members to not grow weary while doing well at their jobs and remind them that they will reap a harvest of blessings if they do not give up.

Merciful Father, forgive the employees and employers who work in unpleasant environments for all acts of sinfulness. Forgive those who have not been diligent in seeking Your guidance and leadership in their work places. Forgive those who do not trust in You, but lean to their own understanding. Forgive those who have compromised Your Word in order to make a profit. Forgive those employers who have not treated their employees and customers fairly. Forgive those who have not properly taken care of or shown respect for one another. Lord, forgive me for *(list any sins that you have committed)*. Holy Spirit, remind us all of those we need to forgive and help us to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. *(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show you names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He shows you, say aloud, "Iforgive <u>name of person(s)</u>." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)*

Holy Spirit, help us all to not yield to temptation; but deliver us from the evil one.

Eternal King, You are the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. You never grow weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of Your understanding. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

<u>Scripture References for the Written Text</u>: Psalm 5:12, Psalm 23:6, Psalm 145:13-16, Proverbs 16:3, Matthew 5:9, Psalm 84:11, Matthew 5:10, Colossians 3:23, Habakkuk 2:2, Galatians 6:9, Matthew 6:13, Isaiah 40:28

Today, I will trust God to: