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thank You, Lord

even though i clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings. thank you, Lord, that i can hear. There are many who are deaf.

even though i keep my eyes closed against the morning light as long as possible. thank you, Lord, that i can see. many are blind.

even though i huddle in my bed and put off rising. thank you, Lord, that i have the strength to rise. there are many who are bedridden.

even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, tempers are short, and my children are so loud. thank you, Lord, for my family. there are many who are lonely.

even though our breakfast table never looks like the picture in magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced. thank you, Lord, for the food we have. there are many who are hungry.

even though the routine of my job often is monotonous. thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. there are many who have no job.

even though i grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest. thank you, Lord, for life.

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it's easy to complain and take everything for granted. i "assume" so much. thanks for the little things that we take so easily for granted: running water, clothes to wear, even a toilet that flushes. i remember a friend having visited a foreign country years ago on a mission trip. she commented she had to squat at a hole in the ground. modern conveniences - yes, we are blessed.

from this day forward i will strive not to assume my everyday blessings. Jesus loves me and His grace is sufficient for me. "in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 thess 5:18

a labor day prayer

Lord, i first want to say thank you for this day of rest. help me to turn off distractions and find true sabbath through my relationship with you. show me how to live a life that is focused on your purpose in my work and in my rest.

work is not always easy but i know you gave it to us to honor you. God, help me to see work as your creation designed to give me purpose, fulfillment, and to be a light in the world. may my work matter not just to my business and company but to your Kingdom. renew my strength in my workplace and help me to remember that i am to work with all my heart as for you! amen