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Celebrating 100 Years

A Prayer for Women at Work

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God the first creator,

We pray today for women who work.

For women who teach, heal, write, preach, sing, sew.

For women who knead bread, repair machinery, pack mailbags,
adjust numbers in spreadsheets.

For women who wash the bodies of the young and old.

For women whose gentle words calm fears
and women whose words ripple with anger at injustice.

Give us courage. Give us endurance. Give us joy.

Forgive us for the times we have sought our worth in our work,
and not in you.

May we live into the rhythm of labor and rest you commanded.

May we persist in what you have called us to do.

Amen.

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