

**A PRAYER
FOR (Honest-to-God)
WORK**

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**O thou wind in the dark,
fire on the far hill, cold water in a desert time:
we have always known
that we are all on the stormy heath.**

**We have always known
that justice without a roof
is no justice at all;
that a justice with no walls
is a travesty;
that a justice
nailed to thin air
is a desecration of the human heart.**

**There is, after all,
no family not our own family,
in the long view—
the view from the eye of God,
which looks to every corner
of earth.**

**No child lives outside of our care,
when human hearts
beat within us—
the ones God gave us,
so like God's own.**

**Come, spirit of God,
spirit of love,
spirit of kindness
spirit of tenderness,
spirit of generosity,
spirit of justice...**

**mighty spirit of all prophets
in all times.**

**Call us alive
to a work worthy
of us and thee.**