

The Faith and Work Page

A resource for working Christians from ICF—UK



Getting the balance right . . .

For working people, striking a healthy balance between our work, our leisure and our family can be difficult. And somewhere in the midst of that, we also seek to serve the mission of Christ and nurture our own faith. The following prayer introduces ICF's theme pamphlet "The balancing Act" by Denis Claringbul.

*In a world vibrating with action,
Help us to be still
In a world of tight schedules and deadlines
Help us to absorb the present
In a world of limits and frustrations
At the still point of our churning world
May we meet the unchanging God
And know His Peace.*

Copies of the full pamphlet are available from the address below

A Faith at Work Moment By Paul Pearce

Pater noster qui in caelis es... the words of the Latin Lord's Prayer streamed slowly across the screen of my office computer. With the help of a Roman Catholic colleague who happened to have his missal in his briefcase, I had used the words as a screen saver - one of those little programmes that puts a moving image on the screen if you don't touch the computer for a few minutes.

"What's that?" asked our young computer whizz-kid who collects screen-savers.

"It's Latin."

"What's that?"

I explained what Latin was.

"But what does it say?"

"It's the Lord's Prayer."

"What's that?"

Pater noster qui in caeli

I wasn't sure what to say. Not everyone would recognise Latin. But not to have heard of the Lord's Prayer! In my generation, if we did not learn the Lord's Prayer at home, we certainly did at school. And with the Lord's Prayer came the basic understanding of Christianity and of our civilised culture whose development it had driven. It was a moment of sobering realisation! Still, thanks to a screensaver at least one less person would say they had never heard of it!

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