

# Prayers for an Increase in the Federal Minimum Wage

Leader: God, we thank You for all of the blessings that You have bestowed upon us. We give thanks for our families, for communities of faith, for places of work, for Sabbath rest, for the opportunity to worship You. We give You thanks for the abundant resources of this land.

**All: Thank you, God, for all of the blessings of this life.**

Leader: God, we know that many hardworking people in America are unable to enjoy the abundance of this land. Today, in this rich country, there are millions of working men and women who are unable to make ends meet, unable to adequately provide for their children, and unable to enjoy the fruits of their labor. Minimum-wage employees, working full-time, year-round are still earning \$4,000 below the poverty line for a family of three.

God, You are a God of justice, as well as a God of peace. Suffering and injustice anger You. We know You desire that our leaders enact just laws to help the poor. In the Book of Isaiah, the prophet writes:

“How terrible it will be for those who make unfair laws, and those who write laws that make life hard for people. They are not fair to the poor, and they rob my people of their rights...the Lord is still angry; His hand is raised to strike down the people.” (Isaiah 10:1,4)

**All: God, help us to be angered by the suffering of the working poor and give us the courage to change unjust laws.**



Leader: God, as we go forth from this sacred place, help us to put the faith that we profess into practice. Give us the courage to seek just laws for the land.

**All: God, be with us as we put our faith to work for justice.**