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Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the strength to do my daily duties and work. Help me to always try my best and do my work with excellence so that I can make You proud and be a witness to those around me.

Jazz and I have had a really fun time performing with our school choir. We love spending time with our friends practising and working at making each and every song sound perfect.

Our choir teacher is very strict and she expects us to go home and practise every day. It's hard work learning all the lyrics but pays off when we win the choir competitions or even just to see the proud look on our choir teacher's face. Not to mention the delicious ice cream she spoils us with when we do well.

Mom and dad have always taught us that hard work pays off and that it is a quality of a child of God. The Bible says in Colossians 3:23 that we should do everything as if we were doing it for the Lord because He will reward our good work even if people do not always appreciate it. That means that when we do our school work or house chores or any task that we take on, that we should do it to the best of our abilities. God blesses us when we obey His word and follow His instructions and even though hard work may be tough sometimes, it is always to our benefit.

Every day God blesses us with health, strength, wisdom and resources to take on our daily tasks. It is our responsibility to be good stewards and to be an example to those around us that God's children work with excellence.

