A Prayer for Tech Engineers

God, we pray for engineers
We give you praise for the ways you are using engineers to creatively connect people through the use of technology. Thank you for the opportunity to work closely and build relationships with people worldwide who are not only a joy to work alongside but who challenge each other to achieve the greatest outcomes in their day-to-day work.

We lament with our engineers the ways that the engineering vocation can at times take advantage of natural resources for the sake of profits;
for monetizing the attention, lifestyle, and mental well-being of other humans;
for the way that work can become the center of all things to the detriment of relationships and family outside of work;
for the financial rewards that make engineering careers in the valley attractive but can at times feel like golden handcuffs.

We cry out to you for justice on behalf of engineers who often have to operate close to burnout;
who do not use their power to protect those who report to them;
for when other humans are seen as commodities or resources instead of image bearers of God;
for when catering to the whims of the wealthy and glorifying the latest products take priority over considering the true cost of our habits;
for building more inequality into our world instead of using technology as a way to distribute resources and skills more efficiently.

We pray that you will provide for those in the field of engineering a deeper understanding of the need for connection with other humans;
for the need to make work dignifying for all,
for using technology for advancing and enriching the standard of living of all people, and not just those with access to technology;
for the self-knowledge necessary to set the boundaries required for a healthy work-life balance.

Finally, we give you thanks, O God, for the ways the fruit of the engineering vocation is being

used for your Kingdom here on earth.

For the opportunity to treat coworkers and suppliers with gentleness, love, and grace.

For the opportunity to do honest work to your glory.

For the ways engineers help to eliminate geographic barriers, which can make it more possible for communities of faith to live life together;

for the ways that engineering has expanded access to the Scriptures and opened up access to spiritual resources;

making it easier for people to learn about the church and experience a community of faith without the nervousness of stepping into a building on a Sunday morning.

In all these things, we celebrate that you are present in the midst of whatever vocation you have called us to. Make us faithful servants of King Jesus. In his name we pray, Amen.

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