

Prayer of Confession for the International Day of Mourning (or the remembrance of work-related deaths)

A prayer for two voices, with verses to be read turn about.

I knew about asbestos, Lord,
I knew how deadly it is.
But I didn't think we could afford to get rid of it.
Lord have mercy:

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I put up the scaffolding, Lord,
and I thought it was safe.
But I still see him falling,
and I can't help wonder whether I didn't check
something.

Lord have mercy:

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I pushed him to find work, Lord,
and his first day was his last day.

Lord have mercy:
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I knew a couple of the blokes were giving him a hard time, Lord.
I knew the young bloke was a bit depressed.
But I didn't think he'd kill himself.

Lord have mercy:

Lord have mercy

I had a near miss only two day before the fork-lift hit
him, Lord,
But I thought I would lose my job if I said anything.
Lord have mercy:

Lord have mercy.

