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"Join the union, girls, and together say Equal Pay for Equal Work."
-- Susan B. Anthony

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"...if you count the number of women and children in bonded labor, domestic slavery or sexual slavery today, there are more slaves in the world than at any other time in history."
-- Charlotte Bunch

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"Every advance in this half-century-Social Security, civil rights, Medicare, aid to education, one after another-came with the support and leadership of American Labor."
-- Jimmy Carter

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"...there are farm movements around the world; there are environmental movements around the world; labor movements around the world involved in daily struggles around living wages, around protecting the rights of farmers to their seeds, and so on. Those struggles continue on a daily basis; they have not gone away."
-- John Cavanagh

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"The people united will never be defeated."
-- César Chavez

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"When morality comes up against profit, it is seldom that profit loses."
-- Shirley Chisholm

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"Labor Unions are the leading force for democratization and progress."
-- Noam Chomsky

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"...we see an increasingly weaker labor movement as a result of the overall assault on the labor movement and as a result of the globalization of capital."
-- Angela Davis

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"...labor is today the most vital and potential power this planet has ever known, and its historic mission is as certain of ultimate realization as is the setting of the sun."
-- Eugene V. Debs

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"Only a fool would try to deprive working men and working women of their right to join the union of their choice."
-- Dwight D. Eisenhower

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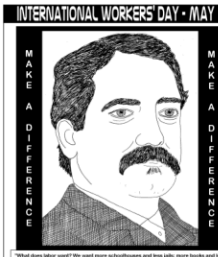

"What does labor want? We want more schoolhouses and less jails; more books and less arsenals; more learning and less vice; more leisure and less greed; more justice and less force. We want more of the good things of life for our share of those who have produced them; hood more noble, womanhood more beautiful, and childhood more happy and bright."
-- Samuel Gompers

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"Although it is true that only about 20 percent of American workers are in unions, that 20 percent sets the standards across the board in salaries, benefits and working conditions. If you are working to elevate wages in a competitive company, you owe that to the unions. One thing that corporations do not do is give out money out of the goodness of their hearts."
-- Molly Ivins

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"My friends, it is solidarity of labor we want. We do not want to find fault with each other, but to solidify our forces and say to each other: "We must be together; our masters are joined together and we must do the same thing."
-- Mother Jones

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"We have words for racism and sexism, but wealth discrimination isn't fully recognized. It is a bias in favor of the wealthy and against labor, the environment, and the community. Concern for the public good must become the animating force of our economic order."
-- Marjorie Kelly

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"The American Labor Movement has consistently demonstrated its devotion to the public interest. It is, and has been, good for all America."
-- John F. Kennedy

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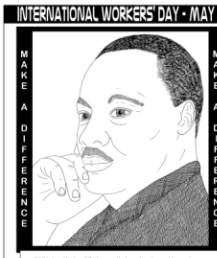

"All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."
-- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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"Let the workers organize. Let the toilers assemble. Let their crystallized voice proclaim their injustices and demand their privileges. Let all thoughtful citizens sustain them, for the future of Labor is the future of America."
-- John L. Lewis

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"Labor is prior to, and independent of, capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration."
-- Abraham Lincoln

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"The basic goal of labor will not change. It is -- as it has always been, and I am sure always will be -- to better the standards of life for all who work for wages and to seek decency and justice and dignity for all Americans."
-- George Meany

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"Our motto is to work for peace based on social justice. Our mandate is to improve the condition, health and safety of workers, and our mission is universal."
-- David A. Morse

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"Out of our first century of national life we evolved the ethical principle that it was not right or just that an honest and industrious man should live and die in misery. He was entitled to some degree of sympathy and security. Our conscience declared against the honest workmen's becoming a pauper, but our eyes told us that he very often did."
-- Frances Perkins

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"Kids don't have a little brother working in the coal mine, they don't have a little sister coughing her lungs out in the looms of the big mill towns of the Northeast. Why? Because we organized; we broke the back of the sweatshops in this country; we have child labor laws... They only ought to be for, they were tried for, they were died for by working people, by people like us. Kids ought to know that..."
-- Utah Phillips

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"The essence of trade unionism is social uplift. The labor movement has been the haven for the dispossessed, the despised, the neglected, the downtrodden, the poor."
-- A. Philip Randolph

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"You in the unions do not yet represent all of labor. But I hope some day you will, because I believe that it is through strength, through the fact that people who know what people need are working to make this country a better place for all people..."
-- Eleanor Roosevelt

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"No business which depends for existence on paying less than living wages to its workers has any right to continue in this country. By living wages I mean more than a bare subsistence level -I mean the wages of decent living."
-- Franklin D. Roosevelt

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"The internal and external ethics of an organization must be the same; you cannot talk about minimum wages for poor people and not pay minimum wages to your own workers."
-- Aruna Roy

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"Decent work is at the heart of the search for dignity for the individual, stability for the family and peace in the community."
-- Juan Somavia

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"While we are fighting for freedom, we must see, among other things, that labor is free."
-- Woodrow Wilson

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"If capitalism is fair then unionism must be. If men have a right to capitalize their ideas and the resources of their country, then that implies the right of men to capitalize their labor."
-- Frank Lloyd Wright

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"The strike, the boycott, the refusal to serve, the ability to paralyze the functioning of a complex social structure-these remain potent weapons against the most fearsome state or corporate power."
-- Howard Zinn

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