

A Blessing for Election Day

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Blessed are those who labor for real democracy.

Who understand that politics is what we do together, and try to create a world where every person is valued and respected.

Who run for office, and give days and nights and years to public service.

Who help out on campaigns, who attend forums, give money, hold house-meetings, canvass door to door, make phone calls, and do otherwise tedious and repetitive tasks to get out the vote.

Who staff the polls, who drive people to their polling places, who vote.

Who research their positions and stand by their convictions.

Who put up yard signs and wear buttons.

Who wait in line to vote, risking the wrath of bosses and holding young children in their arms as they stand in long lines.

Who don't expect their vote to carry the day but know it's important to use their voice anyway.

Who fight for fair elections and unhackable voting equipment.

Who understand that democracy is not a spectator sport.

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