

## ***Question for Reflection***

“Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor” (Jas. 2:5-6a). A UNICEF study reports that the United States has the second-highest child poverty rate in the industrialized world, with more than one in five children living in households that fall below the poverty line. What does this mean to you as a person of faith? How might God call the church to respond to this situation?

## ***For Your Study and Reflection This Week*** **16th Sunday after Pentecost**

### ***Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23***

Those who are generous are blessed,  
for they share their bread with the poor.

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Do not rob the poor because they are poor  
or crush the afflicted at the gate,  
for the LORD pleads their cause  
and despoils of life those who despoil them. (vv. 9, 22-23)

### ***Psalm 125***

Do good, O Lord, to those who are good  
and to those who are upright in their hearts. (v. 4)

### ***James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17***

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. (vv. 14-17)

### ***Mark 7:24-37***

Now the woman was a gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged [Jesus] to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” And when she went home, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone. (vv. 26-30)

## TWO-YEAR DAILY LECTIONARY

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*Week of the Sunday closest to September 7*

### Sunday, September 8, 2024

Psalms 63:1-8 (9-11), 98 (*morning*)  
Job 25:1-6; 27:1-6  
Rev. 14:1-7, 13  
Matt. 5:13-20  
Psalm 103 (*evening*)

### Monday, September 9, 2024

Psalms 41, 52 (*morning*)  
Job 32:1-10, 19—33:1, 19-28  
Acts 13:44-52  
John 10:19-30  
Psalm 44 (*evening*)

### Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Psalms 45 (*morning*)  
Job 29:1-20  
Acts 14:1-18  
John 10:31-42  
Psalms 47, 48

### Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Psalms 119:49-72 (*morning*)  
Job 29:1; 30:1-2, 16-31  
Acts 14:19-28  
John 11:1-16  
Psalms 49, [53] (*evening*)

### Thursday, September 12, 2024

Psalms 50 (*morning*)  
Job 29:1; 31:1-23  
Acts 15:1-11  
John 11:17-29  
Psalms [59, 60] or 93, 96 (*evening*)

### Friday, September 13, 2024

Psalms 40, 54 (*morning*)  
Job 29:1; 31:24-40  
Acts 15:12-21  
John 11:30-44  
Psalm 51 (*evening*)

### Saturday, September 14, 2024

Psalms 55 (*morning*)  
Job 38:1-17  
Acts 15:22-35  
John 11:45-54  
Psalms 138, 139:1-17 (18-23) (*evening*)

### Sunday, September 15, 2024

Psalms 24, 29 (*morning*)  
Job 38:1, 18-41  
Rev. 18:1-8  
Matt. 5:21-26  
Psalms 8, 84 (*evening*)

## ***Household Prayer: Morning***

Holy God, I thank you for another day,  
whether it brings the sort of happiness for which I always hope  
or the challenges I sometimes fear.  
Each day in your presence is a time  
to notice the marvels of creation that surround me.  
Help me to see them today  
and to move gracefully from one hour to the next,  
in the name of your holy and miraculous ways. Amen.

## ***Household Prayer: Evening***

Giver of all good things,  
you have been at my side,  
beneath, above, and within me all day long,  
and I thank you for your presence.  
I thank you now, as well, that as I grow weary,  
you have given me a place to lay my head.  
Watch over all who sleep this night,  
especially those who have no shelter.  
Guard them and keep all your people in safety, in Jesus' name.  
Amen.