



## BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*With joy and gratitude for all we have been given,  
in token of our lives, we offer our tithes and gifts to God.*

### DOXOLOGY

#### PRAYER

FotW

Generous God, thank you for these gifts  
we bring from your abundance.  
Bless gifts and givers  
to show your love to all those in need  
through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ,  
healer of the sick, advocate of the afflicted,  
provider for the poor. Amen.

#### HYMN

*Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

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#### SENDING

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*Beloved, may God bless you today and all days  
with wisdom that guides you to notice the needs all around you and  
to share in the work of nurturing abundant life for all of God's creation.*

Amen

#### POSTLUDE

*Living for Jesus*

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*She begged him to cast out the demon from her daughter.  
Mark 7:26*

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## **Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures**

*As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary*

**Year B – September 8, 2024**

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### **Scriptures**

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 and Psalm 125  
or Isaiah 35:4-7a and Psalm 146  
James 2:1-17 and Mark 7:24-37

### **Questions for Reflection:** (*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

([http://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/pdf/rc10\\_eng.pdf](http://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/pdf/rc10_eng.pdf)).

What does this mean to you as a person of faith?

How might God call the church to respond to this?

(*Mark 7:24-37*)

Try to recall the first time in your life when you did not retreat in the face of opposition. How is your experience like that of the Syrophenician woman putting her case to Jesus?

Where in your life today is that same courage calling you to speak out?

What could you do this week to move in that direction?

### **Morning Prayers:**

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.

Generous God, you are my maker and I trust in you. Surround me with your favor today that I may hear the cry of those in need and share my resources with the poor; in the excellent name of Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **Evening Prayers:**

Good and constant God, I have endeavored to love my neighbor as myself today. Yet the needs are so great that I find my heart failing and my faith falling short. In your mercy, let the favor of Christ surround me with strength. Restore me as I rest in you. Amen.

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.