Scripture

Matthew 9: 32-38
A demoniac who could not speak was brought to Jesus, and when the demon was driven out the mute man spoke. The crowds were amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He drives out demons by the prince of demons." Jesus went around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom, and curing every disease and illness. At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Our Scripture Reflection
Our priorities are expressed through our actions, how we live our lives. For the Pharisees, maintaining their reputation as teachers, scholars and
protectors of the Law and religious tradition were most important. Unfortunately, this often happened at the expense of helping others, especially the suffering, the outcast and the sinner. Jesus, however, had a totally different priority: Loving ALL of God’s children and serving their needs at all times. We are called as disciples to follow His way.

Food for your Journey

The philosopher W. P. Montague suggested that this question be foremost in our minds every morning: "Are the things that matter most finally at the mercy of the things that matter least?"

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, You put me in this life to love You with my whole heart, soul and mind and to serve the needs of others, especially the least in Your Kingdom. Please give me all the Grace I need to live as You created me to live. Amen