

# Where's Your Chair?

Mark 9 14-29



He shall deliver the poor that cry out, the needy and those who have no helper.  
He shall have pity on the weak and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.  
Psalm 72:12-13

## **Praising:**

Go forth for God; go forth to the world in love;  
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak,  
help the afflicted; richly from above  
his love supplies the grace and power we seek.

## **Reading:**

Mark 9:14-29  
The frustration of the disciples

However hard we pray, however close we try to keep to God's way and will, some things just don't happen as, when and how we want them to happen. Christians from the beginning have had to learn to live with this. Sometimes our prayers, words and actions for Christ will fall flat. Not every situation changes in the way we would like it to change. It was not

in the disciples' power to do everything their Master did. Nor is it in ours. They were not happy with that and nor will we be. The healing of the epileptic child asks us to trust that in the end all healing really does lie with Jesus. As people of faith we must always hold out for that healing. But in the end ultimate authority rests not with us but with God.

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

Lord we pray for the sick

- children and families living with serious medical conditions like epilepsy
- medics, carers and therapists drawing alongside those in need
- ministers of Christ who long for healing but also face dashed hopes and disappointment

Father, as I try to walk every day as a disciple of Christ, I pray for humility and patience to live with being human, and I pray for faith and confidence to trust that you are always divine. Amen

## **Doing:**

Friday, 20 November 2015