

## LABOR IN THE PULPITS

# Labor Day Responsive Reading based on Psalm 146

*Praise be  
to God.*

Leader: Praise be to God.

All: **Praise be to God, O my soul.**

Leader: I will praise God all my life;

All: **I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

Leader: God tells us not to put our trust in princes, in mortal men or women, who cannot save.

All: **Because when their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.**

Leader: Blessed is the one whose help is the God of Jacob and Rachel, whose hope is in the Creator God,

All: **The Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—the Almighty, who remains faithful forever.**

Leader: This Labor Day weekend, we are reminded that God upholds the cause of the oppressed, gives food to the hungry, sets prisoners free.

All: **So how can we, as God's hands on earth, uphold the cause of the oppressed, give food to the hungry, set prisoners free?**

Leader: Our God gives sight to the blind, lifts up those who are bowed down, and loves the righteous.

All: **How too can we give sight to the blind, lift up those bowed down and love the righteous?**

Leader: Our God watches over the immigrant.

All: **We too will treat immigrants with justice and compassion.**

Leader: Our God sustains the orphan and the widow.

All: **We too will help children and seniors without family or support.**

Leader: Our God frustrates the ways of the wicked.

All: **We too will stand up against those who would harm God's people, whether it is within a home, in the community or in the workplace.**

Leader: Our God reigns forever, for all generations.

All: **Praise be to God.**



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