

PATIENCE PRAYER SERVICE

Opening Prayer

God, friend to all who long to see your face,
We gather in anticipation of Advent and the
Celebration of the coming of your son, Jesus.
We wait in patience for that time of great joy;
So we may experience the fullness of your love.
We pray this in the name of Jesus,
The Messiah.
Amen.

First Reading James 1:1-4; Romans 5:35

My brothers and sisters, when you have many kinds of troubles,
You should be full of joy, because you know these troubles test your faith,
And this will give you patience.

We know that these troubles produce patience.
And patience produces character,
And character produces hope.
And this hope will never disappoint us,
Because God has poured out his love to fill our hearts.
Let your patience show itself perfectly in what you do.
Then you will be perfect and complete and will have everything you need.

The Word of the Lord.
R Thanks be to God.

Reflection:

Prayer Response (Based on Psalm 80)

R Lord, we wait in longing, let us see your face.
O Shepherd of Israel, hearken from your throne, shine forth.
Rouse your power, and come to us who wait.
R Lord, we wait in longing, let us see your face.
Once again, O Lord, look down upon us, and see;
Take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted.
R Lord, we wait in longing, let us see your face.

Closing Prayer

Conclude by reciting the Lord's Prayer