

Praying for Patience

(Please respond as prompted, praying the lines in bold.)

God of life: **who calls creation into being by your Living Word; who pours out your Living Spirit upon all flesh.**

Even as you breathed new life into your Son, Jesus Christ, when you raised him from the grave, **today we need to feel your breath of life fill our lungs once again.**

You faithfully bring new life from death, **freshness from what has gone stale, flourishing from what has withered. We need this!**

We see signs of it everywhere – **glimmering reminders of your goodness.**

The world outside our doors is springing to life! **Resurrection on full display wherever we look.**

Lord, in the same way, **we look for the sun of your goodness to warm the frozen soil of our hearts.**

Because sometimes the winter hangs on. Sometimes change is slow in coming. **Sometimes it is hard to be patient.**

Lord, it is hard to wait for _____.
(What are you finding it hard to be patient for today?)

Feeling the weight of yearning, we ask: **Strengthen us when our energy is sapped, guide us when the road ahead is unclear, restore to us the joy of your salvation.**

Practicing a posture of gratitude, we say: **We remember well your goodness, we have come thus far only by your grace, we lean on your help at every step.**

And hoping for what remains frustratingly out of reach, **we continue to wait patiently, declaring in faith:**

I remain confident of this:

***I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.***

***Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord.***

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and evermore shall be. Amen.**

Every Valley (It's Hard To Wait)

From Rain for Roots, *Waiting Songs*

*When you write a letter to a friend
And you don't when
You'll hear back again
Well, it's hard to wait
It's hard to wait
So hard to wait*

*When the one you love
Leaves on a plane
And you know that she'll
Come back someday
It's hard to wait
It's hard to wait
So hard to wait*

*There is gonna be a day
Every low valley He will raise
There is gonna be a day
Hills and mountains gonna be made plain*

*There is gonna be a day
Winding roads gonna be made straight
Comfort, comfort, comfort, comfort
It's hard to wait
So hard to wait*

*When you plant a seed
In the garden bed
But you don't see green
Growing up just yet
Oh, it's hard to wait
It's hard to wait*

*Comfort, comfort, comfort, comfort
It's hard to wait
So hard to wait
There's gonna be a day
But it's hard to wait*