

# Prayer of Invocation

**O God, prepare us, through the active presence of Your Spirit, to come before You worthily and to ask of You rightly; enlighten our understanding; purify our every desire; quicken our wills into instant obedience to Your Word; strengthen every right purpose; direct this hour of worship to the magnifying of Your name, and to the enduring good of us Your children and servants; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# **The Patient Sower (SOWING THE SEED II)**

**Mark 4:26-29**

**We can trust God to keep His promise**

Hebrews 10:23 GNB

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; in  
you I trust, O my God.

Jesus said, “God’s kingdom is like seed thrown on a field by a man who then goes to bed and forgets about it. The seed sprouts and grows—he has no idea how it happens. The earth does it all without his help: first a green stem of grass, then a bud, then the ripened grain. When the grain is fully formed, he reaps—harvest time!

Mark 4:26-29 The Message

For whatever was written was given to us for our learning, that through patience and comfort of the scriptures we might have hope.

~ Romans 15:4

*Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 12b*

What should we do while waiting for God to complete His work?

I planted the seed, Apollos watered the plant, but it was God who made the plant grow. The one who plants and the one who waters really do not matter. It is God who matters, because he makes the plant grow.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7 GNB.



Be patient, then, brothers and sisters,  
until the Lord's coming. See how the  
farmer waits for the land to yield its  
valuable crop, patiently waiting for the  
autumn and spring rains. You too, be  
patient and stand firm, because the  
Lord's coming is near.

James 5:7-8

Therefore the Lord will wait, that He may be gracious to you; And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; Blessed are all those who wait for Him.

Isaiah 30:18 NKJV