



Prayer Poems

Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastsdays
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Waiting, Waiting, Waiting

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“You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” (Lk 12:40)

Advent time we wait for Jesus to arrive as our Savior. In this ordinary time we wait for Jesus to return. What are we doing in this time of waiting? Have you ever thought about the fact that God also waits for each of us?

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Waiting for a Savior was the chosen's people stance. “O come, O come, Emmanuel,” was their song as they longed for a savior, who would set them free.

We, too, wait, but we through many centuries we await for a return of him, who redeemed humanity. He promised us. We believe.

God waits for us to return to him with our whole bodies, minds, hearts and souls. Purification comes to us through our joys and sufferings, testing our deep faith, hope and charity.

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Sometimes we curse God for the tragedies in our lives. He awaits our blessings for our crosses.

There are times when we see and understand our sufferings are blessings in disguise.

Dear Lord, we are not pure, nor perfect. We need your power and strength to make our days a right. In our fast-paced lives we need patience, like the patience of Job. We beg for a deepening of our faith, hope, and charity. Give us humble and contrite hearts like Jesus. Help us to daily practice compassion, mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation. These are the gifts that you, Lord, await patiently from us. Amen

For Reflection and Sharing:

1. What Gift is God waiting from you personally?
2. Which gift or gifts do you find most difficult to obtain in your life?
3. When will you begin to pray and practice for your loving God who waits?
4. Where can you look for guidance?
5. Who might be the best to begin your transformation?
6. Why is it so important you reflect upon the gospel and listen for the Holy Spirit?

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