

Harvesters of Jesus

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The Association of the Harvesters of Jesus was established in order to provide the regular daily spiritual needs of the Little Eden Society. It is firmly believed that without such support, Little Eden would wither.

Love is patient and kind...Love patiently accepts all things. It always trusts, always hopes, and always remains strong.” – Extract from 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Patience may be a word that has gone out of fashion. We live in a world where we can literally get almost anything merely through the push of a button. In fact, it is (in)visible in most people these days – sitting in traffic, standing in a long queue at the bank – our lives are filled with stress and there is no time to be wasted. Ever.

I guess God regards patience as important, as it is listed as one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The more I think about it, the more I am convinced that *patience* is linked directly to *love* and *trust*. The children of LITTLE EDEN are the perfect example: they know that they are loved, nurtured and cared for – therefore they trust completely in their care givers. They wait patiently each day for their meals, for their baths and for their nappies to be changed because they *know* that it *will* happen.

It's when we do not love or trust completely, that we get impatient with those around us - even with God when He doesn't seem to answer our prayers soon enough to our liking! When this happens, we often frantically try to make our own plans instead of just letting Him take care of it for us.

Personally, I think patience is one of the biggest tests we may have to pass (over and over again) in our lives, simply because we are human! However, the closer we are to God, and the more we learn to love and trust Him, the more patience we will find within ourselves.

The next time you find yourself starting to feel impatient, think about what God might be trying to teach you. Just be quiet...listen... and trust.

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Daily prayer for the needs of LITTLE EDEN

Jesus Great Harvester who desires the salvation of all mankind, accept the offering of my life and work in assisting You to help garner the fields for the harvest. Teach me compassion, understanding and love for those most in need. Bless our Association; strengthen the bonds of love and charity amongst us, so that with hearts united we may say "Thy kingdom come". Mary, comfort of the afflicted, pray for us.