

The Year of Harvest

Prayer Guide

Week 6

The Year of Harvest – Eagerly Looking for the Harvest

Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen.

James 5:7-8 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Have you ever lived on a farm, or been in a farm community? There are certain seasons in the life of a farmer. After the tilling of the soil in the spring, and the sowing of the seed, there is a season of patience as they await the coming season of harvest. As the time of harvest approaches, there is an atmosphere of anticipation that invades the whole community. An anticipation that soon the time for the harvest will come. There is an expectation of what will be the reward of their labors during this season. The Scriptures are filled with the exhortations for us to eagerly watch for the precious harvest that will come as a result of God's faithful promise and our diligent labors. There are those that believe that we are entering a season when we will see the greatest harvest for the Kingdom is all of history. As we approach the end of the age, the Lord will bring a harvest that is unprecedented. This anticipation should fill our Christian communities, should fill our churches, should fill our hearts as we look for the valuable harvest to ripen. Just as the farmer is patient in waiting with anticipation, so the Lord calls for us to be patient, and to look eagerly for the harvest that is to come. The word in the greek is to look with expectancy, to fully expect something. Let us continue to be patient as we live a lifestyle of sowing, and a lifestyle of anticipation of God's blessing of Harvest.

Day 1: Praise the Lord that He gives to us the ability to anticipate a plentiful harvest.

Day 2: Give thanks for the promises of God of harvest, because He is faithful to his Word.

Day 3: Ask the Lord to teach you to patiently anticipate the harvest of the seeds that you have sown.

Day 4: Pray for a spirit of anticipation to grow in the hearts of believers as they look for the harvest.

Day 5: Pray for your church to be a place where members are anticipating seeing the harvest of the Lord.

Day 6: Pray for the other churches in your city to not be weary or discouraged in the time of waiting to see the harvest.

Day 7: Pray for the missionaries from your church to be filled with anticipation of the coming harvest.