



## Readings for Evening Worship 6 July 2021

### Psalm 119 vv 81 – 88

My soul languishes for your salvation;

I hope in your word.

My eyes fail with watching for your promise;

I ask, "When will you comfort me?"

For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke,

yet I have not forgotten your statutes.

How long must your servant endure?

When will you judge those who persecute me?

The arrogant have dug pitfalls for me;

they flout your law.

All your commandments are enduring;

I am persecuted without cause; help me!

They have almost made an end of me on earth;

but I have not forsaken your precepts.

In your steadfast love spare my life,

so that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.

### James 5 vv 7 -12

Be patient, then, my friends, until the Lord comes. See how patient farmers are as they wait for their land to produce precious crops. They wait patiently for the autumn and spring rains.

You also must be patient. Keep your hopes high, for the day of the Lord's coming is near.

Do not complain against one another, my friends, so that God will not judge you. The Judge is near, ready to appear.

My friends, remember the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Take them as examples of patient endurance under suffering.

We call them happy because they endured. You have heard of Job's patience, and you know how the Lord provided for him in the end. For the Lord is full of mercy and compassion.

Above all, my friends, do not use an oath when you make a promise. Do not swear by heaven or by earth or by anything else. Say only "Yes" when you mean yes, and "No" when you mean no, and then you will not come under God's judgment.