

# Confession and Assurance – Forgive our Impatience

God of our ancestors and our descendants,  
    promising Abraham and Sarah children at their age just seems mean.  
For them to believe that promise sounds foolish—  
    almost as foolish as expecting that same faithfulness from us.  
That was then, this is now.  
We are not used to waiting.  
If something we want takes too long, we itch to move on to the next thing,  
    even when waiting is important.

Forgive us.  
Forgive our impatience and refusal to believe in what we cannot see.  
Build in us the willingness to hope against hope.  
Help us to value and contribute to a future yet unseen.  
Instill in us a faith to inspire future generations.

*(Pause for silent confession)*

I will always keep the promise I have made to you and your descendants,  
    because I am your God and their God.

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