



| **Tuesday, December 4**

How Many More Days?

*Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and shield.
Our heart is glad in him; because we trust his holy name.
Let your steadfast love, O Lord be upon us, even as we hope in
you.*

Psalm 33:20-22

As the parents of five, we heard many times, "How many more days till Christmas?" They were so eager. We would cross the days of waiting off our calendar to help the children see just how much longer we had to wait. How much longer until Sunday School programs, and tree decorating, and shopping, and special gifts? It is so hard to be patient.

I sometimes feel that way when I pray. It is as though the response to my prayer should fit into my timeline and meet my needs or wishes. As if God answered our requests using our limited understanding of any given situation.

It is so good to be reminded of the words of the Psalmist, calling us to wait patiently, trust completely, and hope, knowing the depth of God's love for each of his children.

Father, we open our hearts to your leading. We are thankful for all of your blessings, even those we don't see or fully understand. Help us to trust that we are always in your loving hands. Our hope is in you. Amen.

- Linda Heath