

Daily Morning Message

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Daily Lectionary Readings: Psalm 146
Isaiah 42:14-21
Colossians 1:9-14

Today's Scripture Verse: *May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from God's glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. (Col 1:11-12)*

What does it mean? In these words, Paul tells the Colossians (and us) that although we are not spared the trials and sorrows of this world, we have received an inheritance of strength that brings light to our darkest days. A few verses later, he describes that lightness of being as our faith that Jesus truly images God's mystery of grace. If this is so, we grow in patience, even in difficult times, knowing that our lives are blessed by God.

Prayers for the day: Today, God, we need patience in abundance. We are more alone than we would like, and a little more fearful than we admit. Protect us and those we love, and encourage us to rest in the trust we feel in Jesus.

