

## Reading and prayer 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God. So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him.

2 Peter 3:8-12a,14-15

Eternal God, God of the past, the present and the future, we praise You that You are the same yesterday, today and forever. We thank You that our lives are in Your hands. We thank You for Your patience with us, when we are so impatient. Forgive us when we try to hurry You or pre-empt Your will. Help us to make 'every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with You'. Amen.