

## Reading and prayer 31st August 2021

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

Ecc 3:1-8

Eternal God, you control time and space. Thank you that everything we do is in your hands. We know that everything has its time and place, yet sometimes we react negatively when something happens that we don't like. Help us, Lord, to accept your timings, whether that involves tears or laughter, speaking or silence, mourning or dancing. Amen.

