

# The Faith-Filled Catholic Women's Bible Study Program

## Participant's Worksheet

Patience

Insert P-1 through P-4

You can prepare for the discussion about the theme **Patience** by thinking about how you might answer the following questions:

What little inconveniences in life try my patience? (traffic, lines, etc.)

What secrets do I have to keeping your patience when it is tried?

Do I think God has patience with me? When and how is God's patience most evident?

Am I indebted to someone who is waiting on me for something?

How patient am I with anyone who may be in debt to me (even if only emotionally)?

How patient am I in waiting for repayment of a favor?

How patient am I in waiting for the fulfillment of a promise?

How patient am I in waiting for or an apology after a disagreement?

What are some instances where my patience was tried and rewarded?

What is one instance in my life when God's answer to my prayer was not what I expected or did not happen when I hoped it would?

**Group Prayer** - My intentions for group prayer this week:

### Closing Prayer

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, in full confidence that You answer all our prayers, we come forward today to light a candle as a symbol of our faith in You. May the light of Your love burn in our hearts as we offer up our intentions to You today . . . (Each woman comes forward to light a candle after which she **enters aloud her individual intentions**. After the last participant has lit her candle, **all pray together:** Give us a patient heart to wait for the answers to our prayers according to the schedule You choose and the ability and willingness to recognize the answers You send. May the light of Christ shine in our lives. Amen.

**My Personal Response in Patience for this week** – Remove one temptation to sin that you know God has been patiently waiting for you to remove from your life. Pray for the strength to keep it away every day.

Other Scripture on **Patience**:

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (Page 744 OT) \* 1 Thessalonians 5:14 (Page 308 NT)

1 Timothy 6:11 (Page 318 NT) \* Galatians 5:22 (Page 1283 NT) \* Hebrews 6:12 (Page 336 NT)