

## NOW

They're calling for the borders to open, Father.

It's affecting the economy;  
It's preventing the football from restarting;  
It's affecting people's mental health.  
And anyway,  
It's no longer necessary.  
People are not getting sick.  
We must be over it.  
We need to get back to normal.

They may be right—  
They may not.  
Who can know what the consequences will be?  
We have trusted our leaders,  
Because they see the big picture;  
They have the plan.

But we are impatient people.  
We do not like our lifestyle restricted;  
We want what makes us happy;  
We expect the freedom to do what we want to do—  
Now.

I think sometimes I'm impatient in my faith, Father.  
I prayed for the drought to break—  
Now.  
I prayed for the bushfires to be halted—

Now.

I prayed that I would get a job—

Now.

I prayed for the child to be made well—

Now.

I prayed for my friend to find you—

Now.

I prayed for world leaders to work together in peace—

Now.

How much longer must I wait?

How much longer?

How long ... ?

Help me, Father,

To trust you.

Because you see the big picture;

You have the plan.

I will wait.

Help me to be patient—

(Now ...)

*Relent, LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants. Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. (Psalm 90: 13–14, NIV)*