

Psalm 85:1-2,8-13

- 1** You, LORD, showed favor to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 2** You forgave the iniquity of your people
and covered all their sins. [
- 8** I will listen to what God the LORD says;
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—
but let them not turn to folly.
- 9** Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10** Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- 11** Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.
- 12** The LORD will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.
- 13** Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.

In this time of waiting, we are reminded to listen.

Listen to the promises. Listen to the love. Listen to faithfulness. Listen to righteousness and listen to peace. We are often too impatient and want everything right at once. But this is not what always happens. Love and faithfulness will join together, and we will be given what we need when we need it. We pray that as we walk in our faith during Advent, that we take the time to listen. Listen to our spouses, children, friends and family. While we are looking for instant answers and guidance, we know that as faithful servants, we must have patience to listen to all that God has promised.

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