Gentle and Patient

I have been a Christian for over 60 years, and
my loving Father continues to work with me on this issue:
 the way I treat individuals
 all day, every day.

I'm talking about the people with whom I interact
 in my home,
 on the roads, and
 everywhere I go.

Compared to everyone else,

I am generally a pleasant and courteous person.

But God and I know that

I am not always gentle, and I am not always patient. My attitude is not always right.

He wants me to be more like His Son,

Jesus.

I want that, too.

Father, constantly give me the mind and Spirit of Jesus.

Deliver me from all that is less than

His kindness, His gentleness, His patience

toward each person I encounter.

Each one matters to You.

May each one matter to me, too.

Hymn: Gentle and Patient

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