

## *Longing vs. Languishing*

When we stop  
longing,  
we languish.

Longing is desire  
and yearning;  
languishing is  
lethargy.

Longing impels us  
forward;  
languishing, we feel  
stuck.

Longing looks far  
beyond;  
languishing blurs  
our vision.

Longing is moving  
and stimulating;  
languishing is resting  
and enervating.

Languishing pores over  
the plans;  
longing completes  
the project.

Languishing lolls around,  
perusing;  
longing lunges forth,  
perspiring.

Languishing lingers,  
looking at  
the landscape;  
longing is eager  
to finish  
the journey.

Languishing is satisfied  
with modest gains;  
longing is impatient  
with trifling accomplishments.

The cement of relationships  
is longing;  
the mortar crumbles  
when we just  
languish.

The psalmist defines the church  
as a people that *longs*  
to see God's face;  
will we merely  
*languish*?

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