



# REFLECTIONS

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**"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me... And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."**

*Matthew 28:18, 20*

## I'll Pray for You

Words I heard almost every time I told someone of my upcoming surgery. One of them, whom I thought was not a believer, even added, "Prayer works, you know."

Indeed, it does. I sit here now writing to you out there to tell you that your prayers were heard. And I thank you for them. Even those one-time prayers that may not have sounded like prayers at all were indeed heard by our loving God. "I'll pray for you."

I have never considered those words of promise as a prayer until now. I'm ashamed to tell you that I have promised to pray many times and then forgotten to carry out my promise. But I believe God hears them anyway.

*"I am with you always,"* Jesus promises with authority. He hears every word. And even though the prayer may have never been said, He heard those simple words of intent as your request for surgical success to remove a potentially deadly growth from my body.

I thank you for saying them and give God the glory for hearing them.

As one long-time friend wrote to me, "God is good—All the time."

*"You are the light of the world,"*

*Richard* +

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