



Archy



“And pray in the Spirit in all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.” Ephesians 6:18

Have you encountered someone who is alert and always keeps on praying for all the saints? It is a beautiful thing, isn't it?

About four years ago, an elderly gentleman from our church contacted us. We knew who he was, but weren't that well acquainted. He mentioned that he felt a calling to pray for young boys, and had spent years praying for a boy who was just then graduating from high school. As he watched this young man go off to college, he wanted to begin a new relationship and asked if he could be pray for our son, Trevor, who was then six years old.

Of course we said, “YES”. It is a decision that we have obviously never regretted, and it has enriched our lives.

He hasn't had much regular contact with Trevor, but sends him a Christmas card and a Birthday card each year. He has come to watch him perform in a few dramas, and welcomes every email update we send his way.

While we have known that he was always praying for Trevor, he wanted to ensure that Trevor was reminded of this as well, so he made him a special gift and presented it to him at Afterthoughts this past Wednesday evening. Knowing that Trevor is fascinated with prehistoric animals, he created a beautiful wooden hand carving of “Archaeopteryx” or, as he calls him, “Archy”:-). Trevor loves it, and couldn't wait to mount it on the wall beside his bed.

This gentleman is a retired social worker. He is now 81, and is dealing daily with his wife's health issues and her battle with Alzheimer's. Despite these challenges, and in spite of the fact that his life has already been very full of ministry, he continues to reach out to others and my son will never forget him.

As we hit the lazy days of summer I thought I share this story to challenge us all to continue to be faithful: to “be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints”.

*Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders... 8 And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding **golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. (Revelations 5:6-8)***

Blessings to you today,

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