



# Prayer Poems

Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastsdays  
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## Prayer Priority

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*“But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven,  
nor the Son, but only the Father.”*  
(Mark 14:32)

#### Prayer Priority

Tribulation time awaits us.

Only the Father knows.

How will we prepare?

Will it sneak up on us, find us unaware?

Media can be a measure, a thermometer  
telling us what we really treasure,  
measuring through the years  
the signs of our times.

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Sister Juliemarie McDonald joined the Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio in 1951. She holds an MA in English Studies from John Carroll University MA in Scripture from St. Charles Seminary. After 32 years of teaching classes ranging from first grade to college level, she then became a researcher, campus minister, director of religious education and a pastoral minister in Mease Hospital in Dunedin, Florida. In her semi-retirement, Sister Juliemarie writes reflections and faith sharing sessions for the young sisters in formation in Africa, Philippines, Korea, India and the USA. Her spare time is spent as a crafter.



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*“Be watchful! Be alert!”*

(Mark 13:33a)

How will we be ready?

How will we prepare?

Do we even care?

Paul, once a terrorist, now God’s saintly son

advises all of us to pray.

In fact he tells us “pray always,”

Prayer prepares us for that day.

So on his blessed authority,

let’s make prayer our priority.

Adore our God,

Confess our sins,

Thank God for all glorious deeds,

then ask with a child-like heart; ask with a deep trust for all your needs.

### For Reflection and Sharing:

1. How will the virtue of hope conquer fear of end times?
2. Besides prayer, how can we personally be on guard and alert for its coming?
3. When do we notice the clock ticking, alerting humankind?
4. What is your hope for the future?
5. Why will the poor, needy and oppressed play a major part in the “ticking of the end-time clock”?

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**Angelo** April 9, 2013 at 11:57 pm



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Admittedly, I don't come to this thread as often as I should and I have recently decided that is going to change. In any case, I want to ask for prayers for a friend of mine. This girl's story is just amazing and so inspiring to me. First she had a son that was born at 24-25 weeks and survived! Through lots of faith and prayers he is one of the cutest things ever and had he been born when he was due would have been born right around the same time as my little guy. Anyway, because of this she could not have more children but had so much love to give, they adopted a little boy from China. Most of the time you hear about adoptions from China they are girls because you know how that culture values girls not. But this little boy has special needs so he was also in need of some loving parents as well. He has some sort of hip problem and has just gone through another surgery just last week this one being more invasive and hard on him than the previous ones. His name is JiaHao and I swear he is so darn cute my husband and I look at the pictures and seriously consider adopting another one if he could be as full of happiness and joy as this little guy. Not sure if this picture is accessible as it's from Facebook but either way, you can take my word for it. Anyway, here is the latest request for prayers after he's gotten a staph infection at the hospital. Thanks all, I really appreciate it. Prayers Needed for JiaHao's Infection Hello All, Over the past few days JiaHao has developed a staff infection from his time at the hospital (with a weak immune system). His poor little body is covered in sores and under his cast. He is in a lot of discomfort and is itching. It is very contagious and so that brings challenges for our family as well. We are doing our best to help him as the medicines start to work. Please pray for him and for us. This is not what we had hoped for after surgery. We are just learning exactly what kind of staff infection he has. Pray that the antibiotics that they gave him are the correct ones so we can get this taken care of. Pray especially for JiaHao's itching and the cast discomfort. Also that Brett, Mark and I would not get the infection. Thank you for praying for us, The Moyers

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**Sr. Juliemarie McDonald, SND** April 12, 2013 at 9:52 am



April 12, 2013 Dear Angelo, I myself have been ill. I want you to know part of my illness was suffering with itching. Your response confirms I have been suffering with and for Jiahao. Praise God! I will continue now in my daily prayers for this special little boy. Tell your friend to thank God for his goodness and his provident care. Sr. Juliemarie

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