Father, Glorify Yourself through This Need

[Jesus replied,] "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" (John 12:27-28, NIV)

When some current concern stirs up our anxieties, we desperately pray for deliverance.We beg God to take away the need.Sometimes He is glad to do so and removes it quickly.Sometimes He does not.

Do you want a prayer that God will always answer and always grant? Pray this: *Father, glorify Yourself through this need.* Express your concerns to Him simply and honestly, but make His glory the focus of your prayer. When God is glorified in the eyes of people – that is, when they see how loving and beautiful and wonderful He is – the good far outweighs the meeting of the one immediate need.

Remember, Jesus teaches us that when we come to God, we are to pray this way: Our Father, high above us in heaven, may **Your** name be glorified, may **Your** kingdom come, and may **Your** will be done here on earth, just as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:9-10, para.)

> The glory of God is the greatest possible good in every situation. Always pray for His glory above all – that is, that He will use that circumstance to show how great and good and present He is.

Hymn: Father, We Come

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