

“After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven....”

Matthew 6:9-10

My father-in-law passed away last year at age 90. Dr. David Aiken, Sr., practiced medicine in New Orleans, Louisiana, for more than forty years. This was *after* a distinguished career as an Air Force flight surgeon. Among his many accomplishments, he prided himself for performing the northernmost craniotomy in known medical history while stationed at Thule (pronounced too-lee) Air Base in Greenland.

The base is 750 miles *north* of the Arctic Circle. When an Inuit was accidentally shot in the head, Lt. Col. Aiken and his guide had to mush their dogsled dozens and dozens of miles toward the North Pole to reach the dying man. It was there in the harshest operating conditions imaginable where Dr. Aiken surgically saved the man's life.

A blinding snowstorm halted their return midway, however, so my esteemed father-in-law became the only man I will ever know who built an igloo and spent the night in its cold comfort. Surely, God's own hand was guiding Dr. Aiken's hands all the way in every way.

Dave was a life-long humble Christian man who graciously shared his wisdom. One thing he taught me was to end every prayer with *Thy will be done*. That, he said, shows our knowledge that God has a plan; demonstrates our humility of acceptance; and, perhaps most importantly, acknowledges that every prayer will be answered as God intends. Amen, Dr. Aiken, Amen.

Father God, Grant us the wisdom to know that You are in charge, that You are everywhere and that You have a plan for each of us—and it is good. In Christ's name we pray, Thy will be done. Amen.

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