



# Weekly Devotion

## Weekly Devotion for May 27

### *The Post-It Note*

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*“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find.” – Matthew 7:7*

At one point in my career, I worked in a small, three-person office. My boss, MaryLee, was a devout Catholic and, like me, the mother of three grown daughters. We grew close during the time I worked for her, and often we would share our life experiences — both good and bad.

One morning, she confided that her oldest daughter, Kathy, and her husband were expecting their first child and had been told there was a fifty-fifty chance the baby could be born with an abnormality. She asked me to keep her daughter in my prayers. So, for the next month or more, I asked God to watch over Kathy and give her strength and courage; and, if it was his will, to allow her the joy and peace that accompanies the birth of a healthy baby.

Then, one Monday morning, MaryLee, who had been a bit down in the dumps the previous few weeks, greeted me with a cheerful ‘good morning’ and a smile as wide as Texas as I tossed my purse in the corner and sat down at my desk. Then I noticed it — a bright red Post-it stuck to my computer screen. With a questioning look, I glanced up at her. She met my gaze with a grin and an aura of grandmotherly pride as she announced, “Kathy gave birth on Saturday morning to a beautiful, perfect little baby girl!”

As I wiped away tears, I read the Post-it note. It said simply, “Thank you for the prayers!”

I’ve kept that now-faded note for thirty years, tucked away in a pocket of my wallet both as a small reminder of our friendship and a constant and compelling testament to the power of prayer.

Journaling:

At what points in your life have you asked a friend for prayers?

By doing so, did you feel your burdens shared and your fears eased?

