

Ephesians 3:20 - Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly more than we can ask or even imagine according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory in Christ Jesus and the church, both now and forevermore.

Most anyone who knows me well has likely heard me quote this verse multiple times. It is because I have seen the truth of these holy words manifested more times than I can count. This verse came to mind after I received and shared with our prayer team a request to pray for a little nine-year-old Texas girl named Sophia, who would be undergoing brain surgery to correct a serious congenital disorder that caused her to have several strokes. Sophia's only request was that she wanted ten thousand people to pray for her.

To Sophia, the number ten thousand represents everyone. In fact, this number is mentioned about 45 times in the Bible and indicates totality. Sophia wanted everyone who believes in Jesus to pray for her to be healed. Can you imagine how the heart of God was touched by the prayer of this child?

He set in motion an amazing sequence of events as Texas Congressman Jodey Arrington set up an online petition for people to sign and Governor Greg Abbott endorsed it. A call from Sophia's mother to the White House comment line resulted in her request coming before President Trump. White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders made a special announcement at a press briefing, delivering a personal message from President Trump, that Sophia should "keep fighting, never give up, keep inspiring us all, and never lose faith in God. With Him, all things are possible."

Sophia's surgery went beautifully and she is making a rapid recovery. But what makes her the most happy is that people are praying together. This little girl's simple request for ten thousand prayers has caused the President and the U.S. Congress to come together in a spirit of unity, calling on us to have faith in our God, with whom all things are possible. This is exceedingly abundantly more than Sophia - or any of us - could ask or even imagine.

Today, if you are wondering if God has heard your prayers, know that even before you call, He has answered; while you are still speaking, He has heard. Sophia's story is a testimony of childlike faith in Jesus, the Lord who heals us. No matter your age or circumstances, choose today to become like a child, trusting in the goodness of our Heavenly Father.

Sophia asked for 10,000 prayers - and she has 10,000 reasons to praise God, which to her is every reason. Many of you know the Matt Redmon song, 10,000 Reasons. Let's sing it together now.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name;  
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger, your name is great and your heart is kind;  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name;  
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.  
AMEN.

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