### **Prayers**

We found some prayers by his lamp stand, which he prayed at least twice a day. Published here are a number of these prayers

#### **Prayer to help others**

LORD HELP ME TO LIVE BY COMPASSION, EMPATHY. AND SERVICE IN ORDER TO BEST PUT THE WELFARE OF OTHERS ABOVE MY OWN DESIRES. M&KE ME MORE COMPASSIONATE, O LORD. THAT I MIGHT ACTUALLY WANT TO HELP THE PEOPLE AROUND ME. MAKE ME MORE EMPATHETIC, O LORD, THAT I MIGHT PUT MYSELF IN THEIR SHOES AND KNOWN BEST HOW TO SERVE THEM. MAKE ME MORE SERVILE, O LORD, THAT WITH MY MIND AND BODY I MAY DO THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. ALL OF THESE THINGS I ASK IN THE NAME OF JESUS, OUR LORD AND SAVIOR. AMEN.

## **Christian commitment: My colors**

I AM PART OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE UNASHAMED. I HAVE HOLY SPIRIT POWER. THE DIE HAS BEEN CAST. I HAVE STEPPED OVER THE LINE. THE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE.

#### I AM A DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST.

I WON'T LOOK BACK, LET UP, SLOW DOWN, BACK AWAY, OR BE STILL. MY PAST IS REDEEMED, MY PRESENT MAKES SENSE, MY FUTURE IS SECURE. I'M FINISHED AND DONE WITH LOW LIVING, SIGHT WALKING, SMALL PLANNING, SMOOTH KNEES, COLORLESS DREAMS, TAMED VISIONS, MUNDANE TALKING, CHEAP LIVING, AND DWARFED GOALS.

### I AM A DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST

I NO LONGER NEED PREEMINENCE, PROSPERITY, POSITION, PROMOTIONS, PLAUDITS, OR POPULARITY. I DON'T HAVE TO BE RIGHT, FIRST, TOPS, RECOGNIZED, PRAISED, REGARDED, OR REWARDED. I NOW LIVE BY FAITH, LEAN ON HIS PRESENCE, WALK BY PATIENCE, LIFT BY PRAYER, AND LABOR BY POWER.

### I AM A DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST

MY FACE IS SET, MY GAIT IS FAST, MY GOAL IS HEAVEN, MY ROAD IS NARROW, MY WAY ROUGH, MY COMPANIONS FEW, MY GUIDE RELIABLE, MY MISSION CLEAR. I CANNOT BE BOUGHT, COMPROMISED, DETOURED. LURED AWAY. TURNED BACK, DELUDED, OR DELAYED. I WILL NOT FLINCH IN THE FACE OF SACRIFICE, HESITATE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ADVERSARY, NEGOTIATE AT THE TABLE OF THE ENEMY, PONDER AT THE POOL OF POPULARITY, OR MEANDER IN THE MAZE OF MEDIOCRITY.

## I AM A DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST

I WON'T GIVE UP. SHUT UP, LET UP. UNTIL I HAVE STAYED UP, STORED UP. PRAYED UP, PAID UP, AND PREACHED UP FOR THE CAUSE OF CHRIST. I MUST GO TILL HE COMES, GIVE TILL I DROP, PREACH TILL ALL KNOW, AND WORK TILL HE STOPS ME. AND WHEN HE COMES FOR HIS OWN, HE WILL HAVE NO PROBLEMS RECOGNIZING ME - MY BANNER WILL BE CLEAR. "FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OE CHRIST" (ROMANS 1:16)

# I AM A DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST

### 1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast b, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

KECHUKWY ONWYZUPIKO DAWY PRAYER

### Other prayers found scribbled on different pieces of paper on his night stand include:

- Help my heart to be fertile soil that accepts the seed that is your word;
  help me to patiently care for and nurture your words that it may bear fruit.
- Give me the grace to have a greater appreciation of all that you have blessed me with, from the ordinary to the extraordinary at ALL times in my life
- Lord give me the gifts of the Holy Spirit that you wish for me, and help me to use the ones I directly have; I pray also that you strengthen those. I know that unless I have received the gifts I cannot do your work.
- Open my heart above all things to genuine love for my neighbors. I need desperately your grace to do this
- Lord help me shower in faith with the trials and challenged in my life so that spiritual exercises will strengthen my faith. For when I am weak you make me strong.
- And help me to pray about EVERYTHING that I need help with, protect me and my car as I drive
- Give me the grace lord to also acquire wisdom, street smart and common sense.

"Being a Christian isn't just following the commandments; it means being in Christ, thinking like Him, loving like Him. It means letting Him take possession of our lives and change them, transform them, free them from the darkness of evil and sin."

#### **Pope Francis**

The only way one can do this is by daily prayers and reading of the word of God---The Bible