

“A Healing Story – Remembered”

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Yesterday Elizabeth’s mother and father went on a special trip to New York City for their anniversary, so it was Elizabeth’s Aunt Gertrude who tucked her into bed last night and they had a nice bed time chat.

“It was fun to help cook supper with you Aunt Gertrude!” said Elizabeth as she stood up on her bed. “But I’m still not sure that I like the kind of food that you ate when you were a little girl with mommy. Maybe someday I’ll go to Tanzania again and you can go too.”

“That would be very nice, child.” said Aunt Gertrude.



“And thank you again for my beautiful bed you gave me! I’m glad you live with us now!” And Elizabeth gave Aunt Gertrude a big hug.

But when she did that, Aunt Gertrude kind of jerked away. It was not because she does not love her niece, but because even though it has been months since her life saving neck surgery, sometimes her neck will give an unexpected twitch.

“Oh! I’m sorry!” gasped Elizabeth. “Did I hurt your neck?”

“Oh, no child. I just got a little twitch. My neck is all better, thanks to Barabas and Nurse Fran.”

“I always hoped that you and Barabas could be friends.” smiled Elizabeth knowingly.

“It’s time for your prayers now.” So Elizabeth climbed back out of bed and stood beside Aunt Gertrude and said her prayers aloud.

**Dear God**

**Thank you for the food we eat.  
Thank you for the friends we meet.  
Thank you for my family sweet.**

**Guide me safely through the night.  
Wake me with the morning light.  
Keep me strong with all your might.**

**God bless mommy and daddy and Aunt Gertrude and Barabas and Running Chairs and Sam.  
Thank you for this beautiful day, even though it is still raining and cold.**

**Thank you for healing my aunt's neck last spring. Amen.** Now you say a prayer Aunt Gertrude.

This is Aunt Gertrude's prayer: **Dear God, thank you unceasingly for Barabas and for Nurse Fran and for Elizabeth, for all three brought your healing into my life. Amen.**

Sunday morning, when Elizabeth and her aunt go to Pastor Ed's church, they will participate in the healing service. When they go up to receive Communion, Pastor Ed will place his hoofs on each person's head and will anoint them with oil.



Aunt Gertrude will say a prayer of thanksgiving for Barabas, because he donated some of the special growing thread from the scar on his face for Aunt Gertrude's transplant and Nurse Fran, who was at the right place at the right time and made the connection about the special growing threads. You see, without either of them Aunt Gertrude would have died. She is forever grateful.

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