

While Job, with the gracious help of God, handled well the death of his children and his own impending death, he still had questions in his mind of why – why these grievous afflictions in life and why now at this point in his life? Some of his friends made a vain attempt to help him answer these questions. They suggested that God was punishing him for some grievous sin in his life. They couldn't have been further from the truth. As Christians we knew that because Jesus was punished for all of our sins, God wouldn't be punishing us for our transgressions. Paul makes this beautiful declaration in his letter to the Romans concerning this, saying, "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus..." (Rom. 8:1)

From the book of Job we know that Satan was behind it all, intending to use all these trials and tribulations to turn Job against God so that he would stop believing in Him and lose the hope of heaven. We also know from Holy Scripture that the curse of sin has brought all manner of problems and woes into this world to afflict us. In the case of Job and all believers, we understand that God in His infinite wisdom, goodness, and mercy uses all the many trials and tribulations in life to draw us ever closer to Him, strengthening us in our faith so that we never lose our hold on eternal life. It is important for us to ever keep in mind that everything God does in the governance of our lives is always carried out so that His eternal plan, purpose, and will is accomplished for us, namely that when we come to the end of our days in this world, we all go home to heaven. Knowing this, helps us to say to the heavenly Father concerning all the dealing in our lives, Your will be done.

Since God brought to perfect completion His eternal will and plan for Tari by receiving her into the eternal habitations of heaven through Jesus Christ, we thank and praise God's holy name. And we say to Him concerning ourselves, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen