WWT Board of Directors Opening Devotion—Psalm 139:16 Brandon K. Mann October 17, 2024

As many of you know, we said goodbye, for now, as my mother went home to be with the Lord. Thank you all for your messages and prayers of love and support. I can hear Mom saying, "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!" As we celebrated my Mother's homegoing service, I was reminded that God made each of us on purpose, with a purpose.

In Psalm 139:16 we are told that God authored our lives and that the paths we walk each day have eternal significance.

Mom was a registered nurse who went on to become commercial pilot in the 1970s and 80s. Let that sink in! However, rather than focusing on being one of the very few female captains, she was focused on the development and implementation of "Lifeguard" flights with my Dad who was a pediatrician.

True pioneers, Mom's aviation expertise matched with Dad's medical expertise enabled them to transport critically ill newborn infants from rural areas to Tier 1 pediatric ICUs, often in less than desirable weather conditions.

Many precious infant lives were saved through Mom and Dad's efforts, as they used their God-given talents to serve others and advance His Kingdom. Some of those infants they saved came to Mom's funeral, including one who is now a doctor!

As surprising as this story seems to us, Psalm 139 reminds us that none of this was a surprise to God. Each of us has been made on purpose, with purpose.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for blessing each of us with a purpose to serve others. Just as my mother and father did in protecting and preserving infant lives by using the gifts that you gave them, please help each of us at WWT to do the same. Guide us and reveal to us how we may advance your Kingdom here on earth, as it is in heaven. With humble respect for all faiths and backgrounds, I pray this in Jesus' name. AMEN