

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:6

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Don and I were married in 1969. That immediately gave me a new occupation, Air Force Wife.

In 1974, we moved to Washington State. This was our first move into military base housing and already our 3<sup>rd</sup> assignment. Don was given TDY which became a familiar acronym (temporary duty); I proceeded to unpack boxes and care for our 8-week old baby and 2 ½ year toddler. Neighbors were friendly and helpful. A neighbor invited me to a Ladies Bible Study where Philippians was being studied. Over the weeks, I met beautiful friends and settled into base housing.

One day, preparing for the next weekly bible study at my kitchen table, I noticed the contact paper that I had put on the cabinets was not sticking. The cabinets were old and scraped which made me upset. Trying not to obsess, I went back to my reading In Philippians. Underlined was Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God.

WOW!! OK God, you have my attention! So I prayed that God would allow me to be thankful for my new home and my family, and not to be worried about little things. The next day, there was a knock on my door from the civil engineers on our base. They advised me that they were going to remove the old kitchen cabinets and replace them with new ones. That was not a coincidence. God listened to me. He confirmed that I needed to come to Him for *anything!* I am so thankful for so many things but, most of all, thankful that I have access to Him who loves me.

*Prayer:* Thank you, Jesus, for hearing my prayers to you. Thank you for listening and help me to continue communication with you. Your servant.

-Submitted by Gerrie McSwain for the Twentieth Reading of Lent.