

## **Scripture Reading: Psalm 144:4**

*Man is like a mere breath; His days are passing like a shadow*

Almost twenty years ago, a business colleague shared this message with me, and it had such an impact it is still in my files and memory today:

"To realize the value of a sister, ask someone who doesn't have one

To realize the value of ten years, ask a newly divorced couple

To realize the value of four years, ask a graduate

To realize the value of a year, ask a student who failed a final exam

To realize the value of nine months, ask a mother who gave birth to a stillborn

To realize the value of one month, ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby

To realize the value of one week, ask an editor of a weekly publication

To realize the value of an hour, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet

To realize the value of one minute, ask a person who missed the train, bus, or plane

To realize the value of one second, ask a person who has survived an accident

To realize the value of one millisecond, ask the person who won Olympic silver

To realize the value of a friend, lose one

Time waits for NOBODY...treasure every moment you have...you will treasure them, even more when you share them with someone special."

Prayer: Dear LORD, thank you for the gift of life you have given me and help me realize how special it is to share your grace with others

~ Submitted by Drew Prusiecki for the Thirty-First Reading of Lent