

Dr. Awitan sent the following message and I thought you might like to read it, therefore I am sending it on to those on my email list since not all of you receive mail from Dr. Awitan.
I pray you will learn a profitable lesson from the prayer. - Patrick Henry



I reflected back on 2002 and realized it was again a very difficult year for many people. For that I am deeply saddened. As I struggled to find the words that would give you comfort in these times, I remembered a prayer that was enclosed with a Christmas card that a friend had sent me, and include it here. I'm not certain who wrote this. If you know the author please let me know.

A BEAUTIFUL PRAYER

***I asked God to take away my habit. God said, No.
It is not for me to take away, but for you to give up***

***I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. God said, No.
His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary.***

***I asked God to grant me patience. God said, No.
Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned.***

***I asked God to give me happiness. God said, No.
I give you blessings, happiness is up to you.***

***I asked God to spare me pain. God said, No.
Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to Me.***

***I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, No.
You must grow your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.***

***I asked God for all of the things I might enjoy in life. God said, No.
I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.***

***I asked God to help me LOVE OTHERS, as much as He loves me. God said,
Ahhh, FINALLY YOU HAVE THE IDEA! This day is yours, don't throw it***

away.

May God Bless you and keep you and those you love. Call God often and if you don't get an immediate response try again. In this world we live in it would seem reasonable to realize that God may get busy sometimes. May 2003 bring you health, happiness, prosperity and may peace reign on earth for all people.

Most sincerely,
Dr. Ariston P. Awitan,Jr.

To the world you are just one person, but to one person you just may be the world.