



## **The Longest Hour: The Story of My Son, A Soon-to-be Saint, and a Miracle, Part I**

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“This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God,  
that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

- John 11:4

### **Reflective Questions**

1. How may the son of God be glorified through what you are going through, and through your suffering and crosses?
2. When Bonnie found herself pregnant surprisingly, she had a conversation with the Lord and she affirmed that she believed this baby was a gift, and that God had a purpose for this baby, but that she was going to need Him to provide for her and their family. Have you been able to have this type of conversation with God about what you're going through? Have you tried to notice the true and beautiful things that may exist in your suffering, and also asked God for what you absolutely need to carry your cross?
3. How has God showed up for you in big ways in the last few weeks, or in the last year? Even if you don't feel His presence with you right now and today, it can help to look back at the times that you did feel His presence, and to remind yourself of His faithfulness to you.

4. Have you heard of Blessed Fulton Sheen before? Can make some time in the next few weeks to look up his videos on youtube and listen to his preaching? If you feel called to look into another saint during this time, try to intentionally keep that saint in your mind in the next few weeks and call on their intercession to pray for you and your intentions.
  
5. When Bonnie's son was born and she prayed for Fulton Sheen's intercession, she says she needed him to "fill the gap" for her. She needed him to pray for the things she couldn't pray for herself at that minute. This is how you can call upon the saints for you. Which saint are you most in need of to be with you on your healing journey?