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Dear Jesus, You didn't follow an easy Road, either, when you lived and died to save us, and to give us life with You in Heaven. Please help us be willing to do "hard things" for You, especially those things that will be helpful for You and Your kingdom; according to Your Will; to always be Thankful for everything, whether it is very difficult or not. Amen.

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