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He didn’t stop and fold his hands; he didn’t kneel. He just prayed one Hail Mary as he was jogging.

A week later he was jogging around the same neighborhood; he heard this woman call out but he kept running. He didn’t know her. She said, “No, you!” He stopped, “Me?” She said, “Yeah, you ... You saved my life.” He said, “I’m sorry, ma’am, I don’t think we know each other.” She said, “No, I recognize your face. Last week, I was sick. I was rushed to the hospital and I was dying. I knew I was dying. Jesus appeared to me. He held out His hand ... and your face was on the palm of His hand. He said to me, “You were going to die, but because of the prayer of this man you’re going to live.”

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