I'm 60 today!

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Today is one of firsts.

- The most obvious (+ the reason for this note) is that it's the first year of my 60s (duh, it's the first DAY of my 60s). We'll see how that goes. 😊
- I also don't recall ever waking up and writing out a prayer for the next year — or decade. (Maybe when I turned 50??) Of course there's that whole memory thing when you get old. 😅 (that's supposed to be a laughing emoji!)
- And I woke up w/ the crazy idea to read all the Chapter 60s in the Bible. I thought there were at least 3, but nope. Only Psalms and Isaiah. 😊
- Then I read the intro and first chapter of "Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers." (Dane Ortlund) Thank you, Anna, for the excellent recommendation.

My friend Betsy gave me the best advice I could've been given as I inwardly tried not to fret about entering my 60s. Betsy probably didn't realize her short text message was "advice," but it resonated in my heart. A week ago she texted me:

> Enjoy your last week of the 50's!
> The 60's are even better!!

How's that for putting things in perspective?

★ THE 60S ARE EVEN BETTER!! ★

I'm going to remember that.

The 60s are even better.

So far, so good. (insert another laugh emoji)

And because I love commemorating big occasions, I logged into Canva and whipped out some special ~~sh~~ stationery.

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And here's another first – the first handwritten prayer of my 60s:

Holy Father,
You are great + gracious, gentle + loving, wise + wonderful. You want the best for me, and I don't even know what that is!

I'm trusting You to show me the best, help me grab onto it, embrace it + fiercely protect it.

May I go gently and humbly into the next decade of my life, with You at the helm.

Take the reins, Father, and don't let me veer off path, to the right or to the left.

But when I inevitably DO veer to the right or the left, course-correct me with Your loving guidance, with Your gentle reminders, and with an extra dose of wisdom in my heart — so maybe I won't have to relearn that lesson. ☺

Grant me wisdom, grace, mercy + kindness, Father. You know I need all ~~th~~ of them.

Bless me with good friends, good books, good sense and lots of time with You.

I love you,
Your Child