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## *"Would you Consider Becoming A Donor For Me.."*

CPMC Transplant Services has reached out to let me know that there have been a few who applied to be considered as donors for me and for others in the same situation. So far, most are not a match - but I trust that with your help, it is out there. THANK YOU to those who shared my appeal and have applied.

I wonder what many of you think about kidney failure and kidney donation. According to the National Kidney Foundation, the average life expectancy after starting dialysis is between 5 to 10 years. It also states that receiving kidney transplant can significantly improve life expectancy for dialysis patients.

My doctors want me to consider getting a kidney transplant, which will give me my best chance of living a longer life to serve the people entrusted to me.

I could wait for a kidney from a donor who has died in California, but the wait is about 6-8 years - a time that I obviously don't have.

However, I could get a transplant within the next several months if someone decides to donate a kidney to me. I was informed that living donors don't have to be related to me as long as they have no diabetes, high blood pressure or kidney problems.

If you want to help share my need for a donor with your family and friends, I would appreciate it. It can be hard to bring this up with people myself. But someone you know, would want to help me. And if you desire to learn more about considering living donation, please check: <https://exploretransplant.org>. This invaluable resource has videos of actual living donors telling their compelling stories.

Please continue to pray for me as I hold each of you in mine. And for those who may be willing to consider this Gift of Life, please visit the CPMC Kidney Donor Website: [cpmckidneydonor.org](http://cpmckidneydonor.org).

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I am deeply grateful for your prayers, for sharing this appeal and CPMC link above, and for any help in giving me a second chance at a fuller life to serve God and His people.

With faith and hope,

**Fr. Ray**

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