The Next Great Awakening

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"Prayers outlive the lives of those who uttered them; outlive a generation, outlive an age, outlive a world."

E.M Bounds

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Philippians 4:6-7

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