

Ravi Zacharias in Recovery After Emergency Spinal Surgery, Wife Grateful for Prayers

Ravi Zacharias' spinal surgery Thursday, Feb. 20, was successful, according to a post from his wife, Margie. She said her husband is now in recovery.

"On behalf of Ravi and our family and team, we are truly overwhelmed and deeply grateful for your outpouring of concern, encouragement, and especially your prayers for Ravi's spinal surgery today," Margie wrote.

"The surgery is complete and went smoothly, though it was long. I told the surgeon afterwards that he looked tired and he said, 'Ravi gave us a lot of work to do!' Ravi is well and he is resting. The doctor anticipates his pain now will be from the surgery itself, and we are praying for relief and comfort as Ravi begins the recovery process.

"Thank you again for your love and your prayers. It all means so much. I know the Lord has been present in the OR today, and I pray that He will give Ravi the ability to handle what is ahead for the next several weeks."

Ravi Zacharias, renowned apologist for the Christian faith, asked for prayer Wednesday for his Thursday surgery, saying he had been struggling with serious back issues for years. He has had two surgeries prior to this one, but they didn't solve the problem.

The surgery Thursday was to remove two of the screws that were loose and anchor his fractured sacrum in two places to the pelvis. Doctors were confident of the success of the surgery,

which will reportedly keep him from traveling for up to eight weeks.

Read his original post asking for prayer on Wednesday: