## The Miraculous Child of St. Martha's

On this day, the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2022, being the feast of St. Martha's, I, Manyatha L.V would like to share and express the feeling of divinity and the power of positivity that I experienced here at St. Martha's Hospital.

After I had qualified as a Chartered Accountant, I had a very beautiful dream, the experience of which is unforgettable and every time I recall this dream it always brings me goosebumps. The dream was that, upon hearing about a known person having fallen sick and that she was admitted to St. Martha's Hospital, some of the nun's of the Good Shepherd Society helped me reach the hospital through the shortest route possible. Upon reaching the ward/room of the person, I stood there closing my eyes and strongly prayed for her well being and quick recovery.

After coming out of the room, there was complete darkness in the corridor and meanwhile one of the nun who had helped me reach to the person asked me to open my hand and to watch my palms. It was very surprising and at the same time, it was a very divine experience, to watch my palms filled with golden light all over. The nun then said, "This is a symbol that your prayers have revived the soul of this person." My eyes were filled with tears and my heart was beating fast when I opened my eyes and the dream was over. I had no clue as to why such a dream occurred to me.

But I was able to re-establish the connect only after two years when St. Martha took us in her arms, protected and guided us in the journey of pregnancy and saved the life of the newborn child by always being by her side, strengthening her physically and mentally.

The reason why we call our child as the Miraculous Child of St. Martha's is, after my first trimester of the pregnancy, during the scanning, the doctors outside told us that this child will not survive for more than 10 days since the amniotic fluid was less.

Subsequently, when we came for the second opinion to St. Martha's Hospital, it happened to be the day of the Feast of St. Martha's, and upon scanning and subsequent follow-ups, until the day of delivery, the heartbeat of the child was normal, and she survived despite the existence of less amniotic fluid.

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However, during the 8<sup>th</sup> month of pregnancy, on the auspicious day of Vijayadashami (Dussehra), 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2021, the child decided to come into this world, doctors suggested that we deliver the child now and not to postpone further.

Furthermore, after her birth, since she had survived with less liquor fluid, she was weighing very low being 988 grams only. Hence, she was in the NICU, of St. Martha's Hospital since her birth for a period of 3 complete months.

This place of St. Martha's is filled with so much of positivity and divinity, all because of the wonderful doctors, nurses, house keeping staff, right from the security personnel to the top management who are associated with this institution in serving mankind with humanity, simplicity, and humility. The morning and evening prayers of the staff and the nuns of the Good Shepherd, surround the campus with all good hope and positive energies and create an all together different level of vibrations of peace, calmness, and contentment.

These elements of good thoughts and good deeds of the people at St. Martha's allows and invites the presence of almighty to do wonders and miracles. We have experienced this, because Dr. Shivaprasad who heads the NICU, once said that due to severe complications they had to induce the third line of antibiotic, which usually might cause damage to the brain as it might result in rupturing the blood vessels of the brain. However, the doctor himself was surprised to witness that the child has tolerated the third line of antibiotic with no side effects.

Also, we were once told by the nurses inside NICU, that during night-time, once her heartbeat/saturation had dropped down so low that by the time they could set the apparatus and call the doctor, it had automatically come back to normal. They too quoted that she was indeed a miraculous child. These conversations with the doctor and nurses kept on giving us the assurance that St. Martha is constantly present and guarding the life of our newborn child.

At the end of 3 months, while departing from St. Martha's Hospital, we felt that God has planned some purpose for the life of this child that we have been chosen as parents for her in this life, hence we should be grateful to the Almighty and do our duties as parents in bringing up the child so that she can contribute back to the society and serve the humankind with all goodness.

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On the occasion of the Feast of St. Martha's we take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to Sr. Gracy, the Sr. Superior of St. Martha's Hospital, Sr. Ancy, Sr. Mercy, Dr. Poornima (Gynecologist, HOD), Dr. Shivaprasad (Neonatologist, HOD ), Dr. Vyshali, Dr. Ruthvik and to all the members of the management and staff of St. Martha's Hospital who have made my journey of pregnancy and our stay at Nirmala and Radhika ward, a smooth and memorable one, filled us with lots of divine energy and bestowed upon us abundance of grace.

## Thank You so much!

C.A. Manyatha, Praveen and Family,

## Bangalore.



Sr. Gracy (left), Sr. Ancy (right) and Staff of NICU



Dr. Ruthvik (left), Dr. Shivaprasad (right) and Staff of NICU



SAMANVITHA, Baby of Manyatha and Praveen