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Dear Mrs. Patti Melvin,

I am a mother of two children from Sri Lanka. I heard about your prayer group through one of my uncles who is very devoted to St. Philomena, who has been a great blessing to us in these troubling times that we are undergoing. I would like to join the Living Rosary. My husband and mother would like to enroll in the Living Rosary.

Our son, Nevaan, who is just over two months, was born at 24 weeks weighing only 1.6 pounds. The doctors claimed he will not survive, but now he has been alive in the hospital for 78 days already. He had a brain hemorrhage that led to the development of some cysts in a critical part of his brain. The ventricles in his brain are severely enlarged due to this and the doctor says that this is almost 80% guaranteed to lead to severe disability later on. Added to that, there is a slight haze around his corneas, which also the doctors say may be a sign of blindness. So many prayers have been offered for him from priests, religious and all our family and friends. On the day after he was baptized, he started breathing on his own, without any machines. This is very unusual for a baby of his size, and is a miracle in itself. He went through a lot of complications but has gained weight and is looking better today. This is nothing but the power of God working, as the doctors and nurses are also surprised at how far this little fighter has come!

We had drifted away from God and this trial has already been miraculous in the sense that it has brought us so much closer as a family and so very much closer to Him through prayers and sacrifice.

Thank you so very much, truly divine providence that we received your parcel just on the day before the surgery! Baby Nevaan will undergo the brain surgery this Friday, February 26 at 7.00 am (Sri Lanka time) as the size of his cyst had drastically increased. The doctors are recommending the insertion of a shunt that will help drain the fluid that has accumulated. This will however be a life time device he will have to wear. We read an article in your **Spring 2009 Dedicated Decades**, a story of a 22 week old baby surviving a very similar ordeal and was healed through prayers. Similar to that story, we too have tied St. Philomena's cord around his ankle, and we apply the holy oil on his heels daily. Please let us know if there are any other special prayers we can offer.

Our little man is hanging in there, like the blessed little fighter he is! He has a 3 year old sister, Neraaya, who is really looking forward to having him in her life. She was also born prematurely at 32 weeks and is also another little miracle!

Thank you for your message! The surgery went well without complication, and baby is recovering. We cannot thank God enough! This is more proof that God is holding us in His Arms through this journey, and Jesus' Precious Blood will not fail to deliver! The journey with Nevaan's condition is just beginning but we are confident in God's goodness and expect a miraculous recovery for him in His time!

Despite the doctors' prognosis, we are so confident of complete healing for him. We have immense belief that through Our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, and the intercession of St. Philomena, St. Jude, St. Anthony, St. Therese, St. Michael, St. Peter and all the other Angels and Saints that this child will receive complete healing. We have offered him up for a vocation and we know that his testimony will be a powerful one!

Thank you and God bless, so happy to be part of this blessed Living Rosary group!

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