

POEMS OF THE MONTH

മിണ്ടാപ്രാണികൾ !

-സൈമൺസഖരിയ

തല്ലിവെറുതെവേദനിപ്പിക്കാതെടൊ,
 അതൊരു പാവം മിണ്ടാപ്രാണിമാത്രമാം.
 ഏതൊക്കെയാണാവോമിണ്ടാപ്രാണികൾ?
 പുച്ചയെന്നുപറയുന്നപച്ചത്തെയും?
 അലറി കൂരയ്ക്കുന്നപാണ്ടൻപട്ടിയും?

മിണ്ടാനാവാത്ത ഒരു പാവം ബധിരനും,
 ഭാഷയറിയാത്തമറ്റൊരുവിദേശിയും,
 അടക്കളയിൽ അടച്ചിരിക്കുംവീട്ടമ്മയും!
 നോവിപ്പിക്കാമോ എന്നും നമുക്കിവരെ?
 ഏതൊക്കെയാണാവോമിണ്ടാപ്രാണികൾ?

ഇരക്കാൻനാണിക്കും പാവം ദരിദ്രനും,
 ഇരന്നുവിശന്നുതളർന്ന ഒരു അനാഥനും,
 പുറത്തിറങ്ങാൻ കഴിയാത്തൊരുരോഗിയും.
 നോവിപ്പിക്കാമോ എന്നും നമുക്കിവരെ!
 ഏതൊക്കെയാണാവോ മിണ്ടാപ്രാണികൾ?

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“Hail Mary Full of Grace”

By: Avinash.D.A.

“Prepare the way for the Lord!”

NEWS FROM THE CHANNELS



Channels of Glory – Letter from Dr. Simon Zachariah

First of all let me wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! May God help all of us to continue to fulfill His Divine Will through our humble lives. Recently I heard one foster parent talking about the changes she and her husband had to make when they welcomed their first two-year-old foster baby to their home. She compared it to that of Mary, Jesus' mother who got a surprise visit from the angel Gabriel! When we accept baby Jesus into our hearts and homes, we also have to go through a priority check. Many preachers in the past have told me that the changes they made in their lives when they accepted Jesus into their hearts. Many times Jesus also talked about this. We all may feel the same way. We all love baby Jesus. But we have to put something else down to carry the baby. You have to choose between the two. When God calls you do some things, the future may not be very clear. When I look back, this is very true. Years ago some godly people suggested to me to work in a certain

locality in India. I found many excuses not to do that work. But later when God called me and equipped me to do the same task, all the excuses I put forward, melted away. You and I may not be ready to accept the Baby Jesus into our lives, but in due time we won't have any valid excuses left for not accepting Him when He enters our lives. Zacchaeus couldn't find any! So he immediately made some quick decisions according to God's priority. Next time when God calls you to do something, do not try to make excuses. He has the master plan in His hands. He will hold your hands and sometimes, He will carry you on His shoulders to cross through the rivers. He has worked out every detail of your life. Just relax and follow His guidance.

There are two resources in everyone's reach to help others. When God asks you to give or do something, first, we always look into our purse or our abilities and reply back "I haven't any." When God calls you to do something, He is not looking for what you have, but he is looking at your potentiality. When God called every person in the Bible, they did not have much of anything. But He told them to use whatever they had; for instance- Moses used his stick, Joshua used his leadership abilities, Gideon used his power to shout, David used the pebbles from the stream, and Esther used her influence. God just wants your obedience. He will never put too heavy a load which will crush your bones. His hands will always be helping you carry your load. He sees the unseen resources that you have and the resources that are coming to you tomorrow. And just remember, you cannot

run away from God's orders. He told the fish to bring Jonah back to the track. Let us all pray and ask God for the grace to follow Him.

This year I am just pondering about that boy who gave up his five loaves and two fishes to Jesus. I just watched the donations arrive even at the last minute, while the bank account was dwindling faster and faster. During times like this I am always inspired by Jesus' words spoke on several occasions.

"Fill water in the six jars"

"Go and tell the people to sit down"

"Remove the stone!"

Let us trust our God with all our lives. He was good to our forefathers and He will continue to be gracious to us.

He told me

-Simon Zachariah

When I was a child He told me so sweetly,
"I will play with you" and we ran and played!
Unseen angels flew over us while we played.
He was never far away, when I prayed!

When I became a youth, He told me with a smile,
"I will be a companion to you for ever."
He kept the promise and He was always there,
Among our family and friends, never far away!

When I became old, He gently told me,
"Hold my hand, and follow me, you'll be alright!"
"Look up to me- always- not to the stormy world!"
The journey was safe, and I trusted Him!

When I was lying on my sick bed, He told me
In a soft loving voice, "I am the balm of Gilead!
I came to heal the sick and heal the wounded!"
I just stayed relaxed and He sat beside my bed.

Last night I saw Him and He whispered to me
"I am still here with you, to comfort you,
Just hold My hand tight and simply follow me!
I'll show you the place I've prepared for you!"