

"The memory of the just is blessed" (Proverbs 10:7)

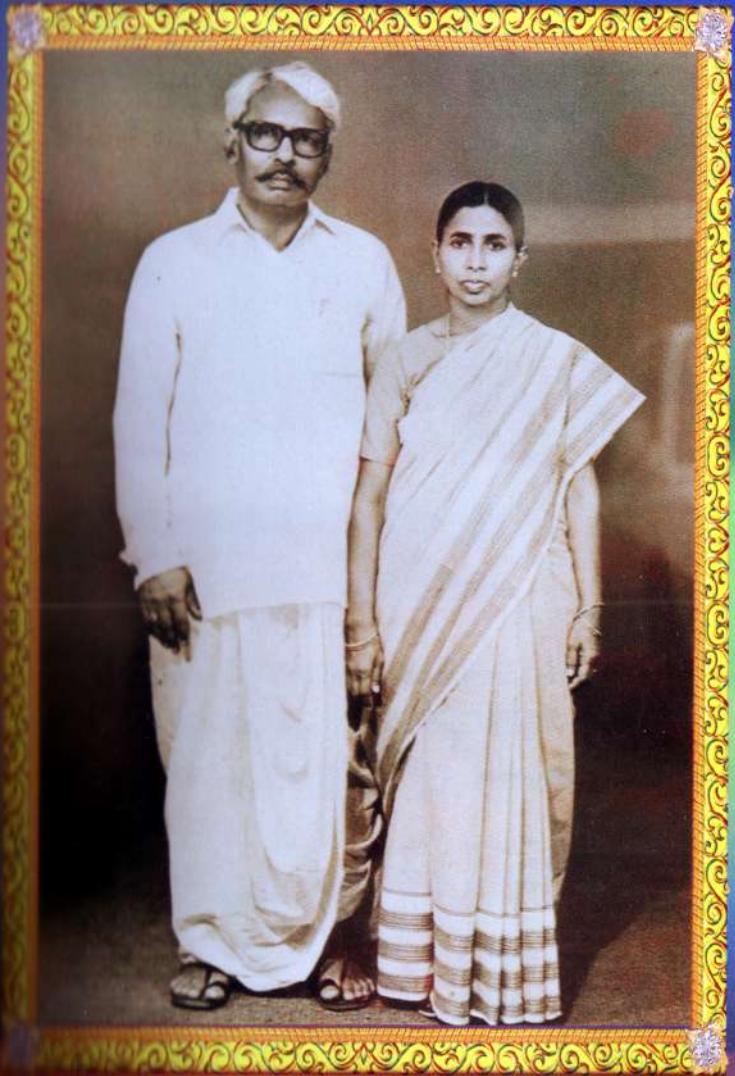


Smt. Y. S. Jayamma

The Most Beloved Mother

"A humble vessel in His Mighty hands"

B. Vimala Reddy



Mr & Smt. Y. S. Raja Reddy

Prayer

Our gracious Heavenly Father, thank You Lord, for giving me such a good and loving mother, who lived a pious life and glorified Your precious Name. Please Lord, fill the readers with the Holy Spirit so that they understand the purpose of this book. Bless them all, O Lord, and let them take my mother as an example and glorify You as she had done throughout her life. Fill this earth with people like my mother, so that we'll have Your Kingdom on earth and enjoy Your wonderful presence eternally. I ask this in the mighty name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ - Amen.

B. Vimala Reddy

(Daughter of Smt. Y. S. Jayamma Raja Reddy)



Myself with my dear mother and grandson

Smt. Y. S. Jayamma's

Favourite Hymn

O what a wonderful, wonderful day, day I will never forget;
After I'd wandered in darkness away, Jesus my Saviour I met.
O what a tender, compassionate friend
He met the need of my heart;
Shadows dispelling, With joy I am telling,
He made all the darkness depart.

**"Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,
When at the cross the Saviour made me whole;
My sins were washed away
And my night was turned to day
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!"**

Born of the Spirit with life from above into God's fam'ly divine,
Justified fully thru Calvary's love, O what a standing is mine!
And the transaction so quickly was made when as a sinner I came,
Took of the offer of grace He did proffer
He saved me, O praise His dear name!

Now I've a hope that will surely endure after the passing of time;
I have a future in heaven for sure, there in those mansions sublime.
And it's because of that wonderful day when at the cross I believed;
Riches eternal and blessings supernal from
His precious hand I received.

In memory of my mother



Being a Chief Minister, I have released several books but releasing my mother's biography written by my sister is a different experience altogether. I, along with all my brothers and sister declare with one voice that we all are proud to be her children.

We all were all brought up by my mother in a godly way. We were taught to read the Bible, pray in the morning and evening, attend Church regularly and were taught all the values of life. Because of my pious mother's upbringing, we have learnt discipline, hard-working nature, humbleness, concern for fellow human beings, generosity and leadership qualities.

We all were dependent on her prayers till she left us. She prayed fervently for me to become the Chief Minister. She prayed while I was walking throughout the state in the hot burning sun and I am sure she is still praying for all of us at the Lord's feet.

I wish all the readers a lot of blessings from the Lord.

Dr. Y. S. Rajashekar Reddy
Chief Minister

Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, India.



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Foreword



In 1946, our cousin, Smt. Jayamma, was given in marriage to my elder brother, Sri Y. S. Raja Reddy. As they started their family life in Pulivendla, she continued S. S. L. C., and stood first in her class. My brother was busy with R & B contracts, mining and politics, while Smt. Jayamma with her mother's help looked after her children's education, agriculture and servants; thereby leading a model house-maker's life. In whatever problems her family faced, **she emphasized forgiveness and the return of love to replace evil.**

Her service to society was - being a good hostess, a leader in the Women's Fellowship, taking part in the activities of Lions Club, as a Panchayat President, and providing healthcare through Y. S. R. Medical Trust.

In 1995, Smt. Jayamma had a cerebral hemorrhage and was taken to AIIMS, New Delhi, for treatment. Though she became physically weak after that, she was strong in her faith, shown by her zeal in doing God's work. However, Smt. Jayamma's second attack of cerebral hemorrhage, at the time of her death, was the Lord's doing.

My humble request for the readers from Smt. Jayamma's life is to follow the Bible verse in *Hebrews 13:7* ***"Remember your leaders who taught us the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives and follow the example of their faith"***.

Smt. Y. S. Jayamma's life is a model to all of us, as: ***"The memory of the just is blessed."***

Dr. S. Purushotham Reddy, M.S., D.O.

Ex. M. L. A., Pulivendla

Preface

Christianity is not a religion. It is a way of life and communication with God. The Word of God is the Truth which guides us to lead a good life. The *Bible* is the narration of God's love. India is a secular country with too many gods. All these gods and goddesses have stories about punishing the evil and upholding the righteous. But Jesus Christ sacrificed His life on the Cross for our sins. One of the most well known passages of the *Bible* speaks about His love in these words: ***"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).***

God, being the Creator of the world, is the Father of all human beings. We all love our children and try our best to save our children from sin and suffering. We will never allow them to destroy their lives. When we, earthly parents, are so concerned about our children, how much more would be our Heavenly Father's concern for us? He is our Protector and Saviour and will not allow a single soul to perish. This is the wonderful Truth of the *Bible*.

When we submit ourselves into the hands of the Almighty God, He will completely take care of us. The *Bible* says in *Matthew 6:33* ***"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His***

righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you".

All things mean health, wealth, happiness and there is no end to all the additions.

This is not a presentation of my mother's life but sharing my memories with everyone. She lived a true Christian life and was a witness to everyone. The greatest tribute I can pay to my mother is by writing about her life, her relationships inside and outside the family and above all, her everlasting relationship with the Lord. She shared God's love with everyone alike. Her incessant prayers are the family's forte. Her exemplary life made all of us accept Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour and we can proudly say today that we are immensely blessed.

I chose the title "**The Most Beloved Mother**" since she was the most loved person not only to her children, but also to all the people with whom she came in touch with. She was the very epitome of motherhood. The subtitle "**A humble vessel in His Mighty hands**" is added since that is the theme of this book - how she was used by the Almighty God.

The Bible shares in *Matthew 5:5*, "**Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth**". Whenever I come across this verse, my mother's visage comes on to my mind's eye.

I thank God for his guidance and wisdom in bringing this book as a source of inspiration. I also thank members of our family for their prayer support and encouragement. I would like to thank the co-ordination committee who helped in making this book come true.

Quotations from the Members of her Family

"My wife is the pillar and prayer warrior of our family."

- Late Sri Y. S. Raja Reddy, husband

"She is my mother; not mother-in-law."

- Y. S. Bharathi George Reddy

"The secret behind my success is the prayer of my mother, wife and daughter."

- Dr. Y. S. Rajashekar Reddy

"She was above all human passions. She prepared herself well for her eternal home with Christ."

- Y. S. Vijayalakshmi Rajashekar Reddy

"My mother taught me to thank God before every meal and ask God to provide for the poor people who do not have anything to eat."

- Y. S. Vivekananda Reddy, M.P

"I learnt the qualities of forgiveness and humbleness from my mother-in-law."

- Y. S. Sowbhagya Vivekananda Reddy

"She always used to appeal to God on behalf of all of us to keep us secure. We feel orphaned in her absence."

- Y. S. Sudheekar Reddy

"Humility was her Hallmark; it's her humble way of living that made me believe in Jesus and His humility."

- Y. S. Vidya Sudheekar Reddy

"The qualities of discipline and concern for the fellow humans that I inculcated are only due to her upbringing. She surely must have inspired scores of women into being revered mothers."

- Y. S. Raveendranath Reddy

"My mother-in-law's prayers have become blessings to us."

- Y. S. Jaya Raveendranath Reddy

"Jeji introduced us to Jesus Christ and the Bible and we have her prayers behind our spiritual growth. We love jeji for giving us such a good foundation."

- Grand children

Sunil, Jagan, Anil, Raagdeep, Vini and Sumadhur.

"She always told us stories from the Bible and made sure we went to Church for Sunday school. She did her part well in grooming me in the Lord."

- Sharmila, (Daughter of Y. S. Rajashekar Reddy)

"Jeji has a special place in all our hearts. She inculcated in us the right values that we will carry with us all our lives."

- Suneetha, (Daughter of Y. S. Vivekananda Reddy)

"Ammamma was an amazing woman. She came as close to Godliness as any human could."

- Divya, (Daughter of B. Vimala Reddy)

"I am very proud to be her grandson."

- Yuvraj, (Son of B. Vimala Reddy)

"She was my Spiritual guide in enriching my spiritual knowledge and imbibing in me compassion and consideration for people who are in need."

- Shravanthi, (Wife of Yuvraj)

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Childhood and her Spiritual life

My mother Smt. Jayamma was born in July 1930 at **Peddakudala**, a village near Pulivendla. She was the only surviving child of my grandmother, Mariamma. My grandfather, Sri Subba Reddy died at an early age when my mother was just a child. So my grandmother went to **Balapanur** to stay with my paternal grandfather, Sri Y. S. Venkat Reddy, who was her first cousin. My grandmother was a hard working and loving mother who tried to keep her daughter happy. My mother had the opportunity of studying in Christian schools from the beginning. She was able to complete her S. S. L. C. with flying colors even after she was married to my father, Sri Y. S. Raja Reddy and had had her first son, Sri Y. S. George Reddy.




With her mother Mariamma

 My paternal grandfather, Sri Y. S. Venkat Reddy had by that time accepted the Lord Jesus Christ and had all his children baptized. He was the first person who accepted Christ and suffered a lot because his relatives sent him out of his village, Balapanur. He was the first one who put the seed of God into the family and now we are all happily reaping the harvest.



Rev. Y. Satya Joseph

 My mother's early childhood was spent with Rev. and Mrs. Y. Satya Joseph and their family. He was the first Indian to be appointed to the post of District Minister. Pulivendla was the scene of his ministry in India from 1930 to 1946. The C. S. I Church at Pulivendla was built by Rev. Y. Satya Joseph during that time. Later in 1996, during the golden jubilee celebrations of



the Church, my mother took the initiative in dedicating the Church to God as the “Yadiki Satya Joseph Memorial Church”. This was the gift to her mentor.





C.S.I. Church at Pulivendla

My mother's primary education was in the London Mission school, Pulivendla, built by Rev. Y. Satya Joseph and my grandfather who were great friends. My mother also stayed in the school compound along with my grandmother. They looked after my mother and grandmother very well during their time of need and grief. It is God's plan that my mother should grow up under their care. My mother at a very early age was attracted towards Christ because of Rev. Satya Joseph and his wife. They were the spiritual parents of my mother. At that early age **she started her journey with Christ and she never looked back.** Rev. Satya Joseph also played an important role in fixing the marriage of my mother with my father, Sri Y. S. Raja Reddy.



Smt. and Sri Y. S. Raja Reddy

 I went to see Prof. Vasanth Joseph, son of Rev. Satya Joseph to collect some information about my mother's childhood. He was three years younger to my mother, and was her playmate. He remembered her as a softspoken, well-mannered girl, who used to carry him around. His face was shining with happiness when he was narrating their childhood incidents. He was a very good friend to her till the end. I remember my mother visiting him very frequently when he was bed ridden with his leg amputated. Even when she herself was sick and feeling very weak, she wanted to visit him. She always regarded him as her own younger brother as she had no siblings of her own.

 Later she went to the London Mission Girls' High School at Jammalamadugu. Then from eighth standard, she




went to Bentinck school in Madras along with my father's sister, Rajamma. There too, she attended Church regularly. My aunt, Smt. Rajamma, who was her classmate used to say that my mother was the class monitor, and was very much interested in rendering social service in the slums which the school encouraged. They used to gather children, wash and dress them in clean clothes, and teach them about Christ.



With her family

Since she was educated in Christian schools all through, she didn't know any other god, except Christ. **She was very loyal to Jesus Christ from the beginning to the end.**



She had a good foundation and her house was built on the "Rock of Ages" - Lord Jesus Christ. According to *Matthew 7:25* ***"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock"*** - that is Christ. As her house was built on rock from the beginning, she didn't falter, though she had several ups and downs in life. I wish all the readers would follow her example, and build their houses on the Rock. 





Her Role as a Woman

God created woman with a very noble intention. He felt that man needed the companionship and the co-operation of a woman in every step of his life. When a woman lived according to God's intention, her life would be happy and she would be a model for others in glorifying God. When she is a good wife, she will be her husband's crown and when she is a responsible mother, she will offer good children to society, thus making this world a better place to live in. My mother was a good wife and a good mother, who lived a pious life with humility. **The fear of God and the righteousness which follows were her ornaments.** She lived a revered life, wherein she was a blessing to her family thereby glorifying God in every step of her life. She lived a model life which can set an



example to all the women so that they too can submit themselves to the Lord's hands to share their lives, for **"Every wise woman buildeth her house"** (Proverbs 14:1).

 My mother was in a big joint family and, with her mother's help, she tried to please everyone in the family. She was good to everyone and in turn everyone liked her a lot. She never argued with anyone and was always happy, looking after all the people in the household. When her second son, Y. S. Rajashekar Reddy was born, my grandfather thought that all the children would be more comfortable if they stayed in their own individual houses. Therefore, he built a house for each one of them and made them live by themselves with their families.

 My mother, though very young at that time, looked after her new house and kids efficiently. Next came her third son, Y. S. Vivekananda Reddy, and I was her fourth child. As she was very fond of girls, she wanted one more to keep me company. She tried two more times, but God's wish was to give her two more boys, Y. S. Sudheekar Reddy and Y. S. Raveendranath Reddy. As she believed in God tremendously, she followed the Word of God in bringing up her children. In



Proverbs 22:6, it is written: *“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it”*. So she educated and encouraged them, and most of all pointed them to Jesus Christ and built their faith in God's word.





With her husband, mother, children
and grandchildren in 1974

She was very particular that we read *Our Bible* everyday, go to church every Sunday, and attend the regular family prayers. In this aspect, we were all afraid of mother and we never upset her. Even my father was afraid of her godliness and tried his best never to upset her. My father had great visions - like removing poverty, disciplining the youth of the town and seeing his son as the Chief Minister. My mother was



all the time encouraging him and praying for the fulfillment of his visions. *"When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise"* (Proverbs 10:19). My mother believed in this verse and so she didn't talk much.

 In those days people were very adamant about caste system. When it came to finding spouses for all of us, it was difficult because there were not many converted reddys. My mother was very particular that the wedding ceremony should be conducted in a Christian manner, and that all the brides should be converted to Christianity. It so happened that all her daughters-in-law and son-in-law were Hindus but were converted to Christianity at the time of their wedding.

 She never forced any of her daughters-in-law to attend Church or family prayers, but always asked God to help them to know Jesus Christ. **She slowly changed all of them with her love and prayers.** All are devout Christians now, and they are bringing up their children just like my mother who brought us up in the fear of God. All the grand children love her very much.



With her grandchildren





Her sons and daughters-in-law

All her daughters-in-law love her more than they love their own mothers. They have several incidents to relate about her love and humbleness. She was a model to all of them. She never differentiated between me and my sisters-in-law. **She**



was the symbol of humbleness. Whenever she invited relatives or pastors for prayer meetings or functions, she used to go to their houses personally to invite them. Anybody else would have just called them over by the phone. All of us learned a lot through her humbleness and we are all amazed at the restraint she showed on every occasion whether happy or sad. That was because she used to rely on the Lord for everything.

 She never used to buy clothes for herself. All the daughters-in-law used to get sarees for her to wear. She did not have any particular likings. She just used to wear simple light sarees. It was too difficult for us to buy gifts for her since she did not want anything. So we used to buy Christian souvenirs, a lot of crosses of all sizes, and wall hangings.

 My children, Yuvraj and Divya spent their first three years and all school holidays with her and they were greatly influenced by her. Yuvraj was telling me that he still remembers all the *Bible* stories that she used to narrate at bed time. Even Yuvraj's son, Devraj loves her a lot. He was just four years old when she left us. He missed her a lot and often says; "I should have gone to God with Avva (my mother), holding her




With her grandchildren, Yuvraj and Divya

legs". That was the type of love she gave and received. My daughter-in-law, Sravanthi says that my mother was her "spiritual guide", as she learnt a lot from her. All the children and grand children feel that she was the most compassionate, self-less person, always thinking about the welfare and well being of the people around her.




With her great grandson Devraj



 All the members of the family had the habit of going to her for a word of prayer before leaving home. My father used to do a lot of travelling and he never missed her prayers. Even my CM brother had the habit of going to her for prayers before any important event in his life, however busy he might be.



Rajashekaranna who visited mother for Prayer

 My daughter, Divya who was in USA for a few years used to get her prayers over phone whenever she had a problem or sickness or whenever she was very happy. Even some of my dad's friends, like Gurivi Reddy, used to go to her for prayers before they left on some important mission. We depended on her prayers and believed that God heard her prayers instantly. But my mother wanted us to become prayer



warriors like her. I realized that only after she left, and, if she were to see me now, she would have been delighted, since I've taken up her burden of praying for others. Like Prophet Elijah's spirit descended on Prophet Elisha, my mother's spirit has descended upon me. My mother must be praying for me at the Lord's feet for filling me with the Holy Spirit. I found happiness in the presence of the Lord and the grace of the Lord God is upon us. My children and I are finding great pleasure in working for the Kingdom of God. My son, Yuvraj has built a church in my mother's memory (Y. S. Jayamma Memorial Church) at Ganapavaram and many souls are being led to the Lord.



Smt. Jayamma Memorial Church at Ganapavaram
Memorial Stone of Smt. Jayamma (Inset)



"The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry" (Psalm 34:15).



All the time she used to pray for the family and others but once we, along with the fellow believers had the opportunity to pray for her. In 1995 she was critically ill and had to be operated on. In 1995 she fell in the bathroom unconscious due to aneurysm in her brain. By God's grace, my third brother, Sri Y. S. Vivekananda Reddy, was at home at that time and brought her to Hyderabad and when the doctors in Hyderabad declared their helplessness, we had to take her to AIIMS, Delhi. To get an appointment in AIIMS was very difficult those days, but by the abundant grace of God, my second brother, Dr. Y. S. Rajashekar Reddy was an M.P. there, and with his contacts, he was able to get admission immediately. Doctors decided to go ahead with surgery though it was very risky. My younger brother, Sri Y. S. Sudheekar Reddy who was with mother along with my father, was telling me how the doctors had given up on her, the night before the surgery. Her pulse and blood pressure were fluctuating a lot and the doctors felt that she was too weak to handle the operation.



My father who was supposed to be a strong man broke down and started crying. But due to all our incessant prayers, filled with faith, she became steady a few hours before the



scheduled time of the surgery. Then the doctors decided to go ahead with the operation. During those critical post operative days, all the Christians in our village were on their knees praying for her. It was such a big miracle and God used my mother for His glory through this incident. After the operation, only by God's grace, she did become normal.





She carries her *Bible* even when she goes for a wedding

My mother glorified Lord Jesus Christ in every step of her life. After my father was assassinated, her physical health slowly deteriorated but she was strengthened spiritually day by day. She pardoned her husband's killers and left it in God's hands. **She believed in what God said in His Word, "Forgive your enemies"**. Such is the greatness of her godliness. "A life well lived is directly related to a *Bible* well read." When my mother left to her heavenly abode, my son wanted to keep her *Bible* as that was her most precious possession. Her *Bible* is soiled and has a lot of repaired torn pages in it.



Her Holy Bible

 *"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up" (1 Peter 6:10). "And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail" (Deuteronomy 28:13).* These verses have come true in my mother's life. She was lifted up from an ordinary contractor's wife to being the mother of the Chief Minister. She was always the same humble mother; God blessed her abundantly because she was very humble till her death.

 According to *James 2:17, "faith, without works, is dead"*. My mother believed in this and was always busy helping people, feeding the poor, organizing health camps



and much more. I used to tell her that I would visit Pulivendla only if she promised to stay at home. Now I realized how selfish I was.



In Women Empowerment Conference

She spent a lot of her resources for the building of God's Kingdom. She never hesitated to give to God's servants who were many when they visited her and prayed for the family. She recommended to my father to give plenty for building of Churches and helping poor pastors, *"Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out"* (1 Timothy 6:6-7). She believed thoroughly in these words and lived accordingly. She also believed that *"love of money is the*



root cause of all evil" (1 Timothy 6:10) and so never thought of storing money. Though she was very rich and mother of the Chief Minister, she always dressed very simple with minimum jewellery.





Last Days

In *Psalms 82:7*, we see *“but ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes”*. For a believer also death comes the way others get, may be through a sickness or some other reason but it will be a little different because **even in death, they glorify God.**

My mother's death was a great event. Like in 1995, again in 2006 she fell in the bathroom unconscious due to the same problem. Immediately she was brought to Apollo Hospital in Hyderabad for treatment. My brother Dr. Y. S. Rajashekar Reddy, Chief Minister, was very busy with congress plenary, but he gave topmost priority to looking after mother. He visited her several times despite the busy schedule. My sister-in-law Smt. Vijayalakshmi (wife of the



Chief Minister) had prayers conducted in the hospital everyday. Never in the history of Apollo hospital would the people have witnessed such faith. Also several people all over Andhra Pradesh prayed for her recovery, while she was in a comatose condition.



God helped everyone and her sickness was no obstacle for the plenary. The VIP's like Smt. Sonia Gandhi, the Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh and others visited the hospital to see my mother and they continuously enquired about her health. Jesus Christ was glorified at every step from the starting of her sickness till the burial. Her sad demise, along with our prayers, was published in all the newspapers and there was live transmission in all the T.V Channels in the state.



Her demise visited by the then Governor Sushil Kumar Shinde



God called my mother at 4:42 PM on 25.01.2006 at the age of 75. She was buried beside my father's tomb at 12:30 PM on 26.01.2006. Several Pastors, Bishops, Evangelists participated and comforted the rest of the family members with God's words.

God surely would have commended her when she reached her heavenly home by saying "Well done, my good and faithful servant". She honored God in her life and that is the reason why her children are blessed in a great manner.

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,
I have kept my faith" (II Timothy 4:7)*





Prime Minister's

Condolence Message



January 26, 2006
New Delhi

*T*he Prime Minister, **Dr. Manmohan Singh** has deeply condoled the death of Smt. Y. S. Jayamma, the mother of the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Dr. Y. S. Rajashekar Reddy. In his condolence message sent to Dr. Reddy, the Prime Minister said "I am deeply distressed to learn of the sad demise of your mother, Smt. Y. S. Jayamma. I convey my sincere condolences to you and your family members in this hour of personal grief. I pray that the departed soul may rest in peace."





A Complete Woman


Recently I was going through a book entitled, "The Measure of a Woman" by A. Getz and Elaine in which she mentioned 8 features that go to make a mentoring model. I was amazed and flabbergasted to note that my mother had all these qualities. I would like to put forward these qualities one after the other and tell you how I was able to equate them to my mother's qualities.

- 1 Gaining God's perspective on Beauty
- 2 Reflecting God's Character
- 3 Being Peacemaker
- 4 Communicating Godliness
- 5 Loving her husband
- 6 Loving her children
- 7 Living pure life and doing good works
- 8 Exemplary homemaker





1 Gaining God's perspective on Beauty

 In the present age women are obsessed with external beauty and, for some, it has become a psychological and physical tragedy. My mother was a very simple person who cultivated the habit of measuring beauty from God's perspective. She never noticed how a person dressed or how well that person used make up. **She was just happy to be with people who adorned the holiness of Jesus Christ.** My mother had the inner beauty; which the Apostle Peter described in *I Peter 3:4* as *"a gentle and quiet spirit"*, which is the feature of God. In similar manner, the Apostle Paul said in *I Timothy 2: 9, 10* that *"woman should adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shame facedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array. But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works"*.



Her Simple Personality



2 Reflecting God's Character

My mother was reverent in the way she lived. She developed very good reputation in the Christian community. She helped several people in the Church. The Church Pastor, Rev. Solomon wrote a book describing her as a **“Flower which never fades”**. In that book he collected the opinions and experiences of several people. It is a good book, denoting all her excellent characteristics. She obeyed Apostle Paul's words: **“In everything set them an example by doing what is good” (Titus 2:7)** and **“be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12)**. Thus she reflected God's character.



During one of her Women's Fellowship activities

As Cambridge cricketer, C. T. Studd, says: “Only one life, will soon be past, only what is for Christ will last. When you spend your life for Jesus Christ, you won't lose anything; but if you spend it for yourself, you won't gain anything”.



I would like to add the opinions of a few more friends and relatives about my mother



"She was a continuous prayer warrior"

- Smt. Vedamanamma Subba Reddy, cousin

She looked after all her sisters-in-law like her own sisters

- Smt. Rachel Joshua, cousin

She was a spiritual and a model mother

- Dr. Sugunamma Gangi Reddy, cousin

She was a mine of good qualities: 1) Humility, 2) Generosity, 3) Simplicity, and 4) Good at heart.

- Smt. M. Elizabeth Philip, cousin

"She looked after us like her own children." - Sridhar, Driver.

"She was like a goddess to us." - Ankamma and Lakshmi, maid servants.

"We saw the love of Jesus Christ in her."

- Jeharabee, a Muslim neighbour.

"Though she was in a very high position, she was a very humble person."

- T. Rajamma, friend from Church

"She was a person who was clothed in humbleness."

- Smt. and Sri S. Yesuratnam, Church friends.



3 Being Peacemaker


My mother took the responsibility of settling differences and she was considered as the peacemaker. She always believed that God will take care of differences. She was impartial to all. She never indulged in gossiping or mudslinging on others' characters. She heard personal problems of several people but never disclosed to others but prayed for them which are the main qualities of a peacemaker.


"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God" (Matthew 5:9). Join the peacemakers and help bring peace to the hearts, minds and souls of men through the prince of peace, Jesus Christ, who will soon take over and set things right! She used to be *quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to become angry*, as written in James 1:19.





4 Communicating Godliness

 Whenever there was an opportunity, my mother used to talk about God. **She communicated godliness through her behavior.** She always did and taught what was good. She headed the women's fellowship at the local church. She was eager to host the women's meet at her house. She was non argumentative, kind to all people, Christians and Non Christians alike, patiently hearing to all who came to her, for she was very gentle and easily approachable.

 My mother was an ordained leader in her community as she had the confidence of God filled with the Holy Spirit. She created history in Pulivendla by being the first woman President, elected unanimously in 1995. She did a lot to improve the roads and drinking water facilities in our town. She received awards from the state government for the improvements that she made in the panchayat area.



As Panchayat President in 1995


She was the president of Mahila mandali and helped poor women in earning their livelihood. She also started a ladies wing of the Lions Club called "Priyadarshini" and was the president of that club. She organized several medical camps, free eye checkups and operations for several people. In 2003, when there was a great famine in Kadapa district, she fed several hungry people for 45 days.



5 Loving her husband



With my father

 My mother was a very good wife and tried her best to keep my father comfortable. She used to pray a lot for him as he led a very busy life, which was a bit dangerous, at times, while he opposed the bad people and tried for the betterment of society. My father always used to say that **our prosperity and our safety were based on my mother's prayers.** In *1 Peter 3:1-2*, the Apostle Peter says, ***“Wives, be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word of God, they may be won over by the***



behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives”.


“There is a woman behind every man's success”. My mother was behind every success of my father. She took care of all of us and took care of all the household chores, thus lessening my father's burdens. She took the responsibility of looking after all the family members and relatives to reduce my father's mental stress. Her nature of love is just like it is written in


1 Corinthians 13:4 - 7 “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud, it is not rude, it is not self seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no rejoices of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres”.





6 Loving her children

 My mother was a very dedicated and loving mother. She spent all her life serving and loving children and always praying for their welfare. The *Bible* clearly teaches that ***“children are a gift of the Lord”*** (*Psalms 127:3*). She took us as a gift of the Lord and took good care of us. She tried her best to lead us all in God's way. She taught the values of life and brought us up as good citizens.

 ***“Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them”, Jesus said, “for of such is the kingdom of Heaven”*** (*Matthew 19:14*). Children are the most sincere people in the world. They are at the age where they are beginning to think seriously about life, and they sincerely want to know and follow the truth. It takes time, understanding and lots of real love to reach them, but this age is



actually when most people accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour. **Because of her strong foundation, today all her children are walking in Christ's path.** She was so selfless that all her children, daughters-in-law and grand children felt it a privilege to look after her but all that we can say is that she never gave us an opportunity to look after her at all!



With her family



7 Living pure life and doing good works

My mother was very well known for her helping nature and devoted her life to do all kinds of good deeds.



With relatives and visiting missionaries

I was talking to Saraswathi, a woman from the village whom my parents helped a lot. She attempted suicide when she was being ill-treated by her husband. She was rescued from her attempt to burn herself and was brought to my mother. My mother got her treated in our hospital free of cost and helped in all ways to bring her to normalcy. She was given a job in our college, and was helped to put up a ration supplying shop. She was given moral support at every stage, all of which helped her to bring up her two children and to get them married.





Y. S. R. R. Hospital at Pulivendla

When I was talking to her about mother, her eyes were filled with tears. She was saying that she used to visit her at least twice daily and whenever she went, my mother used to teach her the word of God but never forced her to take baptism. She also mentioned that several times, she helped her financially. She has a photograph of my parents in front of her bed and the first thing she does every morning is to think about what all they



did to her. There are several people like her in our village who were helped by my parents.

 Another lady, Heleenamma, wife of the local Church pastor, Rev. Prabhu Das, who left to his eternal abode; was witnessing greatly about my mother. She was relating how my mother showed great affection and love and helped her to get transfer from Proddatur to Pulivendula in 1988. My mother visited her house and when she realized that Mrs. Heleenamma was working in Proddatur and finding it difficult to stay away from family, she immediately tried for Mrs. Heleenamma's transfer and got her transferred to Pulivendla. She says that she will never forget my mother's help and developed reverence for her.

 They used to meet every Sunday at church and women's fellowship and were great friends. Mrs. Heleenamma was also relating how my mother used to look after all the other members of women's fellowship. My mother listened patiently to all their problems, prayed for them and tried to help them if it was within her limits. **She never used to differentiate between rich**



and poor people. She used to visit all their houses and eat whatever refreshments they offered. When one of the members' house was in the first floor, she climbed up with out any hesitation though she was weak and offered prayers. Such was her love and humbleness.


She used to love accompanying the church group who went to villages to spread the Word of God. She used to take them in her own car. She never missed Church service even when she was sick.



With members of ladies wing of Lions club



8 Exemplary homemaker

 My mother was a perfect and dynamic hostess. She used to ask all the missionaries to stay at her house and she looked after them very well. She was always ready to feed all the doctors who used to come to the village to do free health camps. She always fed the beggars who came to her door.



With her near and dear ones




She not only looked after the daily chores at home but also was very supportive to my father. She loved all her in-laws so much that three of my father's sisters decided to settle near her place rather than with their own children after their retirement.



On her last birthday



 I am proud to say that she had all the qualities of a mentoring model that make a complete woman. She was an ideal mother who was much revered by one and all. She seems to be telling us *“Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1)* and *“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept my faith” (II Timothy 4:7)*.



As a Prayer Warrior

*"Behold the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him,
upon them that hope in His mercy" (Psalms 33:18).*

There are several occasions in our lives where my mother's prayers played an important role. I will mention a few of such incidents.


My eldest brother, Sri Y. S. George Reddy was very religious during childhood. When he was a student at Anantapur Engineering College, he used to play guitar and sing songs praising Lord Jesus Christ. Later he drifted away from God and faced a lot of problems. Every time, he had some



major problem, he and his wife, Smt. Bharathi, used to go back to my mother for prayers and their problems used to get solved. Now my sister-in-law keeps praying for all her children and they are all blessed.



With her eldest son, Sri Y. S. George Reddy's family

 My second brother, Dr. Y. S. Rajashekar Reddy, who is the present Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, used to go to Church regularly when he was young. When he was in medical college, he met with an accident, but was saved due to God's grace and our mother's prayers. Even when he was shot at in the secretariat in 1977, he was saved because of her prayers.



With her second daughter-in-law

Now, his wife Smt. Vijayalakshmi has taken up the burden of praying for all of us and keeps praying for the whole state of Andhra Pradesh. The whole family has become prayer warriors and are mightily working for building the Lord's Kingdom. My mother was very happy to see them all come to Jesus Christ. My brother's son-in-law, Mr. Anil Kumar is a full time evangelist and his wife, Smt. Sharmila, is also doing God's work.


My third brother Sri Y. S. Vivekananda Reddy fell into a well when he was about 18 years old. He broke his leg and was unable to climb back. All the people were afraid and even



my father was not at home. My mother, who had a lot of faith in Jesus Christ, started praying and God sent my father's friend, Gurivi Reddy to get my brother out of the well. Now his wife, Smt. Sowbhagya is trying her best to follow my mother's footsteps.



With her third son, daughter-in-law

 My fourth brother, Sri Y. S. Sudheekar Reddy met with a freak accident when he was around 13 years of age. He was in the school playground playing and a javeline went and hit him

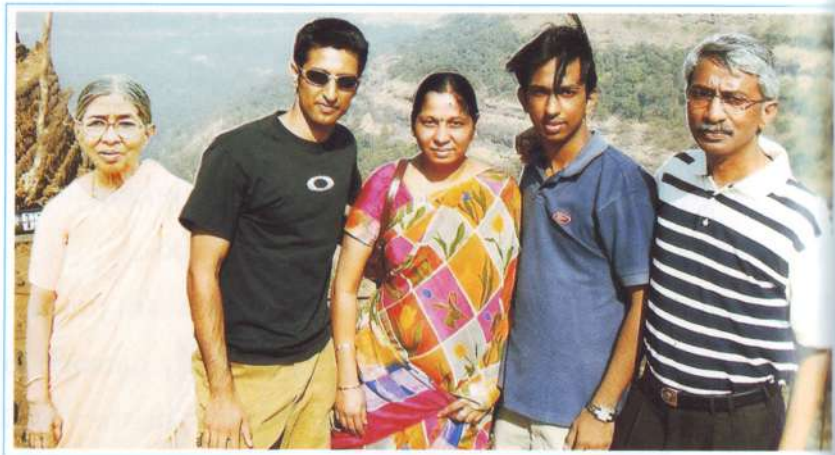


in the forehead. It pierced his head and a part of the brain came out. All the doctors said that he won't survive. They asked her to take him to C. M. C., Vellore hospital. Though everyone was afraid, she was continuously praying and with the help of my dad's sister and brother who were doctors, she took him to C. M. C., Vellore. Only by God's grace and her incessant prayers did my brother survive miraculously without any damage to his brain. Now Sudheekar's wife is a devout Christian and keeps praying for her husband and daughter.




With her fourth son's family

My fifth brother, Sri Y. S. Raveendranath Reddy broke his nose bridge by being hit with a cricket ball in the playground. He bled profusely but my mother's prayers saved him from becoming worse. His wife, Jaya, was very much influenced by my mother's selflessness and her faith. Now we see her all the time praying for her husband and children.



With her youngest son and family

 It looks like all my sisters-in-law took the additional burden of praying as my mother is no more with us.



Myself with my husband and children



I, being widowed at an early age needed more of my mother's prayers. At every step she was my prayer warrior. As my children were very close to her, they were greatly influenced by her virtues and God has listened to all her prayers regarding my family and now we are all a happy lot. My mother greatly influenced my in-laws too. They all used to like my mother a lot.





With my mother-in-law

That is the reason why they were happy to have my mother's memorial Church in our village, though they all followed Hinduism. My mother used to pray for all of them and whenever my mother-in-law met her, she used to ask my mother to pray for her. As a result of her prayers and later due to the prayers of Pastor. Sajiv Kumar (Y. S. Jayamma Memorial



Church Pastor) my mother-in-law had a peaceful death which was miraculous considering all her health problems.

 Whenever she had a little free time with the servants, she used to make them all sit and narrate some *Bible* stories and Word of God. As a result all my servants have become Christians. She used to spend a lot of her time in reading her *Bible* and preparing notes to tell in her women's fellowship activities. In her later days she was a little worried because she was not able to write her *Bible* notes neatly.

 My mother's life was filled with prayer and even her last words before she went into comatose state were "be ready and we will go to the Girls' Junior College to attend the C.B.S. (Community *Bible* Study)".



Sri Y. S. Venkat Reddy Junior College for girls





The End of Self is the Beginning of Godliness


We can't take money with us when we die, but we can send it on ahead. When it comes to God and His work, **it's good business to give**. It's a good investment because it will earn the highest interest rate possible and dividends in the kingdom of God that outstrip anything else we could possibly invest. That's His promise. My mother realized this truth and I am sure her savings account in the eternal world is quite a lot. Both my parents were great philanthropists. They built a hospital, several Churches and educational institutions. They built one hospital at Pulivendla for my second brother, Dr. Y. S. Rajashekar Reddy to give free medical services to the poor.



After he entered politics, he employed other doctors and the free service is continuing even now. My mother used to go there once a week to preach the word of God among the patients.



Degree College established at Pulivendla

 My mother showed her benevolence to all the poor people who approached her. She used to buy clothes to all Pastors known to her during Christmas time. She used to buy several inexpensive sarees to give to the beggars. On some occasions, when the beggars were more than the number of sarees that she bought, she used to give away her own sarees.



She encouraged all her children to do service to the mankind. Due to her prayers and encouragement one brother has become the Chief Minister and another has become an M. P., one grand son, Mr. Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy is doing a lot of service to the people through his Y. S. R. Trust.



Y. S. R. R. Memorial park at Pulivendla

Jesus Christ wants us to grow into the stature of fullgrown mature Christians. **Spiritual maturity is not entirely a matter of time; it's mostly a matter of your connection with Jesus Christ and His word and your obedience and humility.** A child becomes a true adult when



he learns to act responsibly and think of others, and it's the same with Christians. By the grace of God my mother attained this spiritual maturity, and I am proud to be her daughter.



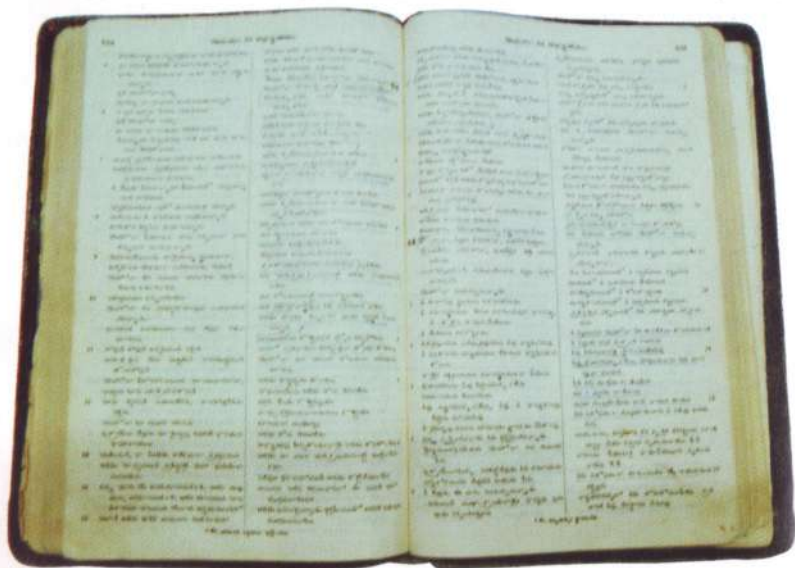
Polytechnic College established at Pulivendla





A Glimpse into Mother's Treasure "The Holy Bible"

If you see through the study *Bible* of God's beloved daughter you will exclaim that she was a diligent reader of the Word of God. She loved the Lord and the Word of God. She used a large leather bound *Bible*. Every page was crumpled. She carried the *Bible* where ever she went. My mother used to get up early and read the Word of God. She took care to underline the verses that are valuable to a mature Christian on holiness, God's protection, abundant blessings from God and depending on God.



My mother's Holy Bible

Salient Points

- ✓ Most underlined book is **Genesis**. She loved the character of Patriots in **Genesis**.
- ✓ Corrected the typo errors in the Bible *Proverbs 8:36*, *Hebrews 11:17*
- ✓ Most verses underlined - *Psalms 119*
- ✓ Underlined with special importance - *Isaiah 53:1-8*
- ✓ Next to this passage in *2 Kings 20:12-21*, she noted "Not to be carried away by flattering"





Few Verses from my Mother's Study Bible

- † **1 Corinthians 13:4-8** Love is patient..... love never fails.
- † **Isaiah 54:10** Though the mountains be shaken..... My covenant of peace shall not be removed.
- † **John 1:12** Those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.
- † **John 3:16** For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.
- † **John 5:24** He that heareth My word.....passed from death unto life.
- † **John 14:2-4** In my Father's house are many rooms....
- † **Matthew 20:28** Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.
- † **Romans 8:28** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.
- † **Philippians 3:20** But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- † **1 Timothy 6:9-10** People who want to get rich fall into temptation.....have wandered from the faith
- † **1 Peter 1:19** But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.



- † **Habakkuk 2:4** Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.
- † **Psalms 91:10-11** Then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
- † **Joshua 1:9** Be strong and courageous..... God will be with you.
- † **Job 28:28** And unto man He said, Behold, the fear of the LORD, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

 To conclude as Timothy was **nurtured with the Word of God** by his mother, my mother nurtured her Children, Grand Children and great Grand Children with the Word of God. 



Tributes

Sri S. PRABHUDAS REDDY

**A GREAT PRAYERFUL EVANGELIST &
MY FATHER'S ELDER BROTHER**




Smt. and Sri S. Prabhudas Reddy


When I approached my father's elder brother, Mr. S. Prabhudas Reddy, a great prayerful evangelist, to give me his impressions about my mother, he went on to say; "I knew Smt. Jayamma since her childhood. She was

S. PRABHUDAS REDDY



related to me and her mother, along with Smt. Jayamma, came to live with us after she lost her husband. Smt. Jayamma was sent to Bentinck girl's high school for her education. After tenth class, all our elders decided to get her married to my younger brother, Sri Y. S. Raja Reddy. After her marriage, she took up the responsibility of bringing up her children in Godly way."


 "When she was young, I wanted to know her spiritual experience and so I asked her if she believed in Christ, and if she had salvation in Jesus Christ. She immediately answered firmly and with confidence that she had God's salvation. I was very happy to hear that. She was praying for her husband's salvation.

 Just before my brother, Sri Raja Reddy was undergoing heart surgery in 1997, I spoke to him clearly about Christ, and how He died for our sins and told him about our salvation. My brother was saved just the day before his surgery and he accepted Christ as his saviour. He also confessed his sins and asked for his wife's forgiveness. I found perfect happiness between them. Later, when I asked





Jayamma, she told me that her husband was a completely changed man and that he is reading the Word of God, praying and going to Church regularly. She was very happy, and witnessed about it.

 My parents had five sons and Smt. Jayamma was a model to the other daughters-in-law. She was very obedient to God and I praise God for it. I am glad that I will be in the presence of the Almighty along with my brother Sri Raja Reddy and his wife, Smt. Jayamma, and I am awaiting God's call."



Smt. RAJAMMA DAVID

ONE OF HER SISTERS-IN-LAW

RAJAMMA DAVID

I regard late Smt. Jayamma as a close friend rather than my brother's wife. As she lost her father while she was a child, my father who was Smt. Jayamma's mother's cousin, brought Smt. Jayamma and her mother to our house. From the very beginning she was intelligent, bright and hard working. We did our high school studies in Bentinck girls High School, Madras together. But she was married soon after her tenth standard and then she studied in Pulivendula. She stood first in her eleventh class. Her mother was eager to educate her but she could not continue her studies as she gave birth to her eldest son on 03-06-1947. I got married in 1953 and Smt. Jayamma was always friendly and helpful to me. Two times she was with me during my confinement. She did her best to look after me and also the infants. My husband Late Sri Jesudoss David was in Govt. Polytechnic in Vijayawada as its principal (1960-1970) and he died of heart attack leading me to work as Assistant Nursing





Superintendent for some time and, afterwards, I was made the nursing Superintendent at the Campbell Hospital, Jammalamadugu.




With her Sisters-in-law Smt. Rajamma (right) and Smt. Kamalamma (center)

Smt. Jayamma and I had the habit of praying together whenever we had a chance. Smt. Jayamma was God fearing. She was regular in reading the Holy Bible. She loved the poor and was kind to them. I found her giving the needy what all they wanted. She was a **very patient lady**. She trained all her children to be obedient to God. As a wife and as a mother, she did her best. When my brother was shot dead, both of us went to the spot. She was very modest and she did not want others to get upset because of her. She obeyed God's guidance. She was very submissive. She never followed any hindu customs while she became a widow. She never wanted to take vengeance against the people who murdered her husband.



She depended on God for every thing. She fell down in the bathroom and was unconscious for some hours, and she was taken to Delhi for a brain operation. I had the chance of taking care of her while she was hospitalized in Delhi. Again, after 10 years, she had the same kind of trouble. This time she did not get well in Apollo Hospital, Hyderabad. God was kind to her to take her into His presence.

 Just two months before her death, when her house was being painted and she was somewhat unwell during that time, I managed to take her to my residence, where I had the chance of nursing her for four or five days. On 15-01-2006, she phoned up to say: "I am going to take bath, be ready and we will go to the Girls' Junior College to attend the C.B.S. (Community Bible Study)". That was the last time I heard her voice. In no time, I was informed that she had fallen down unconscious in the bathroom, and afterwards she never came to her senses. God called her after 10 days stay in the Apollo Hospital, Hyderabad. During her stay in the hospital, everyday special prayers were arranged on her behalf. Now she is in the presence of God, pleading, doing intercessions for the salvation of her dear and near ones.





Smt. S. KAMALAMMA

HER YOUNGEST SISTER-IN-LAW




*With Kamalamma, Rajamma,
her children and Dr. Cutting from U. K.*

Smt. Jayamma was known to me even before getting married to my fourth elder brother, the late Sri Y. S. Raja Reddy. She was the only daughter of my father's first cousin. She studied along with my elder sister up to tenth standard in Bentinck Girls' High School, Madras and was married to my brother. She studied her eleventh class in Pulivendula and stood first among one hundred students. She wanted to study further but she gave birth to her eldest son,



Sri Y. S. George Reddy, and as ours was a joint family with so much of work to do, she had no chance of going to some other place to do higher studies. She was good at English and Mathematics and that was helpful in her daily activities. She never felt jealous of her husband's sisters, though all of us had good education. She gave us good regard and she was all the time friendly and happy with all of us. I called her "Jayakka" and not "Vadina" as she was on par with my elder sisters.


*Judges 5:31 "May they who love you be like the sun,
when it rises in its strength"*

 Smt. Jayamma was always simple, affectionate, submissive, faithful, hard working, modest, kind, understanding, considerate, very polite in her speech, prayerful and Godly. She never adorned herself with bright and costly clothes and jewels. She never had a desire for a luxurious life. She adorned herself with modesty. She had a meek and quiet spirit. She was a blessing to the family. Her speech was pleasant, kind, gracious and polite. Her conversation was appropriate. She humbled herself under God's mighty hand, that He lifted her up in due time. She




clothed herself with humility towards others. *"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble"* (James 4:6). *"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective"* (James 5:16).

Proverbs 31:26 "She speaks with wisdom"


 Smt. Jayamma loved her husband and had regard for all the members of his family (husband's parents, sisters, brothers-in-law, brothers and sisters-in-law, and all their children). She did obey her husband in all aspects, and she was all the time wishing for his salvation. She had great reverence for him. Even my brother, in return, had great regard for her because of her Godly nature. She was an exemplified wife. My brother used to say "I am getting on well because of my wife's unceasing prayers." She stretched her arms to the poor and opened her hands to the needy. She was clothed with strength and dignity. She spoke with wisdom and she watched over the affairs of her household and never ate the bread of idleness.

1 Cor 2:9 "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him"



 Smt. Jayamma had hunger and thirst for God. That was the reason why she was exalted. Every body in the house came to her for advice. The secret of her courage and ability to bear any suffering was her prayerfulness. *“More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of”*, her family was transformed by God through her prayers. She prayed to God to see that her second son, Dr. Y. S. Rajashekar Reddy would become the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, not that he should become rich and famous, but because she wanted the poor and needy people to be helped through him. She waited patiently for God's time as she knew that God was in control. Her prayers and intercessions were answered at the appropriate time.

Ruth 4:11 *“May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your Home like Rachel and Leah... Be famous in Bethlehem”.*

 “An excellent wife is the crown of her husband”. Smt. Jayamma was kind hearted. She had compassion for the poor and needy. She was tender hearted and also courteous. She adorned herself with good qualities in her heart and this inner




beauty was of great value in God's sight. Her subjection could be the very means God used to bring the members of her family, (All her daughters-in-law were non-Christians before their wedding) into a right relationship with God. Her subjection led to the salvation of almost every member of her family. She was a good home-maker.



With her loved ones


Ruth 1:16 "And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God".

 As Naomi had imparted to Ruth her faith in the Lord God by example and teaching, Ruth's faith in God caused her to remain faithful in her love for Naomi. The same thing



happened in Mrs. Jayakka's house also. She loved the lord God, walked in all His ways and held fast to Him. Jayakka's daughters-in-law also acted like Ruth and followed their mother-in-law. She was a wife of a noble character. Her whole life was centered on a reverent fear of God. She used to get up early in the morning at 4 AM or latest by 4:30 AM to provide for all the needs of her family. She loved the servants at home and also workers in the fields. She was all the time conscious about their essential needs.

I Sam 2:21 "The Lord was gracious to Hannah"


 As a wife of a farmer, contractor, bus-owner, mine-owner and as Panchayat President, she did not change her attitude towards God or towards others. She herself was the President of Pulivendula Panchayat for a period of five years and was awarded recognition for being the best President, but she was not proud at any time. As a mother of both an M.L.A. and an M.P. and as a mother of a minister, opposition leader, P.C.C. president and the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, she did not have pride. She was all the time humble. She was **particular to give tithes to God** and she was all the time thankful to God for all the blessings bestowed on her and on members of the family. Whenever her husband, her children





or others leave (go out of the house), she used to send them with prayers and blessings. She used to attend all the prayer meetings whether conducted in a palace or in a hut. She would never say 'no' to any invitation. She had great respect and concern for the needs of God's servants.

In II Corinthians 5:10, It is stated, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due to him for the things done, while in the body, whether good or bad."

 A woman who feared the Lord is to be praised. Smt. Jayamma surpassed all women. We should give her the regard she had earned and praise her for all the good works. She was very regular in attending church, women's fellowship activities, C.B.S. (Community Bible Study) and also social activities organized by the Government. She was good at singing lyrics from "Andhra Christian Lyrics." She had good knowledge of the Holy Bible. She used to clarify my doubts patiently. I used to feel at home in her house. She always gave me importance in every thing. I thank God for giving Jayakka a peaceful end and I thank Him for her faith and trust in the Saviour.



Smt. SARASWATHI REDDY

HER REGULAR COMPANION

SARASWATHI REDDY




With Smt. Saraswathamma (right)
and Smt. Sarojanamma (center)

“I would declare unto Him the number of my steps; as a prince would I go near unto Him” *Job 31:37*. Smt. Jayamma lived according to this verse and she is now happy in her eternal world. No amount of words would be sufficient to describe the greatness of Jayamma's character.



She had close relationship with Christ and she lived by the Word of God. She had great faith in the Word of God and used it in every situation. She used to quote the Word of God on every occasion. Even in her old age when she was very weak, she used to go to the *Community Bible Study Classes* like a school girl with a book in her hand and tried to answer all the questions in the class.

 In *1 Thessalonians 5:17*, it is written: ***“pray without ceasing”***. Accordingly she used to pray continuously for family, relatives and for the development of Churches. Due to her prayers all her children have salvation and there is a lot of spiritual growth among them. She used to depend on prayers for everything.



With U. E. S. I ministry



Her faith was very strong. She never gave importance to money. She believed in the verse in *Job 5:8* ***"I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause"*** and lived accordingly.


She was never tired of being a good hostess. ***"I opened my doors to the traveler"*** (*Job 31:32*). Her doors were open to all at all time. Relatives, friends, patients, poor people, priests and well wishers all had the same type of welcome and treatment in the house. She used to feed them and help the needy. She used to send the sick people to the hospital and get them treated freely.


She was the most humble person that I have ever come across.




Her humility is central to this picture



 "He hath given to the poor; his righteousness remaineth for ever." (II Cor 9:9). Smt. Jayamma was always a giver and never expected anything in return.

 She looked after the servants very well. She followed the Word of God as written in *Colossians 4:1* "**Masters give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in Heaven.**"

 In every way Smt. Jayamma lived a life which was good in the Lord's sight and finished her temporary life to reach her Almighty Father.



Prof. VASANTH JOSEPH

CHILDHOOD FRIEND

VASANTH JOSEPH

Sister Smt. Jayamma was undoubtedly a Christ-centred person, for her daily life reflects her faith in the Lord. One could also term her a classical person, for she had been a source of great strength to the Women's Fellowship of the C. S. I. Town Church, Pulivendla.



With Women's fellowship members

Apart from all else, Smt. Jayamma was a prayerful person. It was her habit to read the *Bible* daily and to **meditate on the Scriptures**. Her simplicity and humility were on display when it came to helping others, in times of their need. She was also above caste feelings of any kind.





Smt. Jayamma's life was a symbol of unity of her family. Her life is a great witness to our Lord. Her Christian values are matchless!




With Vasanth Joseph


Her husband, the late Sri. Y. S. Raja Reddy always confirmed that his wife, Smt. Jayamma, was proof of: *"How hard it is to find a capable wife! She is worth far more than jewels! Her husband puts his confidence in her, and he will never be poor. As long as she lives, she does him good and never harm"* (Proverbs 31:10-12).

Jayamma's children "show their appreciation" and their conclusion about her is that "charm is deceptive and beauty disappears, but a woman who honours the LORD should be praised" (Proverbs 31:28, 30). And he or she must



fulfill the second most important commandment, which is: *“Love your neighbor as you love yourself” (Mark 12:31)*. This is exactly what Smt. Jayamma, our spiritual parents (the late Rev. and Mrs. Satya Joseph), Jayamma's mother, Mariamma, I and several members of the Venkata Reddy family of Pulivendla, have tried their best to do.

 Sister Smt. Jayamma's life keeps reminding one that: *“Meanwhile these three remain: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love” (I Cor. 13:13)*. She had the humility to understand and practice love for God's creation!

 Seldom do we come across such personalities! George, Rajashekar, Vivekam, Vimala, Sudheekar, and Raveendranath, and their families are a witness to Jayamma as mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother!

“And the great Church victorious

Shall be the Church at rest.”

- S. J. Stone, 1839 - 1900





Rev. M. THEOPHILUS

DIVISIONAL CHAIRMAN (RETIRED)

I served God in the Pulivendla C.S.I. Church division for 23 years and after my retirement, due to the immeasurable love shown by the members of my Church and especially the love shown by the Y. S. families, I am settled at Pulivendla.



With Rev. and Mrs. Theophilus and also Mrs. Heleenamma

I want to say a few things about the Church elder, Smt. Y. S. Jayamma, her role in the women's fellowship and her Christian life.

In the Christian community, many Christians do not relate their lifestyle to their



Christian faith. Their faith won't be a part of their life and so their lives won't be meaningful or fruitful, and they won't be a blessing to others. But Smt. Jayamma's life mirrored her faith in Jesus Christ and His messages were reflected in her day to day life. Because of this, she was a role model to several people.



In a house-thanksgiving prayer





Smt. Jayamma was strong in her faith and she knew and had Jesus Christ in her life; she read, meditated and followed the Holy Bible. **She was filled with the fruit of the Holy Spirit, which is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance.** She was very pious. Her faith was the foundation for her family. God's blessings were rained on her family because of her prayers. She was the gift of God and was like a mountainous protection to her children. Her love for her children was great





and she was a perfect teacher, a friend and a revered person. Totally she was a great soul.

 Smt. Jayamma's compassion was above all caste feelings. She willed for the good of all people. She used to look after pastors and evangelists well and helped them tremendously. She loved me, my wife Catherine and my children Geetha and Peter a lot and helped us abundantly in an unexpected manner. She used to worry about our family, and we can never forget her. We praise God for her and we'll always pray for her children.

 I believe that she has eternal life because of her faith in Jesus Christ. She will live in the everlasting kingdom of God. I believe that her prayers for her children will be in the presence of the almighty. I pray that God will give eternal peace and light to her spirit. Amen.



*In a function honoring the D. E. O., Sister-in-law
Smt. Sugunamma on her retirement*



Mr. M. RAMASUBBANNA

A GODLY MAN ASSOCIATED WITH
HER FOR 16 YEARS

*"A woman who honours the Lord deserves to
be praised." (Proverbs 31:30)*


The Almighty God created man in His own image with a great purpose. He made woman out of the rib of man to be a suitable partner. A woman has to play manifold roles in her life as daughter, daughter-in-law, wife, mother, mother-in-law and grandmother.





*Four generations
(Smt. Y.S. Jayamma, daughter, granddaughter, great granddaughter)*





 She has to bring glory to the Lord as well as to her household. In this connection I am very glad to introduce late Smt. Y. S. Jayamma Raja Reddy garu who was an ideal woman and has also won the hearts of one and all in and around Pulivendla.

 God has given me a great privilege to have been acquainted with Smt. Y. S. Jayamma, since 1991. She is the mother of our beloved Chief Minister Dr. Y. S. Rajashekar Reddy. She was a unique woman who stood out as a role model. She dedicated her life to God and lived according to the word of God. She was a walking *Bible*. Several people accepted Jesus Christ through her life. She had the mind of Christ. Humanity was her religion. Meditating on the Word of God was her sustenance. Prayer was her breath. Giving and forgiving was her nature. She carefully built her home with prayer and wisdom.


 She laid the foundation of Christian values through *Bible* stories and verses in her children's life. She brought up her five sons and her only daughter in the Christian faith. She was the source of inspiration to all in the local Churches. Even



though she belonged to C.S.I. Church, she used to attend all churches without any denominational feelings. She was the symbol of punctuality and discipline. Her immense faith in God helped her overcome all trials and tribulations. The Lord protected her family and saved her sons from ghastly incidents and accidents.




Her great grand children

 One day while I was on my way home, I saw Smt. Jayamma, preaching the word of God to women who were in relay hunger strike for their demands in front of M.R.O. office Pulivendla. I was profusely moved. Though several people extended their sympathy and support, she was the only person



who proclaimed Jesus Christ as the solution to all their problems. As a part of U.E.S.I. ministry, we conducted Discipleship Training Camp for believer students of Kadapa District in Y.S.V.R.M. Junior college for girls, Pulivendla with permission of the correspondent Smt. Jayamma and the Principal Smt. S. Kamamma. Unfortunately Smt. S. Kamamma was out of station. While we were preparing supper for delegates, suddenly we realized that the gas in the cylinder was totally consumed. The rice was halfboiled, there was no power and it was raining. Immediately we contacted Smt. Jayamma on phone for help. To my astonishment she brought a gas cylinder in her car personally, in that heavy rain. The availability of cylinders was very scarce in those days as there was no dealer in Pulivendla. "Sacrifice and generosity are from God. Selfishness is against Him."

 God brought a great leader Moses for Israelites, through the training of his mother Jacobedh. Likewise, Smt. Jayamma gave birth to the great leaders of Andhra Pradesh, Dr. Y. S. Rajashekar Reddy, Chief Minister, and Sri Y. S. Vivekananda Reddy M.P. of Kadapa.



Once George Washington, the first President of America, said that humility was taught to him by his mother right from childhood. The five sons and the only daughter of Smt. Jayamma are the **mark of humility and simplicity**. Our Honorable Chief Minister Dr. Y. S. Rajashekar Reddy is a God fearing Christian leader. He gives top priority to God in his life. Prayer is key of the day and lock of the night for him. He honored God and so was honored by Him. He didn't meet any person on New Year's Day of 2005 till the end of family prayers. In his long span of political experience, he never used Churches for his political canvas thereby upholding the sanctity of the Church. He gave a beautiful statement on the eve of mother's day, **the secret of his success** is not by his own efforts but **prayer of his mother, Smt. Y. S. Jayamma, support of his wife Smt. Y. S. Vijayamma and the encouragement of his daughter, Smt. Sharmilamma**. We can easily understand the vital role of his mother from this statement.

I never saw any idol worship in her family. She witnessed four generations. Such a great prayerful woman left for her heavenly abode on January 25, 2006. The Lord was glorified through her funeral. Some thousands of people and





dignitaries in the state heard the word of God on that day. I thank God for her life of love, commitment, passion for souls and total obedience to God. We have been blessed truly and we hope to see her again, when Jesus comes back in His glory.

"Those who die in Jesus Christ shall live forever."

(1 Cor 15:22)



DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST

Colossians 1: 15-18; 2:9



He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the Church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.

MAY GOD BE WITH YOU

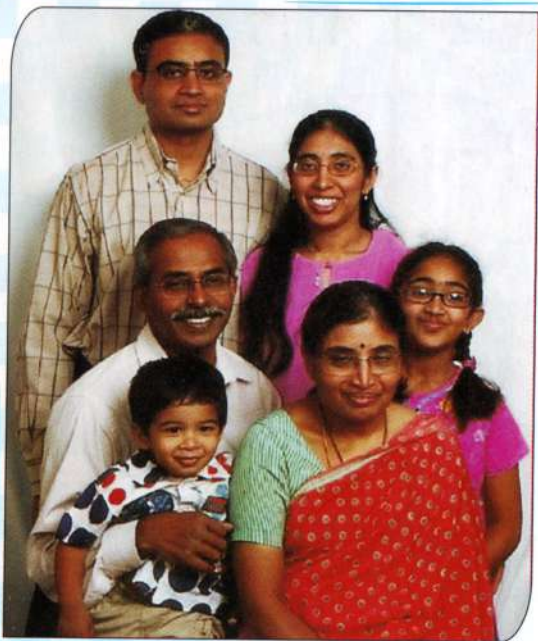
Her Legacy



First son, Sri Y. S. George Reddy's family



Second son, Sri Y. S. Rajashekar Reddy and family



*Third son, Sri Y. S. Vivekananda Reddy
and family*



*Late Sri B. Kumar Koti Reddy
(Son-in-law)*



Daughter Smt. B. Vimala Reddy and family



Fourth son, Sri Y. S. Sudheekar Reddy and family

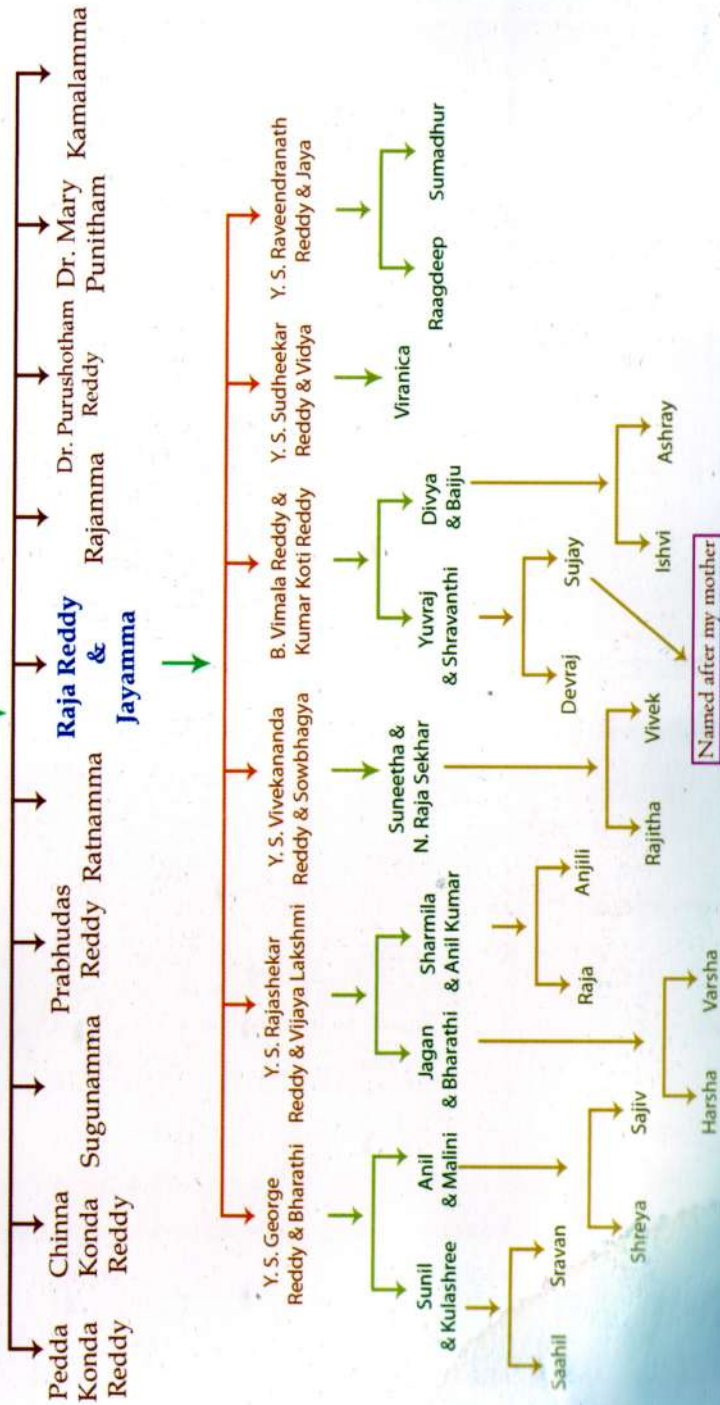


Last son, Sri Y. S. Raveendranath Reddy and family



"A humble vessel in His Mighty hands"

Family Tree of Y. S. Venkat Reddy



Named after my mother



Mother's Love

A mother's love is one of the best examples of God's love for His children, because a godly mother loves unconditionally, continually, and despite adverse circumstances. Mothers resemble God in the way they unselfishly give, without expecting to receive anything in return, and in the way they pray for their children and support their dreams.

Motherhood takes the strength of Samson, the Wisdom of Solomon, the patience of Job, the faith of Abraham, the insight of Daniel, and the courage and administrative ability of David. It also takes the love of God, that's for sure!

The thing that makes a mother so wonderful is her self-sacrificial spirit that is willing to sacrifice her time and strength and even her own health.

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