

BLESSINGS IN BURGLARY

My name is Varughese Abraham and my wife is Annamma and we have four daughters one Son-in-law and a grand son. I live in No.10 Helen Court, Spring Valley, New York. We are living at the same address for more than 10 years now. On 28th March between 10 to 11 A.M. our house was burglarized. Next day myself and my wife jointed the 40 hour adoration at the Divine Prayer Center, Washington Township, NJ.

By God's mercy we received the power to forgive the offender and pray for them. There were two 18 year olds one boy and one girl who broke open in to our house at the time my wife was praying in the nearby church and no one else was at home. I work in the NYPD, NY and my wife informed me about the incident. We informed the police. In the evening we all knelt down and prayed the Rosary and the evening prayer. Usually it is impossible to get all together for prayer. It is our first experience of this kind. So we prayed for the people who committed this offense. We had no idea who did it. The back door of the house was broke open and they got away with 4 laptops, a diamond rings and few other items. One of the detectives who came home said looking the picture of Mother Mary that she will bring our items back. That day I shared the story of Burglary in the monastery of St. Vincent de Paul and also I remembered the story of Jonah who was angry when he lost his shelter and how God reminded him of the need for concern for more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot distinguish their right hand from their left. We prayed earnestly for all evil doers and conversion of the thief.

I sprinkled Holy water received from the Divine Prayer Center and my wife told our children that God gave and God took and His name be praised.

On 11 Apr 2008 two of my daughters went before the Grand Jury, New City, NY and found out that they not only apprehended the thieves but also recovered two laptops, the diamond ring and few other lost items. I told about this to the Administrative Lieutenant and immediately he said that now I know there is power in prayer.

Fr Martin comforted us with the word of God "joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, knowing that you had a better and lasting possession" Hebrews 10:34

In conclusion I would like to say that no matter what happens in life, if it brings us closer to God it is worth it. Thank you Jesus, Thank you Mother Mary, Thank you St. Anthony, Thank you Divine Prayer Center and all who prayed for us.

This is only the beginning of our testimony. If God is willing I shall share more of our testimonies. In the meantime remember the "World Wide Web" (WWW) of Christians. W= Wait on the Lord; W= Walk with the Lord and W= Witness to the Lord. May the good Lord bless you. He will be coming like a thief. Amen.