

## **Dora and My Family**

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These phrases **touched me and inspired me to do the same** in my own very home - as a wife - as a wife to a man who was longing to have a child. I continued reading the prayer card and for the part that says "here grant your request" I asked Dora to help us have a child (of course only if that's what God willed for us too).

Then later I asked a person of Opus Dei who this lady "Dora" was and she told me all about her wonderful life.

Three months later we found out we were pregnant.

I told my sister who is studying in Rome about being pregnant and, without hesitation, immediately she suggested to pray to "Dora". To my surprise, I asked her, "You know about Dora too?" So from then on we prayed to Dora for the safeguarding of my pregnancy.

**As the pregnancy progressed**, we experienced a couple of minor incidents needing to bed rest each time. **We continued to pray to Dora** as my blood pressure went up moderately. More prayers were said to Dora, then due to high blood pressure I continued needing hospitalization. We prayed all throughout the process until eventually I needed to be induced.

My husband and I continued to pray to Dora and on April 23, 2012, our first baby Alexander Xavier was born. A healthy, smiley and beautiful baby boy!

In thanksgiving, my husband, baby and I went to the Prelatic Church in Rome in March 2013 to thank Dora personally for her intercession. It brought a lot of joy to our family to give Alexander an opportunity kiss the tomb of his intercessor before he turns 1 year old.

**Thank you, Dora!**

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