

# An Impossible Passport Situation

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I began to mobilize many of my family members back home, and in spite putting all the means, they continued to deny me the passport.

Sometime in November, they told me that I wouldn't be able to do anything else. That same night, before going to bed I prayed a novena of prayer cards to Dora's intercession asking for help. I prayed with faith and, looking at the prayer card as my

heart throbbed, I told her, "Dora, tomorrow I want to go pick up my passport."

The passport arrived the next day. I owe it to Dora and I am very grateful. Now I ask her for even the little things.

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