This is Preeti Misra from Kolkata, West Bengal, India. I grew up in Kolkata, our family condition during those time were pathetic. My father who is not so capable physically used to get very less salary to run our family.

I studied in a government school till class 10, due to our parent's poor financial condition and then I gave a scholarship exam which helped me to get admitted in a private school without any fees, so I have completed my class 11 and 12 from that school. I wanted to be a doctor from very childhood because my father is physically handicapped, he got polio on his both lower limbs. So, I always wanted to do his treatment so that he can walk efficiently but it was very expensive to do MBBS in India. As from the beginning I wanted to choose a medical field and now I got an opportunity to study nursing in USA by the grace of God.

I have a small family which includes my dad and a younger brother. My father works in a small firm. He is physically disable and also a patient of Diabetes Mellitus disease from a long time. He takes medicine and insulin on a regular basis.

Now after my mother's demise, from last 6 months my father got many other health challanges. It is very difficult for my father to run our family as he is physically very weak, his legs does not support him much. He carries a stick to walk and most of the time my brother helps him. My mother was a very big support for my father. She used to drop him, give support when he goes anywhere and was like a pillar for him but now she is no more.

I had a very bad part of my life in end of the year 2015, when my mother was diagnosed with 3rd stage breast cancer. It was a very sad and shocking time for all of us. It was very difficult for us to manage those situations and I was the one who used to take her for chemotherapy and radiations almost twice every month. She has total 20 chemotherapy and 40 radiations. Her treatment was going on In a goverment hospital which didn't support her efficiently and day by day her health condition was deteriorated. She got cancer 2 time, first in her breast and then in her neck. She had gone through so many tests which were very painful and unbearable for her. Many times she used to say that she does

not want to live anymore. Those words were very sorrowful to hear and to see her going through those pain were very heartbreaking. We had nothing in our hand except prayer. Most of the days she was admitted in hospital and I used to stay with her. Her cancer disease had spread in her whole body in 2019 and she passed away on 31st December, 2019 at 8:30 am, a day before her birthday. She was only 43 years old. It was very heartbreaking for us and still we are in grief. Those four years were very difficult. I had to skip my tuitions classes and look after my mother at the hospital but even though in so much torment she forced me to go to my tuitions. My father had to leave the office early which affected in his salary which made the situation worst. When my mother got cancer and I was not able to help her through her suffering, I was very much determined to be in healthcare for both my mother and father but I have lost her and now all I have is my father and for him I want to do something. Moreover I would like to serve the manking who has been suffering like my mother and father.

When I was in class 11, I started praying to the almighty God for something like this to happen and now he has answered my prayer. I literally prayed that I will be able to do my studies in a medical field in foreign and from that time this was the part of my prayer everyday. And now after few years my dream seems

to be fulfill that I got this opportunity to go to USA and do my studies in healthcare. I am very much thankful to God and Christi who gave me this opportunity of getting admitted in nursing. My mother always wanted me to be in healthcare so that I can take care of my father. I was the biggest hope for her. This is so heartbreaking that she is not with me anymore. My mother was very supportive and she never allow me to do anything else besides my studies. She has much beleive and trust in me that I will do something great to make my father proud. I know she must be watching from heaven above and she is very happy and proud knowing that I am going to study nursing in the USA. My father is always supportive and had encouraged me to study further. When I told my father I got an opportunity to go the the USA for studies he was very very happy. He has sacrificied a lot for me because he wants me to be successful.

Now, I got enrolled in Lassen community College. in Susanvillae, California, and my pre-requisite classes has already started. To do these classes I need a good internet connection and a laptop, but I dont have both. I am doing my pre-requisite classes on my mobile phone which I recharge

on monthly basis. Sometimes I go to a computer cyber cafe where they provide computer on rent and charge hourly basis. Sometime I borrow wi-fi and laptop from my neighbour for my studies. I know the time is gonna pass and things will become better in future.

When I was 6-7 years old, I started going to church and in a camp in 2013 met Jesus christ and accepted him as my personal Saviour. From that time He's always with me and I get strength by Prayer. He always listened to my prayers and answers me. I have strong faith in christ that he will make everything better and He has best Plan for me.

Getting this chance of studying nursing in the USA is the biggest golden opportunity for me and I beleive this is the turning point of my life and I can make a good change for my family and do something for the ill people who has been suffering like my mother. I give all praises to almighty God that he choose me that I got enrolled in Lassen community college and sent Christi in my Life. I will always be grateful to christi. She has helped me a lot even in this covid-19 situation, she made everything worked for me and still doing a lot for me.