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## Innocent Prayer

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There is a screeching sound of the door and knocking sound of the rod which shows that the nun enters the room to wake up the students. All are unveiling their face and roll down their mat. Stepha who always wakes up at first and reaches the bathroom. She knows the severe competition for having bathroom to bathe. One of the girls is calling the name Usha who is till sleeping. The calling sound is slowly enters the ears of her. Usha opens her eyes reluctantly and searches her *bestie* Stepha. By guessing that Stepha might be reached bathroom, Usha wake up from her bed.

Now 6.30 a.m , time for giving attendance in the prayer hall. All the little hearts pump profoundly as the Nun is going for round among the little angels to examine their readiness. Some eyelids are closed firmly that it may their turn to get bang from Nun by cane (*pirambu*). The expected bang sound comes at back. Today the turn is for Stepha whose two tails is not rightly plated. Usha signs Stepha that she should not cry. All the other shows their pity looks at Stepha for her wretchedness. During the prayer, Usha prays that the breakfast should not be Wheat Porridge (*kothumai kali*) instead she is pleading for *Idly*.

After the prayer, all are entering the study hall which usually occupied with bundles of mat, bed sheets and sacks of rice. Naughty angels are searching comfortable place that is not for studying but for sleeping. Usha's favourite bundle is taken away and she loses her usual sleep. Having somnolence, Usha fails to read her books. After half an hour, the bell is gonged for breakfast. The little feet are waiting in the queue to reach the Nun who serves breakfast. Usha's tiny fingers are laid down on her right side of the chest and she murmurs the prayer to bless with *Idlies*. Stepha also accompanies with Usha's prayer. Both their eyes are widely opened by seeing the white colour in the serving vessels. White colour confirms them that Nun is serving *Idlies*. Usha and Stepha thank Lord for providing this expected breakfast. Their plates are filled with two *Idlies* with *white chutney* (coconut chutney). They use to say prayer before eating. During their prayer, Nun intervenes and insists them to pray

for Rupa actually whose birthday helps them to have breakfast of the day. All are saying prayer for Rupa gracefully.

They are moving towards school which is located inside the hostel premises. No one can see the outside of the campus. The campus completely surrounded with long and strong compound wall. The hostellers have no way to imagine about the outside. These students know only the rules to follow, way to behave and mainly to say Prayer every time. No harassment for these children. Only pitiable thing is getting food for three times a day. Usually they have food twice a day. Everyday there is a sureness of getting food in afternoon as it is provided in school itself. The little girls never hassle about their dress, books, space, studies but they feel anxious to get food for a day.

The day is over well in school. Their most expected time has come. Every day evening they could see the warden Miss Victoria whose eyes is very wide and attractive. She always shows only love to the children and tells story. The little girls are very much fond about Ms. Victoria. Usha loves the warden in countless. All the girls expect Ms. Victoria could be their mother. Unfortunately, they don't have a parent which leads them to meet Ms. Victoria in their life. Usha and Stepha eagerly look at the warden about her sincerity and loyalty. All the girls are becoming very loyal to all and never hide anything to the elders. The inspiration of the warden creates the students to be loyal in all their endeavours.

They finish their routines and assemble in prayer hall where they usually have announcements. The Nun has announced that the next day the girls are going to have Dental Check-up. So the Nun advised the children to brush and clean their teeth well. Some of them murmur and laugh. Nun, "Who is laughing now? I am not joking and you people never brush your teeth properly". Usha murmurs in her, "Yeah there is no water no paste no brush, then how we could!" it is heard by Nun and she banged on Usha's back and says that they will be providing with brush by the camp volunteers.

They go for bed and say prayer "Dear Lord we don't want any Dental Check-up instead we need food for three times in a day. We don't know to ask this to our parent but we know to ask you" Thank You Lord Good Night! Their prayer continues.