

MESSAGE FROM ALESSIA COMMISSO

Hello Friends and Family,

For those of you who may not know me, my name is Alessia Commisso. Yes, I am the little girl you all have been praying for. I am still in need of a lot of prayers, so please, pretty please, keep praying for me!!

Well, let me tell you about myself. I am five years old and I love to read, dance and sing songs. I ask that you all pray for me every single day and at the same time, please pray for my mommy, daddy and brother Cosimo. They need as many prayers as I do right now. My mommy tells me I am healthy every day because God is our doctor and because I have so many friends and family who love me so much and pray for me every day! My mommy is, how you grown ups call it, "stressed". She takes care of my brother Cosimo, my daddy and of course me! She needs the prayers because without her I don't know what I would do. She plays with me, reads stories to me, feeds me and we do lots of fun crafts together! She loves me so much! My daddy, Tony, has MS and he is very weak. He no longer works and is unable to do anything on his own. Sometimes we play together in our wheelchairs but not for long because he gets tired easily. My big brother Cosimo has epilepsy and he needs your prayers too. He loves me so much and he doesn't want me to hurt anymore.

So now that you heard all about me and my family, you can finally understand why we pray so much, and need your prayers. **Now listen up!** I know someone in Heaven that can get us a hook up with God himself. . . it's my sister Jesse. Jesse left this world about 6 years ago when she was 2 years old to go live with God in Heaven. She talks to me all the time and tells me she hears all your prayers and she hand delivers them to God herself. Jesse says the more prayers God gets for me, the better my chances are that He will completely heal my little heart and body.

So once again, PLEASE KEEP PRAYING FOR ME!!!

I have a special prayer that I would like you to pray (attached below). Whenever you pray this prayer, please remember me! I really appreciate it, and my family does too. Oh, please tell all your friends & family about me too so they can pray. My mommy believes that God will grant me a miracle and so do I . . . besides I am my mommy's and daddy's little "miracle"!!!

Thanks again, I send you all my love, and I ask Jesse my sister, to ask God to bless each and every one of you with His special abundant blessings.

I love you all so very much!
Hugs and Kisses,

*Alessia Commisso ~
(A.K.A. ~ A Little Princess)*



ALESSIA'S PRAYER

Angel sent by God to Guide me,
Be my Light and Walk beside me,
Be my Guardian and Protect me,
On the Paths of Life direct me.
Angel of God, My Jesse Dear,
To Whom God's Love Commits Me Here
Every This Day, Be At My Side,
To Light and Guard,
To Rule and Guide.

Amen

With God...ALL things are possible!

“Greater is He who is in me,
than he that is in the world.”

HUGS AND KISSES. . .

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A BRIEF HISTORY ABOUT THE COMMISSO FAMILY

The "Commisso" family consists of Tony, Sonia and their children Cosimo, Jesse, and Alessia. They have experienced significant stress in their lives as a result of serious health issues occurring with several family members. Tony, the father, has Multiple Sclerosis, and Sonia, the mother, experiences severe stress due to the fact that she is the sole caregiver of the family. Cosimo, the older brother, has a seizure disorder and a learning disability as a result of many years of this condition. Jesse, her sister, passed away at the age of 2 years and five months, in 2001, due to the complication of the Mitochondria Disease and Congestive Heart Failure. Alessia turned five on March 20, 2008, and she has been diagnosed with the same disease as her sister Jesse.

The MRI findings in both Alessia and Jesse have only affected three other people in the world. This disease is very rare and has been diagnosed in only FIVE people globally. TWO out of the FIVE people in the WORLD with this disease are Jesse and Alessia, the "Commisso Sisters". Now with Alessia, they have begun to do testing and research to figure out if there is a gene. It will be years and years and years before anything can be identified.

Alessia's fine and gross motor skills are not as advanced as other five year olds. She cannot walk or stand up on her own. She requires a wheel chair in order to get around. However, she is able to sit, roll, and commando crawl. She is fully toilet trained day and night. Her speech and language skills are quite advanced for a 5 year old. She is a **very happy, playful little girl who lives life to its fullest, despite the challenges with which she is faced**. We feel that the progress in Alessia is due to the countless prayers from family members and friends.

Alessia was hospitalized in January, 2006, for three weeks where she was referred to the palliative care group. Doctors were very pessimistic and doubted that she would be able to recover. Thanks to God and many prayers, she actually recovered from her heart failure. She began making major milestone gains. She progressed fairly well until September, 2006, when she caught a virus which caused her to be in hospital for another three weeks. Again, doctors were pessimistic and indicated that the situation was very different this time around. They did not believe that she would recover this time. The power of prayer prevailed once again and she began to gain more gross and fine motor skills. In January, 2007, she recovered again from another virus and again is slowly making progress.

She still needs a lot of physical therapy, and occupational therapy. Her fluid intake needs constant monitoring as well as her calorie count. Alessia requires nursing supervision to monitor her respiratory rate, heart rate and blood pressure.

Please continue to pray for us, and thank you for your constant support.

God Bless you all!

The Commisso, D'Ettore, Panetta & Figliomeni Families