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### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

In agony, she bore the pain,  
When into the world, you came.  
Eyes opened wide, forced apart,  
From her, you were sharply torn.

She tended, nursed, and fed,  
Held close, with love she led.  
Cried with you, for reasons unknown,  
Never hungry, with you next to her throne.

Her blood, your life's first drink,  
Her touch, a celestial link.  
Her sacrifices, your very breath,  
Her life, yours until death.


Selfless, never a thought for her,  
Only you, her vision's blur.  
She strives and weeps, for your health,  
Her love, unmatched by any wealth.

Only one title, she bears: Mother,  
An award, she deserves, like no other.  
She shapes the world, brings out your best,  
A mother, world's architect, ahead of the rest.

To every mother, this day we pay,  
Homage to your love, come what may.  
For in your love, the world finds its start,  
A mother's love, an eternal art.

Happy Mother's Day, to each mother true,  
Your love, a light, shining through.

- *Ravindran Raman Kutty*





## PRAYERS



Prayers to usher in the New Year 2024 were held at the Temple of The Universal Spirit of The Pure Life Society. Children chanted universal prayers and made their resolutions for the year.



Children who were sitting for the SPM Examinations carried pots of milk and offered it to Lord Muruga at the Scott Road Temple. They were accompanied by Ms Sumathi, the General Manager, Dr Anucia Jeganathan, the Chairperson for the Education Sub-committee and some staff members.





# MANGALAM HEALTHY LIVING CAMP BY PURE LIFE SOCIETY WOMEN'S WING

On 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024, the Women's Wing (WW) successfully organised Mangalam Healthy Living Camp (MHLHC) at The Pure Life Society Multipurpose Hall from 10am to 3pm. WW had the honour of having Dr Dyanan Puvanandran, Secretary to Traditional & Complementary Medicine (T&CM) from the Ministry of Health (MOH) as the Guest of Honor. PLS President, Dato' Ambiga also graciously accepted our invitation and came for the camp. WW was delighted to have her the whole day with us going to the different booths to experience the different types of therapy.

The camp had the following organisations which played a major role in ensuring the success of the camp:

- Persatuan Pengawal Urut Terapeutik dan Penjagaan Melayu Malaysia (PUTRAM)
- Persatuan TCM Shi Kui
- Pertubuhan Perubatan Tradisional India Malaysia (PEPTIM)
- Persatuan Penyelidikan Saintifik Kesihatan dan Teknologi Malaysia (TAHSRAM)
- Persatuan Kinesiologi Khas Malaysia (MSKA)
- Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia Lembah Pantai (KKM)
- Malaysian Holistic and Herbal Organisation (MHHO)
- Subang Eye Specialist Centre
- Iridology Practitioner Association Malaysia
- Vibrational Therapy
- Young & Living

This was the first time that all of the above organisations have come together under one roof. The above organisations did basic health screening and addressed underlying health issues with every individual who came seeking alternative treatment. A total of about 200 individuals benefitted from the camp. Besides this, WW also invited Pusat Darah Negara to have a blood donation campaign. Some of the organisations were invited to give short talks while the camp was running. The talks were found to be very informative. Lunch was provided for all. WW would like to thank PLS for preparing the main items for the lunch.

PLSWW committee would like to thank all the practitioners and volunteers from the 12 organizations, staff of PLS, WW volunteers for working together in making the Mangalam Healthy Living Camp a success.





## BUKA PUASA

After a four year hiatus, it was heartwarming to see a good response for this year's Buka Puasa gathering at The Pure Life Society's Multi-purpose Hall on 19th March 2024. It was a beautiful evening of fellowship and sharing about fasting in other faiths besides Islam. Obviously, it was a recommended practice for the body and the soul. We were informed of the goodness and purpose of fasting by the representatives of Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity, Sikhism and Baha'i faiths. This was followed by the timely breaking of the fast, Maghrib prayer and dinner at the Dining Hall. Below are some pictures from the event.



Dr Amir Farid



Mr Gopal Balakrishnan





## 1ST YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE—MOTHER MANGALAM

### THE LIGHT SHINES ON.....

10th June 2024 marked a year since the passing of our beloved Datin Paduka (Dr) Mother A Mangalam.

A Memorial Service was held on that day with religious heads and representatives of various faiths reciting prayers, children offering their tokens of love to Mother, a performance by the children, dedication of a poem by her ex-student, montage on her life, speeches and flower offering.

The Memorial was attended by many dignitaries including the Indian High Commissioner, HE Mr B N Reddy, the Deputy Indian High Commissioner, Mrs Subashini Narayanan, Tan Sri Dr S Subramaniam, Datuk Lim Yan Pok, Dato Leela Mohd Ali and Dato Ariff from Yayasan Budi Penyayang, Datuk Seri Thaiveegan Arumugam and many others, including Mother's old and dear friends, her relations, former staff, PLS members, donors, well-wishers and members of the Alumni.

To recite prayers for Mother's soul to rest in peace, we had the privilege of having The Most Venerable Datuk K Dhammaratana, Chief High Priest of Malaysia, to recite the Buddhist Prayer, Most Reverend Julian Leow Beng Kim, Archbishop of Kuala Lumpur, to recite the Christian prayer, Datuk A Vaithilingam, former President of Malaysian Hindu Sangam, to recite the Hindu prayer, Sardar Harcharan Singh, former President of Malaysian Gurdwaras Council, to recite the Sikh prayer and Mr T K Lee, Representative, Office of External Affairs, Baha'i Community of Malaysia, to recite the Baha'i prayer.



In her speech, the Organising Committee Chairperson, Ms Deva Kunjari Tun Sambanthan, said "we look upon today not as a day for being mournful, but as a day to remember the ancient light of service Mother received from Swami Satyananda, which she nurtured and cultivated and the many lives she touched in innumerable ways for 62 years after Swamiji's passing in 1961. This service exemplified a commitment to the nation. And so we gather this evening to honour these

special souls, who served humanity as torchbearers, who received from the divine, the eternal, everlasting light of service, which they carried with the knowledge that it is to be passed on. And we gather to honour the passing of this precious light to all those who honour and nurture it. More so, to the children for whom this light shines on.” She went on to acknowledge the members of the 1st Anniversary Organising Committee, Dato V L Kandan, Ms M Krishnakumary, Mr Ruben Prakash, Datin Subashini, Mr T Kevin, Ms Shamala, Ms Sumathi & Ms Geetha.

In her welcome address, the President, Dato’ Ambiga Sreenevasan, said “The best testament to Mother’s life is the immense admiration and love the children of Pure Life Society had for her. Pure Life Society is a special organization. All the children here are our children. Religion and race are irrelevant. The only thing relevant is whether we can help children in difficult situations make their lives better. And all I will say is that I wish I had known Mother Mangalam better. This one year has been a year of discovery for me. I have learnt that Mother was a superb cook, had built up a library of scrap books of interesting people and had written useful booklets, poetry and prayers. She was multi talented.”

In his closing address, the Vice President, Dato V L Kandan thanked Ms Deva Kunjari, Ms Krishnakumary, Mr Ruben Prakash for decorating the hall and many others, Datin Subashini and team of alumni members, Mrs Thanalakshmi Selvadurai, Ms Sumathi Sankaran and staff, Ms Geetha Madhavan and her team of HODs, for an event well organised. He thanked the Lotus Group, the Rengasamy Pillai Brothers, Tan Sri Doraisingam, Datuk Ramalingam and Dato Nagasundram for their regular support and for the delicious vegetarian dinner they had catered. Dato Kandan also paid tribute to Mr P K Moorthy and Mr Palany Murugan, who we all dearly miss.

We miss Mother Mangalam but the light shines on through Dato’ Ambiga Sreenevasan.



Dato Ambiga Sreenevasan, Dato V L Kandan, Ms Deva Kunjari & Mr Ravindran Raman Kutty



Most Reverend Datuk Dhammaratana, Most Reverend Archbishop Julian Leow, Datuk Vaithilingam, Sardar Harcharan Singh, Mr T K Lee





Offering of flowers by Guests





Our EmCees



Our Singers



Our Dancers



We would like to depict this as Mother Mangalam handing over the light of The Pure Life Society to Dato' Ambiga Sreenevasan.

*The Light Shines on.....*



## 1ST YEAR MEMORIAL PRAYER - MOTHER MANGALAM

Mother Mangalam's 1st Year Memorial Prayers fell on Wednesday, 29th May 2024, in accordance to the Hindu Calendar (referred as 'thithi' by the Hindus).

Before that, a ceremony was conducted by Priest Chandrasegaran from Vallalar Maamandram to transfer Mother's ashes to her final resting place, on 22nd May 2024, between 7am and 8am. To witness this event, were Dato V L Kandan, Ms Sumathi, Senior boys, Ruben Prakash, Ms Krishnakumary, staff and Mother's sister and brother in law, Mr & Mrs S Selvadurai.

The Memorial Prayers on 29th June 2024 were organized by The Pure Life Society's children of the past, under the leadership of Ms Deva Kunjari Sambanthan, Chairperson of the Organising Committee. In the team were Ms M Krishnakumary, Mr Ruben Prakash, Datin K Subashini, Mr T Kevin and many others who came back to assist in this event.

Mother's former residence was also decorated to be a Memorial Cottage. Special Prayers were held here by Mother Mangalam's family before everyone proceeded to the Temple of the Universal Spirit.

Thanksgiving prayers and bhajans, sharing of experiences by wards, members and staff, past & present. GURU *Samarpanam* took place at the Temple of the Universal Temple. All PLS wards, staff, PLS President, Vice President, Committee members, PLS members, volunteers and old girls & boys took part.

Staff, past & present, children and members who had served Mother, were honoured with a shawl by the President. All children were given a door gift too. A sumptuous banana leaf lunch was served after the prayers.

We take this opportunity to thank kind sponsors, children, staff, management of The PLS and Alumni for making the event a success.

We also thank:

- ♦ The Pure Life Society Management for sponsoring the printing cost of Mother Mangalam's Memorial books and the cost of constructing Mother's Monument;
- ♦ The Pure Life Administration & Staff who helped in one way or another;
- ♦ Mr Ruben Prakash & Mrs Letchumi Ruben Prakash for the Special Song that was composed and dedicated to Mother;
- ♦ Datin Subashini Karuppiyah for training the children in dance and song as well as in other aspects of the event;
- ♦ Mr Ruben Prakash, Ms.Pathma, Mr Rajavikraman, Ms Meera and Senior boys, for cleaning, painting, repairing and decorating Swamiji's and Mother's cottage;
- ♦ Ex-wards and PLS members for the delicious Prasadham (sweets);
- ♦ K K Khanna & Team for having sponsored the photography and videography of the event.







Prayers at Mother's residence



Prayers at the Temple of the Universal Spirit



Mother Mangalam's Monument



In Unity



- Ms M Krishnakumary, Chairperson, Alumni & Member, Committee of Management, 2023-2024



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