

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
I am trying my luck in this competition and hope to win. Should I win I will be happy with it as my gift from you this Christmas. I want to thank you for all the gifts I received at Christmas right through the years. I hope that some day when I grow up I too could be liked and be able to give to those in need and make others happy. May the legend of St. Nicholas go on and make this world a better place to live. Thank you for making my childhood a happy one at Christmas.

A Merry Christmas to you.
Ulrich Lucas



Aunt Mali thanks all those who sent letters to Santa. One of more than thousand entries, selecting only fifty letters was indeed a trying task. For majority of them are beautiful letters with sentiments of love, cheer and hope. Some of them, beautiful art works.

Today we publish the final set of winning entries.

The winners will be hosted to a Christmas party by **Mount Lavinia Hotel**

Dear Santa,
Hello, and a very good season Santa. I am Sandreen. My baby sister is Roanne. School was great this year and I was the second in class. Reading is my hobby. My sister loves reading books too. Did you enjoy the cake I left for you last Christmas which I helped my mum in making. Christmas is the best time of the year and you are the best too.

We love you Santa
Sandreen Amenda Fernando



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My dear Santa,
My name is Wishwatha Ratnaike. I turned six on 17.09.2007. I go to St. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia. I have one little brother who is 1 1/2 years. My Ammi and Thaththi are studying in Australia. Myself and Mali are looked after by my Achchi and Seeya whom I love very much. Santa, please say hellow and happy X'Mas to my Amma and Thaththi from me and Mali when you visit Australia.

Santa, I love you too!
Love and kisses.

Wishwatha

My dear Santa
How are you getting on? I am fine, I don't like to ask anything special, but you can send me something that a 6 1/2 year girl would like. Thank you. I like to tell you something interesting. The mother squirrel has brought two baby squirrels and put in my old toy box. When I showed my mother, she said that it is bad to go near, because the mother Squirrel might bite me, and she locked the door. Now, I keep watching through the key hole to see how they grow up. My mother says when they grow up the mother squirrel will take them to a tree to live there. Isn't it interesting? Bye, good day to you dear Santa.
I love you.

Hiruni

God bless!

My dear Santa

Santa how are you getting on? I am fine I think you must be very busy these days.

Santa I have a very sad story to tell you. I don't have Christmas this year because my mother died last month November 20th. Now I am staying with my aunty. Santa I am studying at Holy Family Convent Bambalapitiya. I am 10 years old, studying at grade 5. We are getting our Christmas holidays on the 7th of December. I will be at my other aunt's place for holidays.

I will wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. bye!

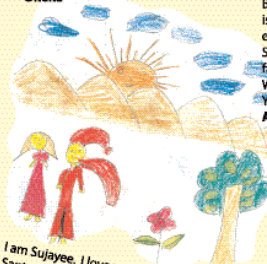
Thanking you,
from your's,
Sharon 'V' Schuilling



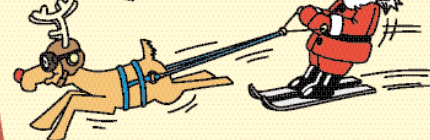
Dearest Santa,
This year I have been a very good girl. I am waiting to see you. Please bring me a colouring set as I love to colour. I hope you like the card I made for you. I listen to my parents and look after my baby sister.
Love you,
Anithra

Hi Santa
I have a big secret to tell you. My dada told mama that he has got a good job abroad. My sister and I hugged him and cried. Santa, hurry and stop him. Dada talks, laughs and plays with us always. We cannot let him go. Please tell dada we love him and need him more than anything in the world. This is the best gift you can give me. A big hug!

Onella



I am Sujayee. I love you very much. Dear Santa, please give our country peace. I wish you will give me a doll.
K.A.D. Sujayee Kulamini



Dear Santa Claus
I want to play with dad. He is going abroad to earn money. Tell him to stay with me.
Thank you Santa
God bless!
I am **Thoshini**



Dear Santa Clause
This year has been very sad for me, since I lost my Nana and my Aunty. We were so close to each other, it was so comfortable and warm to be around my Nana's arms, that now I feel very lonely. Mama says that we cannot celebrate Christmas this year due to the deaths, so I asked whether I could ask, a gift from Santa. Santa please bring my loved ones to me so that we could all have a wonderful Christmas!

Nikhil Hassan

Dear Santa,
I am happy to tell you I passed my grade five scholarship exam. I am hoping to go to another school. But Santa there is something which is worrying me. That is, as my father is a heart patient and also has lost one eye, he has to spend a lot of money to buy medicines. So Santa as a gift I beg you, to ask God to bless my loving father.

Wish you a happy Christmas.
Yours sincerely,
Arinda Issivara Wijesinghe

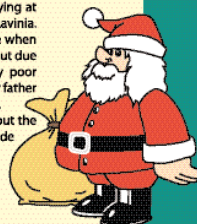
Dear Santa
I am happy you are coming to visit the Daily News. Hope it is close to No. 19. Please don't come when we are sleeping. Last year and the year before Ammi said the same thing "Santa just left." So this time wait until Ammi wakes nangi and me. We want to sing "Bandi Gediya Bole Vagei". School Santa is of course very thin holding Arpico balloons.

Luv-Santushi

Dear Santa, I do not need presents this year
All I want is peace, love and happiness on earth
Nice to hear "Jingle bells" "Jingle bells"
To make all "spirits bright" and sprightly
As sparklers, Roman candles and the shining star
Children should
Live in a world free of
Anger, poverty and war
Unite all mankind and help us to join hands and
Sing together "SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TONIGHT!"

Ashwin

Dear Santa,
How are you? My flying kisses to you. I like you so much Santa. I am in Grade Two. I come back home at 2.30 p.m. from school. I have four tuition classes in week days and one class in the weekend. I have a lot of toys and a cycle at home. But I do not have time to play. My parents say they played a lot in their childhood. Why is this?
Bye, Bye,
Loving, **G. Madura.**



My Dear Santa
I was happy to see your picture at my aunty's house. I'm studying at Buddhist girls' College, Mt. Lavinia. We lost everything by a fire when we were out. Which broke out due to a wire shortage. So my poor parents were so sad and my father was in hospital for a month. Our good neighbours put out the fire but at last the Fire Brigade had to be called.
I love you Santa.
Indu Wijeweera

Dear Santa
Day by day Christmas comes closer. I see glittering stars through my window. You come in high sky, wearing snowy coat smiling at me.
Suddenly I awoke from my dream. Mother assured and gave bed tea.
Later I saw in TV cyclone and flood crossing on Bangladesh. I am so sorry about them. Dear Santa, please go there and help them. But don't forget to see us on Christmas day.
I am sincerely,
Rashmi



Dearest Santa,
I know you will be very busy sorting out the gifts for so many children. So I'm asking you for only one gift, anything you feel is best for me. Santa, I hope you will not forget the children who cannot write to you, especially the poor and homeless. At least if you could give them the gift of love and hope for the future, then my gift will be more meaningful for me.
Love and merry Christmas,
Sulakhana Perera

