# NICU Parent Support Audio Cast

Audio Messages of Information, Encouragement & Support for NICU Parents

With Your Host: Dr. Kirsti A. Dyer

Episode 4 - A Special Healing Blessing - Version 2 - Traditional Lullaby

[Brief Music Interlude - 36 seconds. Lullaby.]

#### Welcome

Welcome. You have accessed the NICU Parent Support Audio & Podcast Channel. This is a series of audio messages of encouragement and support for parents and families who have babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit or the Intensive Care Nursery.

I am your host for this series of audio messages. My name is Dr. Kirsti Dyer.

I am a physician, professional health educator, professor, teacher, grief, loss & bereavement expert and author. I also happened to be a former NICU Parent.

#### Introduction

Today's episode includes a special healing blessing that our family wrote during the first few days when our daughter was hospitalized in the Intensive Care Nursery. We brought the blessing into the hospital & placed a copy over her bed where it remained until she went home.

We share this blessing you, another NICU family, to use with your own baby.

So on to the Blessing.

[Brief Music Interlude - 18 seconds. Lullaby.]

#### **A Healing Blessing**

May you be surrounded in comfort. May you be filled with love. May you feel the healing presence of those who hold you in their thoughts & prayers. May these positive thoughts and blessings provide you with strength. May you be sustained in health as you continue your healing journey.

[Brief Music Interlude - 18 seconds. Lullaby.]

May you relax. May you be calm. May you be serene.

May you rest as your body heals in your safe cocoon of comfort, love and strength. May your body be transformed into one filled with love, happiness, joy and health. May you continue to heal...

Moment by moment Hour by hour Day by day

Knowing that so many love you and wait to welcome you

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May you feel loved. May you be safe. May you be protected. May you be strong. May you be healed.

Mommy, Daddy & Kaarina

[Brief Music Interlude - 37 seconds. Lullaby.]

#### More about the Blessing

In addition to having a copy with my daughter in the hospital, we also emailed copies out to friends and family so they could also read the blessing and hold her in their thoughts. Copies were given to the Intensive Care Nursery (ICN) staff with our gratitude on the day she was discharged. A printable version is available at <u>http://www.journeyofhearts.org/nps/blessing.pdf</u>

#### Thank You

Thank you for listening to the information in this episode from the NICU Parent Support Audio & Podcast channel our series of audio messages of encouragement and support for NICU Parents.

#### Please Visit the NICU Parent Support Site and Blog

I would like to invite you to visit the NICU Parent Support site at **NICUParentSupport.org** and the NICU Parent Support Blog at **nicuparentsupport.blogspot.com**. Some of the information for these audio episodes has been taken from articles and blog entries on these sites.

I hope that you will find this series of audio messages to be informative, encouraging, comforting and supportive to you during your time in the NICU.

Until the next time, I wish you strength for getting through your NICU experience.

[Brief Music Interlude - 48 seconds. Lullaby.]

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[Brief Closing Music Interlude - seconds. Lullaby.]

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