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the special call of special needs

*“Strange it was for the weak in faith and the unwise that, though born blind, thou couldst see and know not only the present, but also the future, for they knew not that the power of God is fulfilled in human weakness. And we, blessed mother, seeing the wisdom of God manifested in thee, cry out to God: Alleluia.”*

*- Kontakion 8 of the Akathyst to St. Matrona of Moscow*

St. Matrona of Moscow was physically blind, however she possessed spiritual sight - a special gift known to a chosen few. The power of her prayers healed diseases, cast out demons, and comforted lost souls. When faced with physical challenges we can take heart in her life's witness. God wishes to work His power in and through these very struggles. Additionally, like St. Matrona, each human being is in possession of many gifts. No person has every gift or talent, but all are blessed with dignity and purpose. As God granted St. Matrona spiritual sight into the souls of those who came to her, so through her prayers may He give members of His Church the “eyes to see” and faith to trust, how He chooses to shine through every person He lovingly gifts to this world.