

MESSAGE FROM MALALA YOUSAFZAI

For the high-level advocacy event: **STAND UP FOR MALALA - GIRLS' EDUCATION IS A RIGHT!**

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"I am thankful to my nation in Pakistan and the whole world for supporting me and the grand cause of education that I stand for.

I am thankful also to all the nurses and doctors at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham for their outstanding care that helps me get better day by day.

People from Pakistan and all over the world prayed to God for my life and God gifted me a second life.

My dream is to see all children, especially girls, going to school to be educated. I dream of a peaceful world where all human beings are accommodating and tolerant. I wish to see equality and justice for all men and women.

I am on a journey to see my dreamland. It does not matter if I fall down, I will stand again, walk and struggle hard.

Today is the happiest day for me because the honourable President of Pakistan and UNESCO are here to help the poor and uneducated children.

I have received thousands of cards full of good wishes and a lot of gifts which is an honour for me – but if you help others and do something for the education of girls, that would be a greater honour for me and the happiest moment of my life.

The sooner all deprived children go to school, the sooner I will get better.

Thank you all"

Malala