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See mak, it's okay if I hardly do the household chores or if I don't know how to cook, your daughter didn't turn out that bad after all! But no matter how much you dislike me to row because I'm always not at home, I know that my success is always in your prayers. Thank you for that. Nothing in the world can be greater than a mother's blessing.

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I will continue to work hard towards achieving my dreams to qualify for the Olympics. May this spur my motivation even higher. And most importantly may this inspire my friends out there to reach their dreams and goals too. Let nothing stop you from achieving your dreams.