

Thursday



Relationship to be Improved

"My father has been bothering my mother and then me. My mother is 52. She has believed in the Lord for many years. But she has never been approved by my father. He is nice particularly to outsiders but harsh to his family members. My mother is often scolded by him. Being extreme, my father refuses to eat meat, eggs, and milk. When he sees my mother eating these, he curses her and makes her suffer from long-term anemia and physical weakness. When guests visit us, he is very polite. When my mother quarrels with him, he scolds her nastily with offensive words. He has never taken up his family responsibility. My mother has been hurt deeply and mentally because my father is narrow-minded."

(Audience "A Worried Person")

⌘ Ask the Lord to protect this family. Please pray that their father can repent and accept the Lord and that he can understand his family members' feelings and hurt. Also pray that he is willing to be changed into a good and loving father.

Marine Micro-plastics

Director of State Oceanic Administration: "Micro-plastics is now found in organisms 4,500-metre deep in the sea! Plastic waste in the ocean is gradually broken down into plastic particles of less than 5mm in diameter, which is known by scientists as "PM2.5 in water". It is exigent that this oceanic pollutant is wide spreading beyond our imagination these recent years. According to an UNEP survey, the ban on single-use plastic bags is a useful measure whereas reducing upstream demand for plastics will be an effectual solution in the long run. To cope with the problem of micro-plastic pollution, there requires a new legally binding framework to address the issue from a global perspective.

("China News Network", August 14, 2018)

⌘ It is now extremely urgent to promote coordinated research programs and actions of the international community. In addition, there is a need to formulate policies and regulations as well as technologies to intercept and reduce the way plastic waste enters the ocean. May God grant wisdom to related experts on solving the problem of marine litter.

Friday



This is Life

"Perhaps I had missed out something that God would want me to learn about, I am unable to mobilize my work and thus in the following year, I still have to separate from my family. My heart is extremely unsettled and uncomfortable. Feeling depressed with no idea how long this will linger on. My life is a total failure! From my husband, I have earned not the least happiness nor support but loads of pain and melancholy. No pleasant dreams can last, just the nightmares remain. I am sad and angry, feeble and helpless. God, give me strength! I confide in Him this whole day as I see myself falling into the darkness. I am lost."

(A Sister)

⌘ May the Lord hear the cries of this sister and help her work and settle her heart so that she can unite with her family. Pray God to heal her sorrowful soul, and to enlighten her with the peace and comfort in Him.

Bible Translation

Only a few of many ethnic minorities in China have their own written characters. When missionaries enter these communities, they create characters for them. They also translate the Bible into that languages for them and even print bibles. Moreover, the missionaries also work hard to teach people of an ethnic group to learn characters so that they can know what the Bible has taught. Compared with the bible translation ministries in the past, the bible translation can be completed more efficiently at present with the help of some computer programs because the modern computer technology has been well- developed. But a very long period of time is still required to help the ethnic groups learn the newly created characters. Moreover, modern bible translators produce audio bibles by recording to enable the ethnic groups to listen to their own mother tongue bibles.

⌘ Please pray for the hard-working missionaries who have been devoted to the difficult bible translation. Ask the Lord to use all of their wisdom to enable them to teach the people they love and serve. Pray that they can teach these people Words of God and that more people will be attracted to know Jesus Christ who is the son of redemption.

Saturday



By Faith

"There is a young couple in Christ: Brother Nee and Sister Huang. Please pray for their newborn daughter. Sister Huang was pregnant for her second child. She had flu and took medication improperly when she had been pregnant for six months. Therefore her doctor advised that her fetus should not be retained. He recommended her labor induction. Relying on God, this couple was willing to entrust the birth of their child to the Lord. Their baby daughter was born last Friday. However, her heart is not healthy. Currently she is receiving medical care and treatment. Her actual situation is still uncertain. The hospital has informed the family members of their need to discuss and make a decision. Please ask the Lord to increase the couple's confidence, and to rebuke and eliminate Satan. It is believed that everything has God's good intention and that the Lord's name will be glorified and witnessed."

(Audience "A Caring Person")

⌘ Please pray for Brother Nee's family and ask the Lord to bless his baby daughter. Pray that her heart will be healed by the Lord and that she will become healthy and safe. Also pray that the family can experience the grace of God and will be blessed.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Internet Broadcast:** In July, the downloading volume of our online broadcast, the number of listening hours of our streaming broadcast, and the number of people using our various platforms hit new high records this year! We not only thank the Lord for this, but also pray that the Heavenly Father will double the use of our broadcast at a special moment to bless the churches and people in the vast territory of China.

2 **Anniversary Celebration:** 2018 is both the 60th anniversary of FEBC-HK and the 69th anniversary of Radio Liangyou. We had one hour of thanksgiving worship at 6pm on July 29; and there was also an hour of live broadcast for receiving calls from audience at 7pm. Their enthusiasm and passion touched us very much! All co-workers are determined to continue to be confidants of the audience and to walk hand in hand with them via the broadcast.

China News and Prayer

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

September is the beginning of the new school year in Hong Kong. Facing a new school year, numerous students are full of expectations. Being the children of God, do we have new expectation every day? Do the partners who care China have new road signs amid the present circumstances?

Luke recorded Jesus in his childhood with the conclusion: "And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." (Luke 2:52) Is the essence of this sentence an indicator of our growth? "Our wisdom and age, our favor with God and people will all grow together." How beautiful is this kind of life! But is this the expectation of you and me?

Apostle Paul has encouraged the children of God, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." (Romans 12:2) Let us wait more in front of the Lord. If we are determined to let Him be seated on the throne of our life, I believe that we will experience the continuous renewal and growth of our life! Do we long for this?

It is difficult to sustain our growth by relying on our own power to pay efforts. This does not conform to the doctrine of being justified by faith. Jeremiah said, "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (Lam 3:22- 23) Here shows that God actively conveys the fact that every day He gives new love and compassion. If we let Him guide us and obey His power, our growth will be solid and long-lasting! Are we eager for this?

Let us look forward to growing together. Based on the unchangeableness of our mission, all partners who care China firmly believe that we should kneel down more to pray and rely on the Lord persistently. We will still have the strength to advance in future.

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Sunday



Feeling Very Depressed

"My mother behaves very extremely whenever she talks about my boyfriend. For example, after I had gone out to watch a movie with my boyfriend, she kept on calling me anxiously at that night. My father does not live with us and I live with my mother together. I have fallen in love with a man and want to be with him. But my mother thinks that he is not good enough. She thinks that his work and personality are not good. When I want to get married, she has threatened to commit suicide. My mother and I are Christians. She always kneels down to pray before the Lord and talks to Him in tears. Every time I see her behaving like this, I am very upset. Facing my relationship with her, I also feel very depressed."

(Sister Lan Xing)

- ⌘ Please pray for the relationship between Lan Xing and her mother. Pray particularly that the sister will know how to face her mother's opposition to her boyfriend. Also pray that both of them can let go of their prejudice and that they can communicate sincerely before the Lord.

Foreign Models

According to the survey report on foreign models in China, there is about 10,000 foreign models in China. They earn over RMB 10,000 daily and are mostly working part-time. About 3,000 models have obtained work visas through brokerage companies whereas the remaining 7,000 are mainly international students or foreigners in China. The professional ones do, as migratory birds, take a 90-day work visa and return home thereafter. There is in particular an influx of foreign models from July to September each year who come for the seasons of "Double 11" and Christmas. One third of these models have work orders every day. Hourly wage of these foreign models is RMB 1000-3000 and they work about eight hours a day. After three months of modelling, most gain enough money to buy a house at their home countries.

("People's Network" August 15, 2018)

- ⌘ Pray for the foreign modelling industry and may the work of models be properly arranged by trustworthy units to avoid any cheating or exploitation played on foreign students in particular.

Monday



A Tough Path

"I turned to Christ Jesus in 2012 and the six years' path of faith is a stumble because of some complicated reasons. First, I believe in Jesus whereas my wife in heresy for 20 years. No matter how often I urge her to read the Bible, it's all in vain. Second, I had promised God to spread His Good News to people in villages around my home place. The fact is, I only spread gospel leaflet occasionally to people in the market. Third, I fail to overcome my fear to meeting clients; I am too stressed at work. I feel disappointed and sorry for my own weaknesses. In fact, I am terribly feeble in the meantime."

(Brother Wang)

- ⌘ Pray for Brother Wang's family, hoping his wife to believe in our Lord and get free from the bondage of the heresy. May God grant Brother the insight and strength on his evangelical ministry. Pray also for God's presence with Brother at his workplace to help him remove all his anxiety and rebuild his confidence.

Leftover Embryo

The world's first test-tube baby has entered her 40's this year. In just a few decades, the global population born with IVF technology has exceeded 8 million. China obtained the technology 30 years ago and its bank of unowned embryo is almost full: What should we do with these embryos? The issue is so sensitive. In an interview with Dr. Yu Qi, Director of the Department of Endocrinology and Reproductive Gynecology of Peking Union Medical College Hospital, she revealed her concern "The space for keeping liquid nitrogen tanks, which is the gas used for preserving embryos, has been utterly packed. What happens next?" From a doctor's point of view, these embryos have the potential to become human beings. Doctors are therefore psychologically forbidden to destroy them. As such a multi-ethical issue, the keeping of these embryos is a real tough choice.

("Science and Technology Daily", August 14 2018)

- ⌘ May the Lord grant the doctors wisdom in over-viewing the life attributes of embryos as well as their production and usage. Pray the Lord to help them develop a comprehensive and uniform contract model for the prevention of potential disputes.

Tuesday



Singing Gift

"I couldn't read sheet music. At a music lesson where rhythm was taught, I was scolded by the teacher for making wrong beats. Another time when I was applying for a post of kindergarten teacher, the school asked me over the phone if I could sing sheet music. I asked, 'What is a sheet music?' After committing to Christ Jesus, I have no more of such embarrassment because some church brothers and sisters sent me hymns books and scores and taught me to sing. It is however rather boring though to study sheet music simply by the changes of tunes. But if I can't read music, how can I sing the songs? I thus prayed for God's grace to let me learn to praise Him with my voice. I then tried matching my finger-count with the sheet music and slowly, I can sing new sheet music by myself now!"

(Sister Lin)

- ⌘ Thanks to the Lord for answering Sister Lin's prayers and grant her the gift of singing. God is indeed omnipotent, and we are to glorify Him!

Mountain Teacher

Deep in the mountain range there comes a teaching point. On the teacher desk of Luo Guangxiang there lays his captivating calligraphy in regular-script style. Although there are only two students, he insists on preparing lessons and writing lesson plans. His teaching model, which consists of outdoor activities, is not backward at all. The Secretary of the Jiangxi Provincial Education Bureau commented on Teacher Luo: He might not have students all over the world, but sure they are enough to cover an entire mountain. Amongst the hundreds of his students in the past few decades, no fewer than a hundred have become top teachers. Lou said, "Teaching itself is a kind of lonely practice. The two students in hand are perfect for running his quality teaching. As a local myself, who else will teach at this school if I am reluctant to come back first?"

("Guangming Daily", August 15, 2018)

- ⌘ May the Lord bless the work of Teacher Luo, a role model who serves to cultivate others with his lofty convictions and knowledge, sentiments and benevolence in a most ordinary manner.

Wednesday



Family Hassle

"I am 17 years old, at high school, and I have followed my mother into Christianity since very young age. On the road from campus to society, I got stuck cognitively sometimes, primarily on issues about initiative and self-control. I am in dimness this whole year, despite knowing what I should have done, I finished nothing in the end. No blame to my ability, I am just psychologically decadent – like living in an endless and hopeless suffering every day. What do I live for? To seek the meaning of life, I suppose. I don't want to be chosen by the world but be the one to choose instead. Yes, I am proud, to be exact, arrogant or feeling a bit holier, or simply just naive and frivolous."

(Sister Su)

- ⌘ Pray for Sister Su and grateful that she is aware of her own situation. May our Lord be with her and keep her still in her adolescence. Grant her a humble and righteous heart in the face of changes in life.

"Data Package" Tricks

Many mobile phone users report that they often receive calls from telecom operators who want to give them "mobile phone data packets" and introduce new packages to them. After the users have refused to pick up the calls or have hung up, the telecom operators still call them repeatedly and cause troubles in their life and work. These calls have resulted in "phone harassments." As far as a "data package" itself is concerned, there are often tricks. For example, a package claims to provide unlimited data usage, but it will actually provide limited speed if a certain level of data usage has been reached. Another example, a package is claimed to be a free gift for a user. But after a few months, the user is being charged without the user's knowledge. It is impossible to guard against similar "tricks" which have damaged business integrity.

("People's Daily", August 11, 2018)

- ⌘ Please pray that the competitiveness of telecom enterprises will not rely on the business strategies which have deviated from the reform direction and the will of people. They should rely on genuine enterprise innovations and high-quality telecom services in order to win over customers.