

Thursday



### Taking Care of Mother

"I am 62 years old, born in the countryside. When I was six, my mother got an eye disease and got blinded. That day onwards, I became mother's white cane, taking her everywhere. At the beginning of her blindness, mother was thwarted and always in bad mood. Since then, I learned to be independent and strong; learned to take care of her life, to cook and make noodles. I started elementary school at nine and knew about shoes making at the age of 13. Without much love from parents in my childhood, I, nevertheless am grateful and fulfilled for having been taken care and guided by the Lord our God."

(Brother Sun)

⌘ To shoulder up his family since very young age has grounded him the genuine meaning of life: Living simple but fulfilling is grace while having God in life is happiness by all means. May his experience become blessings and encouragement to many others.

### Postgraduate Admission Examination

Application for 2019 National Postgraduate Admission Examination has started from October 10 till October 31. According to the Ministry of Education, the number of candidates reached 2.38 million in 2018, an increase of 370,000 when compared with 2017. According to a media survey, reasons for postgraduate studies are: (1) increase of employment competitiveness; (2) admission to a prestigious college; (3) a change of professions; and (4) temporary escape from the pressure of seeking employments. Zhuo Huan, a tutor from Northeast Normal University, thought that the major background of the upsurge of the examination candidates was the rise of the economic level in the society and increase of parents' input into their children's education fund. With this background, pursuit of high education and good jobs becomes choices of most people.

("China News Web, Beijing", October 10, 2018)

⌘ Please pray for the general trend of pursuing higher education in the Chinese society. It is hoped that the improvement of educational levels will bring about the rises of the cultural quality and morality level in the society.

Friday



### Go Upstream

"I accepted Christ in 2009 during which I got the illness. There is nothing one can do to keep me alive now, except the weekly dialysis. Although the body is failing me, I have peace in my heart. By the hope, I also tasted the beauty and kindness of our Lord. I was much enlightened after hearing the segment 'Against the Flow' from the program 'In Touch'. I learn about advancing through adversity: to becoming stronger in faith, realizing the goodwill behind sufferings and to make our life more pleasing to God."

(Sister Zhang, Shandong Province)

⌘ Pray for Sister Zhang that her health condition can be contained, and the treatment of hemodialysis will not bring her too much pain. May she hold tighter to God and through her illness she experiences God's peace and comfort.

### Ministry for Hui

The Hui population of China is more than 10 million and spreads out in the eastern, central and western regions with the form of "large dispersion, small concentrations". About 2.19 million of Hui people are concentrated in the Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region. Hui people mainly speak Chinese and mix it with the Jingtang language which is a language used in the Islamic Law. Chinese vocabularies are used to translate Persian and Arabic in the Jingtang language. At present, there are workers who enter regions such as five northwestern provinces, Yunnan, Henan and Shandong to carry out gospel ministries through their employment and businesses. Many ministries are carried out in the way of friendship evangelism because the Hui people are warm and hospitable. Patience and perseverance are required. Those Hui people who have returned to the Lord face the rejection of their compatriots and the obstruction of their families. It is necessary to support them by prayers. Moreover, Radio Liangyou has produced and broadcast a gospel program for the Hui people.

⌘ Ask the Lord to care and protect the co-workers who serve the Hui people. Also ask the Lord to use the testimonies in their life and deeds to lead more Hui people to the Lord. May the Lord call more such co-workers to serve such a dispersed Hui people.

Saturday



### I can Read

"I am 73 years old. I have never studied in a school. I am illiterate. I even do not know the characters of my name. I can only listen to sermons when I attend Sunday services. I do not know how to sing hymns. Once I heard a pastor saying in his sermon that Jesus cured a blind man of Jericho. Jesus was quoted as speaking to him, 'Receive your sight; your faith has healed you.' The blind man immediately received his sight. I bought a bible and went home after the sermon. Then I knelt down, cried and prayed, 'Lord! Please make me see. I believe you!' Every day I pray in this way and asked the Lord to open my eyes so that I could read and understand the precious words in the Bible. One day I opened the Bible and read the first three chapters of Genesis. When I was reading the scriptures, my son came over coincidentally. Listening to what I was reading, he said, 'Mom, have you become literate? Could you read it once again?' I did not believe in this at that moment. My son said happily, 'Mom, it is God who has opened your eyes. This is a miracle!'"

(Sister Zhang)

⌘ Thank the Lord for the manifestation of His miracle in Sister Zhang's testimony. May the Lord use her testimony to bless many other people.

### Gospel Broadcasting

1 "The Ways Of the Pastors": The third graduation ceremony was held last month. Thanks to God. There were 14 graduates. Ask the Lord to make them become His faithful servants and use them in their own church. In addition, the fourth training program is under preparation. May the Lord support and use the students to be trained. Please pray that both our staff and students will be strengthened, and that they can make progress by learning from each other!

2 **Caroling LIVE by Sooradio:** Sooradio will organize an online 12-hour "Marathon Relay Live Caroling" on December 15. More than ten pastors will evangelize in relays during this event. Different parties will also take turns to sing Christmas carols. Pray that the Lord will use this function to spread more widely the good news to be celebrated by the whole world!

## China News and Prayer

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

We pray, not because we want to give others a good impression that we trust God; nor do we need to go through the motion because we promised someone to pray for him/her; nor do we want to give God some specific instructions as to how our problems should be solved.

We pray, because we want God at the throne of grace to know that we truly trust Him, and we truly care for other people in need, and we truly let go of our problems and let God work in His time and in His way.

We continue to pray, because our past experiences tell us that God is almighty and all knowing, and He is faithful and trustworthy. He transcends time and space, and He is also ever unchanging. Any feeling or emotion inside can be brought to His throne.

Living in this time and age, we can easily feel the tension in every realm of life. Family, work, church, and even leisure demand our immediate attention. News, messages, sharing, advertisements bombard our eyes and mind no matter which way we turn. How are we to find a dedicated quiet time to pray?

Frankly, if we do not set our mind to do it, we can hardly be a prayer warrior at all. None of the cases in this pamphlet is fictitious. They are excerpts from news media, or from messages sent by our radio listeners. If you are one of those who take China to heart, and our radio ministry too, you would likely remember these needs and bring them to the throne of grace in due time.

May we be encouraged by a verse, paraphrased here, taken from a song written especially for our 60th anniversary - HIS FAITHFULNESS IS EVERLASTING:

"His faithfulness is everlasting, His lovingkindness unceasing, the Lord of history cares tirelessly for China; The bamboo curtain fell, the gateway shut, all through the night hearts waited for the dawn.

In times of hardship His hands sustained, in times of uncertainty He guided, the mighty voice brought the Word Across the sky to feeble souls.

His faithfulness is everlasting, His lovingkindness unceasing, year after year His blessings never faded; Grateful for His compassion, Grateful we held together, His faithfulness be echoed from age to age."

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Sunday



### Unkempt

"I am a carefree woman with an unkempt appearance. In the morning, I might just give my hair a squeeze and my face a splash of water, then wipe it to dry. That's it, no tooth brushing and almost never put on any makeup. Shouldn't Christian care solely the inner beauty of a person? Another reason is: when I am 'well-dressed', I look like a witch! I loathe being stared at by others; feeling so unsafe and I accurse all men for their shallowness – they just care about what catch their eyes! For me, I prefer to earn their respect rather than being a vase! Be myself, I therefore don't dress as if their cup of tea. How about Christians? Is being unkempt by any means in line with God's will?"

(Audience "Xiaoyan")

- ⌘ Pray that Xiaoyan can rightly value one's inner as well as one's outer beauty. May the Lord help her see the opposite sex properly without bias.

### Heavy Homework

A parent of a primary school student wrote "slept?" to a teacher in a WeChat group at midnight. The parent complained that her daughter was still working on the assignments given by the teacher. The parent also questioned the teacher "In what sense do you deserve a good night's sleep?" The parent was soon kicked out of the group by the teacher. The teacher's reaction was widely criticized by other parents or netizens in and out of the group while some would think that they were both in fact care for the children and thus needn't have to antagonize their relationship. At present, schooling is exhausting: students are suggested to take after-school tutorials on top of tons of school assignments while their parents are requested by teachers to help check and correct their kid's homework. Both students and parents are indeed terribly overloaded.

("Chutian Metropolis Daily", September 22, 2018)

- ⌘ Pray that teachers are professional and passionate in teaching and willing to cooperate with parents on the development of children's knowledge and character. "Less is More!" as said, an adjustment in the quantity and quality of assignments may bring a better outcome in learning.

Monday



### Soccer Gambling

"Once I fell into the snare of the stock market and lost everything. When I was hopeless, the Lord chose me. After I had believed in the Lord, I had returned to virtue with no desires for four years. But I began to participate in soccer gambling when the World Cup 2018 started, and I spent my hard earned money on soccer gambling. I could not help spending my borrowed money on gambling occasionally. I know that Satan is influencing me, but I cannot resist. However, I do not feel the help of other Christians around me. I also complain that why God does not speak to me. I hope that you can pray for me to overcome the Satan's temptations."

(Audience "Ah Ha")

- ⌘ Ask the Lord to help Ah Ha stay away from gambling and give him the strength to resist temptations. Please pray that he can find helpers or a cell group in his church so that some Christians will join hands with him to face difficulties and temptations.

### African Swine Fever

According to a statement from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on October 12, Liaoning Provincial Center for Animal Disease Control and Prevention confirmed an outbreak of African swine fever in a farm in Xintai Town, Taian County of Anshan City where 120 pigs were kept of which 88 were infected and 72 were dead. Up to now, 25 cases of African swine fever had been reported across Liaoning, Henan, Zhejiang, Jiangsu and other provinces. Immediately after the outbreak, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs dispatched a steering group to execute emergency response measures such as blockade, culling, hazard-free treatment and disinfection, etc., to cleanse and hazard-free disinfect the affected swine thoroughly on the one hand; and prohibit all live pigs and susceptible animals and products from entering or leaving the blockade on the other hand. At present, the above epidemic has been effectively dealt with.

("Economic View", October 12, 2018)

- ⌘ Pray that the epidemic situation of swine fever can be effectively contained while all the sick and dead pigs be properly disposed of and off the market.

Tuesday



### Knowing Jesus

"I spent my happy childhood in an old village where I was accompanied with friends of my age. No one though would talk about Jesus nor Christianity as all adults were temple-goers and they worshipped the stones or so with incense sticks. As a child, I also liked joining the majority to share the bustling, fun and the delicious food there on every 15th of the first month. My mother, who was not well educated, would take me and my two sisters to the fortune tellers. In high school, a classmate's mother was said to be a Christian and would join church service on Sundays. She, however, had never told us about Jesus. Until I came to Hangzhou, a colleague took me to the church where I started to know Jesus. I am very grateful though up to now, I am the only Christian in my family."

(Audience "Sister Xin")

- ⌘ It is grateful that Sister Xin, through a colleague, could get to know about Jesus in her adulthood. May the gospel, through Sister Xin, be brought to her family so that they can experience the grace and love of the Lord as well.

### Teens Go Plastic Surgery

Patients of plastic surgery is getting younger, including those studying at junior high school. Plastic surgery isn't a taboo anymore but an "understandable" trend for youth. Some parents are very supportive and would consider cosmetic surgery a gift to their offspring so that they can begin college with a refined look. While "Beauty is better than Intelligence," becoming a "beauty" is the dream of many girls – a belief that bothers most people. It is noted that not only double-eyelid surgery is sought-after during this summer vacation, rhinoplasty and V-line facial contouring are also favored by students. Sometimes it is the students who ask for cosmetic surgeries while the other time it is their parents.

("Tencent News", October 8, 2018)

- ⌘ Self-cultivation is more important than one's appearance. Pray for the social misconception of aesthetics: with proper parental guidance, their children can obtain a correct value of life and not be fooled by misleading propaganda of "Doing plastic surgery, the earlier the better!"

Wednesday



### Terminal Breast Cancer

"Sister Jiang has gone to Anhui to get married there. She is only in her early 30s. She has a five-year-old child. But she has serious illness because of her terminal breast cancer. She can neither eat nor sleep when she is hospitalized. More than ten parts of her body cause great pain in turn. She has decided to believe in the Lord for a month. Please pray that the Lord will let the sister live a safe and peaceful life every day, and that she can sleep and eat well. If there are still God's purposes the sister has not accomplished, ask the Lord to heal her. If she has accomplished God's purposes, ask the Lord to let her rest in the arms of the Lord!"

(An Audience of Intercession)

- ⌘ Ask the Lord to heal Sister Jiang and soothe her painful body. Also pray that she will rely on the Lord so as to gain the power to face her sickness. Ask the Lord to look after her, her children and other family members who will receive the same grace of the Lord and become members of His family.

### Landslide

In the early morning of October 11, a massive landslide occurred at Baigen Natural Village in Bogong Administrative Village of Boluo Township in Jiangda County, Tibet. Jinsha River was blocked to form a barrier lake, causing the river to rise, endangering the nearby villages. The bridge to Boluo Township was flooded, as well as some of the farmlands. The authorities in the region promptly carried out an emergency rescue plan: transferred 287 teachers and students from Boluo Township Primary School and further a number of more than 400 villagers from Bogong Village and Ningba Village. No deaths or injuries has been reported.

("China Tibet Network News", October 11, 2018)

- ⌘ Grateful that local officials could respond sharply to natural disasters by evacuating the villagers in time. May the Lord keep the villagers through the dangers and help the affected get assisted to rebuild their homes and put their life back quickly. Pray that local government should better its work on the prevention of disaster whereas local villagers should learn the importance of protecting nature.