

Thursday



### Feel Pressured

“As I am taking courses at Liangyou Theological Seminary and serving on overseas missions at the same time, I use the course materials on my teaching directly. During the last Spring Festival, I ran into some former classmates of my junior high school when I returned to my hometown. They then added me to the classmates’ WeChat group. Twenty years gone, these former classmates have become doctors, officials or entrepreneurs, etc. They are high achievers in both families and careers, whereas I got none. That upset me a lot. These classmates like meeting up from time to time, but for me, this is pressure. I am in distress and don’t know how to cope with this.”

(Brother Yam, Henan Province)

✂ May the Lord help brother Yam by strengthening his faith and entrusting him the good blessings for being a servant of the Lord. Help him know how to meet with his classmates and to share gospel with them wittily.

### E-cigarette Supervision

Currently the National Health Commission is working with relevant departments to conduct research on e-cigarette supervision. It plans to supervise e-cigarettes through legislation in order to reduce new smokers and people’s exposure to e-cigarettes. China is the world’s largest manufacturing base of e-cigarettes. The e-cigarette production in Shenzhen accounts for about 90% of the overall global production. At this critical time when most countries in the world begin to strengthen supervision of e-cigarettes, China’s supervision of e-cigarettes is gradually progressing. Shenzhen has definitely included e-cigarettes in tobacco control since October 1. Penalties will be directly imposed for personal illegal smoking. Apart from Shenzhen, Hangzhou, Chengdu, Qinhuaogdao, Zhangjiakou and other places have also included e-cigarettes in their scope of tobacco supervision.

(“Time Weekly”, October 15, 2019)

✂ China’s e-cigarettes are in a state of three “noes” at present: no product standard, no quality control and no safety assessment. Moreover, global fatality cases caused by e-cigarettes continue to happen. Please pray that stricter control over e-cigarettes will be implemented.

Friday



### Relationship Improved

“During the Spring Festival, my daughter returned her home in Hebei for 40 days. My relationship with her has greatly improved. Instead of accusations and blame, as in the past, I now talk to her with more encouraging words; my daughter who was ill-tempered is now more understanding and initiative than before. She helps the cooking and even bought me a small gift when she returned this time. I am very grateful though I know we still have to work on our communication. Pray that the Lord will keep us a good mother-daughter relationship.”

(Sister Wang, Hebei Province)

✂ Thankful for the joyful reunion of sister Wang and her daughter. God has moved the hearts of both. For the goodness sake of each other, they are willing to learn and let go of their own thoughts and feelings. May their understanding, care and love for each other can grow day by day.

### The Large Flowery Miao

The early missionaries devoted themselves to the ministry for the Miao people. Blessed by God, they brought unprecedented blessing to them and almost the entire tribe returned to the Lord. However, as the time has changed, the Large Flowery Miao churches have been attacked tremendously. Many young people have lost the faith of their fathers’ generation. The churches have become indifferent. A Large Flowery Miao pastor expressed great worry and was very concerned about the burden of the co-workers. He proposed the need for intercession.

✂ Please pray for the spiritual growth of the Large Flowery Miao church co-workers which will help them preach the gospel truth correctly. Also pray for the marriage and life of the Large Flowery Miao co-workers. Please pray that the believers can experience and live out faith in their lives. In addition, pray that facing the current policy and environment, the Large Flowery Miao churches can maintain their faith and have the wisdom to obey those required to be obeyed. Ask the Lord to let these churches revive again and become gospel messengers to witness the gospel among other ethnic minorities.

Saturday



### Serious Sickness

“It is urgent to pray for my friend surnamed Liu. His sickness is getting more and more serious. His hands and feet were swollen a few days ago. This was because he collapsed and got very sick after he had returned from his trip to Tibet in June. It should be altitude sickness. Liu is an aviation coach. He has been very healthy before his illness. He is unmarried and his family lives in Inner Mongolia. He is staying in the Beijing Military Hospital. Please ask the Lord to choose him and save his soul so that he will be under the name of Jesus. There are sisters in Christ who have visited him and shared the gospel with him this month. There are also Christian family members who have guided him to pray. May the Lord’s purpose be accomplished. Pray that he will experience the Lord’s almighty healing when he is most helpless.”

(A Sister)

✂ Please pray for the sister’s friend surname Liu. Ask the Lord to heal his physical sickness and choose him as the child of God. Also pray that the Lord will save him from the power of the evils so that he will experience of the Lord’s almighty healing and glorify God.

### Gospel Broadcasting

- 1 New Programs:** Radio Liangyou launched a new program schedule at the end of October. In response to the needs of the audience, a number of newly produced programs are launched including: “Disciple Training” which has been prepared for a long time to strengthen the disciples’ life of faith; “Happy Junior” which is produced for the youngsters aged 13-18; and “Better Half of the Sky” which provides a space to let women take a rest, refresh and encourage one another.
- 2 Come Together:** In the light of increasingly strict control in the mainland, we pray and hope that Hong Kong churches can encourage more believers to care about the gospel needs of the mainland. To this end, the churches are welcome to invite our co-workers to share in the Sunday Services. Our co-workers can also hold the “Pray for China” meeting to share the current situation of the mainland.

## China News and Prayer

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

“I lift up my eyes to the mountains-where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.” (Psalm 121:1-2)

The “mountain” may mean an obstacle. The parable of “The Foolish Old Man Removes the Mountains” says that although only a small amount of sand can be moved at a time, it is still possible to move the whole mountain by carrying through firmly to the end. I grew up in a public housing estate under the Lion Rock. I have realized the worth of the Lion Rock spirit since my childhood. That is “industriousness and stamina, sharing troubles in the same boat and the indomitable spirit of hard work.”

The “mountain” also has other meanings. Abraham offered his only beloved son, Isaac, to God in Mount Moriah; Moses received the ten commandments and statutes of God in Mount Sinai; Deborah defeated her enemy who had iron chariots in Mount Tabor; and Elijah alone won 850 false prophets in Mount Carmel. Jesus overcame Satan’s temptations on a mountain; He taught the disciples and proclaimed the eight beatitudes on a mountain; He was crucified on the mountain of Golgotha; He went up the heaven on the Mount of Olives 40 days after His resurrection. Do we have these “mountains” in our lives?

The “mountain” is a good place to get close to God, seek Him and pray to Him. Let us lift up our eyes to the mountains more and experience the stability of God. We can spread our wings against the wind by relying on God’s grace. Let us take every need and every person listed in “China News and Prayer” to the Lord to overcome hindrances, and to understand and receive the Lord’s will by praying. Let the children of God take action in His will and glorify the name of the Lord! “Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.” (Psalm 31:3)

Wish you the Lord’s overflowing love!

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Sunday



### God's Protection

"God has been nurturing my life to manifest his mighty life-changing power in such a person like me who has deficiency originally and broken marriage. My child has also experienced God's protection. Once his ankle was pressed by the tricycle. His grandmother heard the sound and thought that his ankle was broken for sure. My son could climb up and ran after the accident. He even climbed into the tricycle without any injuries. Moreover, God has listened to prayers and done a lot of things to comfort the hearts of children. I hope that they will be used by God and become blessings of many people in future. I have been divorced and my child has been with his father. Every night I have family worship and there are five or six participants. We experience God's presence."

(Sister Li)

- ⌘ Please pray for Sister Li. Pray that God will comfort and defend her, and that her child will be protected and grow up in the Lord's love.

### Drought Resistance in Jiangxi

The continuous low-rain has caused drought in many towns in Poyang County. Among them is Houjiagang Township at which its high terrain in a mountainous area has caused 53 out of the 59 small type II reservoirs in the township to dry up. The supply of villagers' living water is also affected. From late July to early October, the average rainfall in Jiangxi Province was 96 mm, which was about 70% less than the average. It was the lowest in the history of the same period. The continuous low rainfall caused the water level of the main rivers in Jiangxi Province to decline. Due to the lack of water sources for irrigation, rice fields in some places have been cracked and whitened. In face of the current drought, various measures have been taken in Jiangxi to actively organize the masses to carry out drought relief for self-rescue, striving to minimize the losses caused by the drought.

("Xinhua News Online", October 14, 2019)

- ⌘ Pray for the drought in all parts of Jiangxi. May the government rightly allocate the limited water sources to meet the water needs of residents. Besides, may a comprehensive irrigation system against drought be established.

Monday



### No Break Free

"I am studying at a seminary and had served at the church previously. I got the masturbation habits in 2013 and couldn't stop since then, no matter how hard I had tried. This habit has greatly affected my work and study; it has ruined my spiritual life and hindered my service in the church. I feel I have disgraced the Lord, but I just can't get rid of it. I have lost my direction: Should I service in the church this year? Hoping to get help and advice, I have thought of confessing my sin to the church elders; but out of fear that my sin would be disclosed and spread through the church, I held back to avoid bringing more trauma and pressure to myself. Seeing no break free from the same sin, my guilty feeling once called me to commit suicide. I just can't help myself."

(Brother "Muzi")

- ⌘ May God revive the soul of brother "Muzi". By the grace of God and His power of love, help brother resist the sinful temptation but to break free and live right in the Lord again.

### Overpass Collapse

The collapse of an overpass on October 10 on Xigang Road, 312 National Road, Wuxi, Jiangsu, has caused three deaths including a mother and daughter: mother 31 years old, daughter only five years old, and a man from Sichuan; two others were injured. A preliminary investigation suggested that the collapse was caused by two excessively overloaded vehicles: The first truck which was carrying six piles of steel coils, weighted a total of 176 tons while the latter truck was with seven piles weighted a total of 183 tons. The reason why these heavily overloaded were on the overpass is still uncertain despite that incidents of overpass collapse has not been infrequent in recent years. In fact, the overpass concerned was assessed as structurally sound by the Wuxi Traffic Engineering Quality Supervision Station.

("Securities Times", October 14, 2019)

- ⌘ May the relevant departments learn from the incident that violations of overload and over-limit should be strictly regulated while the safety designs of abutment should be strengthened to avoid similar accidents from happening again.

Tuesday



### Easier Said Than Done

"My mother-in-law has a problem of cerebellar atrophy. She lived with her eldest son initially but was not well cared for. My husband is her youngest son and we, after discussion, decided to take care of her at our place. We carefully prepared everything for mother-in-law hoping that she could be under good care for the rest of her life. Easier said than done though, the stay of mother-in-law brings us a lot of trouble and her presence has ruined the tranquility in the home. As more grievance against the elderly is nursing inside me, I have no idea how to get on further?"

(Sister Zhou, Shanghai City)

- ⌘ May the Lord add sister Zhou and her husband with more patience and help them understand the body and mind of a debilitated old person. May sister re-adjust her mentality, with love and patience, to care more about her ailing mother-in-law. May her husband's appreciation on her efforts motivate her to taking care of her Mother-in-law. Lastly, may the Lord keep and bless this family.

### "Ghost-fire" Teenager

Baima Town of Guangxi is the area where "Ghost fire" is rampant. After entering the night, youngsters in mushroom haircut, tights and slippers accelerate the power of their vehicles, which are electric scooters with colorful LED lights called "Ghost fire", to get set on their drag racing. These fast-moving scooters are like ghost fires glowing in the dark. This kind of scooters are illegally modified and those who are riding them are mostly left-behind children aged between 10 and 18. They dropped out of school and work after their junior high level. Therefore, playing "Ghost-fire" became their only exit of boredom. Without any driver's license nor riding on any licensed motor vehicle, their acts seriously affect the road safety. Recently, the traffic police launched a "squatting action" to rectify serious traffic violations among which "Ghost-fire" is their major concern.

("The Beijing News", October 15, 2019)

- ⌘ "Ghost-fire" highlights more of the helplessness and bitterness behind these left-behind children. What they need is the care and warmth from their families.

Wednesday



### Be Worried About My Mom

"My mother became abnormal after she had visited a grave and returned home on the Ching Ming Festival two years ago. My mother underwent two major operations, one on her head and a gynecological one. After that, she had been regularly possessed by evil spirits and her brain began to be abnormal. She always says that she does not want to eat. We have been worried about my mother for the past two years. She is extremely thin now, but we cannot help. Please ask God to expel the evil spirits out of my mother and make her brain return to normal. My mother is so skinny that she weighs only 70 catties something now. I have taken my mother to the church, but she basically cannot survive. Now she is not persuaded any more. Ask God to pity my mother."

(Sister Yu)

- ⌘ Please pray for Sister Yu's mother who had been affected physically and mentally by the two major operations. Ask the Lord to relieve her pain so that she will get rid of the control by the affliction. Also pray that her sickness can be healed with appropriate methods and that her soul will be saved.

### Landslide with Boulders

At around 4:00pm on October 14, near the draw-off point of Jingu Water Plant in Bishan Village, Jinxi Town, an unexpected landslide with fallen boulders occurred causing pedestrians to be buried. Upon receiving the landslide report, the relevant government departments immediately organized a professional rescue team and rushed to the scene for disposal. As of 7:00pm on the same day, a total of three bodies were found.

("The Paper", October 14, 2019)

- ⌘ Pray for the rescue team and their work. Hope that all the buried can be saved at the end. Pray for the families of the casualties and may the government's supporting teams give a hand to meet all the needs of these involved families.

