

Thursday



Korean Xintiandi Church

"I am a believer for over thirty years. I have been tempted by how to fast understand the Bible and to be blessed exceptionally. I have studied parables for more than a month to interpret the words which reveal God. I find no way to accept what they have said that Adam is not the first human being. But I feel quite grateful regarding other aspects. Yesterday, a Christian sister told me that they belonged to the Korean Xintiandi Church which is heresy. So I come out of it immediately. But they have my ID information. Therefore I am still worried. Please pray that God will come to stop Satan from hurting me. I also hope that the Lord will stop members of dozens of families from studying via the online platform. Pray that they can be protected by God from the perplexity very soon and return to the Lord's love!"

(Sister Yuan)

✚ Sister Yuan can leave the heretical church immediately and no longer be confused. Thank God! Please pray that the Lord will stop the development of heresy and strengthen the sister's heart with peace. Also pray that the children of Christ will not be deceived.

Hotel Collapsed

Xinjia Express Hotel in Licheng District of Quanzhou suddenly collapsed on March 7. It was like a place razed to the ground. After the outbreak of the Covid-19, the hotel was being modified to a district-level medical observation venue in Licheng District. It would be used to quarantine and observe people who had close contact with the infected. The collapse occurred during the modification of a unit there. Further investigation is still needed to discern whether the collapse is due to the modification or its original structural problem. So far 71 persons have been rescued from being trapped at the scene and 29 persons killed. Among the killed, 27 persons have no vital signs when they are rescued and two are cases of rescue invalid death. The search and rescue operation has ended.

("Beijing News", March 12, 2020)

✚ Please pray that the relevant department will strictly investigate the cause of the collapse and seriously learn a lesson from the incident so as to prevent similar cases from happening again.

Friday



Abundant Grace

"God's power and grace have always been with me to guide me through trials. Currently I have a happy family. My child has been admitted to an undergraduate college this year. He was baptized in church a few months ago. His spiritual life is normal and is gradually growing. My marriage has also been changed miraculously. My husband is very concerned about me at present. His life has also changed a lot. We both work hard and our income is blessed by God's abundant grace to have doubled when compared with last year. Recently, my new company has been registered. Its business condition is very good in the early stage. I have also gradually explored for some experiences in my ministry. Leading a cell group, I can see increasingly the life growth of the group members! Let me strongly believe in the Lord's all rich provision."

(Sister Lin)

✚ Thank God for Sister Lin's gain of infinite grace from the Lord. Please pray that her life experiences and family will become witnesses of the Lord's mighty power.

Kham Tibetans

Tibetan is habitually divided into three parts according to the dialects: Wei Cang, Kham and Amdo. Kham people are called "Tibetan Cossacks" because they are brave and good at battling; they are called "Tibetan Jews" because they are good at running businesses; and they are also called "Tibetan Gypsies" because they are free and uninhibited. Kham people are devoted to Lamaism. In the mid-19th century, Catholic monks preached to them. Christian ministries also began in 1897. These mainly included construction of hospitals, schools and orphanages. But there was little effectiveness. It is now estimated that about 400 people believe in the Lord.

✚ Some young Kham people believe in the Lord after they have contact with the gospel. They face great pressure because the elder generation asks for their company to go to worship idols in monasteries. Please pray that the Lord will strengthen them and help them understand how to get along with their families smartly. Pray that they can bring their families back to the Lord with their life testimonies.

Saturday



Post-80's Sisters

"In my church, there are many married or unmarried post-80's sisters who have been diagnosed as having gynaecological diseases. Doctors recommend to them surgery which may lead to infertility or reduce the chance of fertility. But these are Christian sisters who have never conceived and given birth to children. Please ask the Lord to heal them. Hearing their sharing that they cannot do what they are supposed to do at their certain age and that they have more or less such problem. As a post-80's sister, I also start to be worried about whether or not I have the same problem myself. Ask God to let me fall in love, get married and give birth to children when I am supposed to do so. I cannot become a missionary, but I still want to give birth to several missionaries."

(Sister Li)

✚ Please pray that the Lord will give Sister Li the opportunity of having wonderful experiences in her life so that she will go through the God's grace concerning her marriage and child bearing. Also ask the Lord to fulfill her wish.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Broadcasting Platform:** In the light of this outbreak of Covid-19, we have given the co-workers more flexible working arrangement and we are able to maintain our radio program production. We have listened to the audience calls from Wuhan and other provinces and prayed for them one by one during the live broadcast. We have received a very good response! Walking with our audience together through broadcasting in times of distress is our mission. Our local broadcasting ministry, "Sooradio", has also produced a special program, "You Will Be Done", inviting 39 pastoral co-workers to pray for the pandemic.

2 **Ministry Obstructed:** A new program, "Through the Bible", has been broadcast since March 30 to help listeners understand the Bible systematically. Being broadcast for five days weekly, the half-hour biblical program is available in two languages, Putonghua and Cantonese. May Heavenly Father bless and use it so that listeners can establish a better spiritual foundation in the truth.

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

No matter what your identity or status is, God is willing to listen to everyone's little humble prayers.

When my mother was young, she studied in an old-style private school in her Mainland hometown. She was practicing so well that her calligraphy was good. She often taught me calligraphy. As she was getting old gradually, she began to degenerate physically. She also suffered from lung cancer and later she had Alzheimer's disease. Her body was deteriorating day by day. She forgot many things and even the words she used to know.

One day my mother told me she was unhappy because she could not write her own name anymore. I tried to write her name on a piece of paper and let her copy, but she couldn't do so. It is expected that a degenerating patient of Alzheimer's disease forgets how to write.

One night, she prayed to God, "I am not happy because I have forgotten how to write my name." God heard such a little humble prayer and a miracle happened. She woke up my father at the midnight after the prayer and said, "I want to write now." Then she wrote her name on a piece of paper. After that, when I went home for dinner, she also wrote her name for me. Of course, eventually she still could not remember how to write.

God has accomplished a woman's humble wish and answered her simple prayer. God does not care who you are. He is willing to hear everyone who comes before Him to pray.

May God use "China News and Prayer" so that Chinese compatriots will be blessed through our intercession.

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." (Jeremiah 29:12)

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Sunday



Spiritual Guidance

“Since I believed in Christ 26 years ago, I have been attending worship on Sundays, without any serving at church though. Until the past ten more years when lots of painstaking matters happened in my family: my parents left us to the Lord and my elder brother with his wife were mean to me and even grabbed away my belongings, I sadly found that there have been no fellows in Christ that I could confide to. Loneliness. I have listened to programs of Radio Liangyou for more than ten years. It was the major supply of my spiritual life and the reason why I am still alive. I beg you to pray for me more often to let me live in the will of the Lord and glorify the name of our Lord Jesus.”

(Brother Huang, Jiangxi Province)

- ⌘ Pray for Brother Huang. May he devote more to serving the Lord and be spiritually edified. With strength in the Lord may he to face all the family challenges and live a strong and courageous life of faith.

Garbage Truck for Meat

On 11 March, a management committee of a Wuhan residential community was found to use garbage trucks to transport the purchased cheap frozen meat to residents. Such move had certainly violated the hygiene standards for food delivery. After the report of the incident on the Internet, it caused viral concern. The management committee apologized to the residents through Weibo and claimed that they would go door-to-door to retrieve their meat for centralized disposal. The committee would also check about its accountability and that the same amount of meat would be delivered to the doorsteps of those involved safely and cleanly the next day. Subsequently, when a number of online photos were exposed, the fact of “garbage trucks carrying meat and vegetables” was suspected to have practiced in multiple communities.

(“Economic View Client”, March 12, 2020)

- ⌘ The use of garbage trucks to transport food reveals an urge for a public re-education on the concepts of food hygiene. Pray for an uplift of standards on food hygiene and its management on food delivery in the Mainland. Not owing to pressure from criticism, pray that there will be a self-directed enhancement on the management of hygiene awareness overall.

Monday



What Am I After?

“At the age of 25, it’s time to talk about marriage. I was seeing one before but broke up somehow. There are two guys on my list in the meantime: one has stable income, working in his hometown which is close to mine. But he is shorter than me. Another one is working in Beijing, which is farther away, that we may only meet once a month. As he is the only child in the family, he has a burden on his shoulder. Having been influenced by the values of the world, I am indeed rather confused. Besides, I am not mature enough and am still reluctant to stay away from my parents. God, please help me find another half according to the teachings of the Bible.”

(Sister Guo, Hebei Province)

- ⌘ May the Lord give Sister Guo a peace of mind. In choosing a partner, the important thing is whether the two parties can communicate and whether their values, outlook on life, beliefs, etc. are the same. May sister Guo follow the Lord's lead to run her life.

School Commencement

After the recommencement of schools in Qinghai on March 9, other parts across the country are welcoming their students back as the numbers of new daily COVID-19 confirmed cases have dropped to zero over a consecutive of 20 days. On March 16th, the senior and junior high school students in both Guizhou and Xinjiang held their commencement ceremony. The schools have undertaken a great deal of preparation work for this reopening. There are temperature checks at the school entrance and designated routes for students from different classes lest they interact or mix with others. The schools are in fully closed management. Small class teaching: each class is with their tailor-made time schedule to start and finish classes; each class is with an assigned period for meals within which everyone has an assigned seat to keep them eating apart from the rest. With all the above measures, students are assured to return to schools safely.

(“Tencent.com”, March 16, 2020)

- ⌘ Sooner or later more schools are believed to resume their operation. Pray that they won’t hastily make the move but only when the schools are safe enough to give parents a peace of mind to let their children return to school.

Tuesday



Addicted to Gambling

“The elder son of my aunt has been obsessed with gambling for more than two decades. He was so spoiled by his parents. In order to help him repay the debt, his father almost lost his life in a car accident. Although the debt was paid off by father’s accident compensation, he didn’t quit gambling. His mother is exhausted, and she hopes that his gambling addiction can be broken by believing in Jesus. He had in fact studied in church for some time. The influence was very slight though. His mother also realizes that only Jesus Christ can help him change. He was baptized this year. As his understanding to God is still shallow, he desperately wants help. Her mother listens to Airtime too”

(Little Sister)

- ⌘ Pray for the elder son of this sister in Christ. May he experience the Lord’s Salvation and get rid of the gambling habit. Help him learn the truth in the Lord and set his mind to revive his life.

Online Class Scams

During the epidemic, the education department required localities to “online all the offline courses” for the sake of “suspending classes without suspending learning”. Schools and educational institutions across the country thus adopted online teaching, that unfortunately opening up a new avenue from which criminals can profit. Some criminals searched for the keyword “parent group” through QQ and WeChat groups, and lurked into the class group as students’ parents. Then they changed their nicknames and avatars to disguise as the teacher of their children and cheated these parents by posting excuses such as “payment for tuition fees” and “payment for materials fees”. At present, department of public security in Jiangsu have filed 60 crimes related to fraud with online courses, of which 256 victims and an amount to more than 370,000 yuan were involved.

(“China Youth Daily”, March 16, 2020)

- ⌘ The outbreak of virus has unfortunately opened a new avenue from which criminals can profit. Such kind of fraud causes not only a loss of money, but also exacerbating the anxiety of students and parents during the epidemic. Pray that both parents and teachers are more vigilant and aware of hoaxes.

Wednesday



My Marriage

“The actual situation of my marriage is so unlike what I thought of beforehand. As a Christian, marrying into a non-believer’s family is a huge challenge. We are so different on values system, outlook on life, and personal conduct etc. My husband’s family criticize Christians for their way of thinking. I blame myself for failing to set a good model before them. Having been ended up in today’s situation, I have no idea what to do next. How much do I eager to have God’s presence in my marriage! When I went to church, I realized that I should find a believer as my partner. But it’s all too late now. How do I get along, communicate, and fix our relations? It’s difficult and I need your prayer support.”

(Sister Zhang)

- ⌘ Pray for Sister Zhang to have faith and patience to live as a testimony of Jesus Christ in her family. To let them share the goodness and love of the Lord and be willing to accept our God as the Lord of their lives. May the Lord remember sister and her marriage.

Overseas Virus to Beijing

The WHO announced that the epidemic has now become a global pandemic. Overseas imported cases have become the mainstream of newly confirmed cases in Beijing and they made substantial threats against epidemic prevention and control to the place. Some immigrants arrived in Beijing asymptomatic and were diagnosed only a few days later. In order to further prevent the risk of overseas epidemic import, Beijing imposes new quarantine rules from 00:00 on March 16, that everyone returning to Beijing would be required to isolate themselves for 14 days for centralized observation at their own expense. Only under special circumstances, home quarantine can be conducted after initial screening and surveillance for virus. There are medical healthcare specialists and working staff at these centralized observation points to conduct regularly health monitoring jobs. If problems are found, the related person will be dealt with in a timely manner to secure a better healthcare.

(“Beijing News”, March 16, 2020)

- ⌘ The spread of the global epidemic is worrying. Everyone should cooperate and actively fight against the epidemic. We plead with God for His mercy to stop the spread of Covid-19 as soon as possible.