

Thursday



Surgery Finished

"My mother is discharged from hospital after she has finished her operation. Doctor has confirmed that she has lung adenocarcinoma and that there are still a few lung nodules requiring follow-up surgery because so many nodules cannot be excised at one time. It is also found that there are nodules of unknown nature in my mother's liver. I feel very sorrowful. Recalling the past of my mother, I know that she has got such diseases because she has worked very hard to earn a living. Our church members have prayed for her health and salvation. In 2016, my mother was diagnosed as having thyroid cancer and her thyroid gland was removed. She was healed quickly because of the timely discovery. Now then she also has lung cancer. I really do not know what to do in order to make my mother's mind become optimistic and joyful. I do not want her always depressed and worried."

(Sister Li)

⌘ Please pray for Sister Li's mother. Pray that there is a good doctor to heal her body as well as her heart; and that she will rely on the Lord and have a joyful heart to face the sickness.

Composition Incident

On June 4, a fifth grader of an elementary school ran out of the classroom and jumped to her death shortly after a writing class. Parents of the deceased blamed the teacher's comment "giving out negative energy" on their child's writing. The teacher even slapped the child in the face last year because she would not attend her teacher's self-run private classes. Parents said that their daughter's composition was returned for correction repeatedly, and most of the writing content was circled in red, or simply crossed out. The child was eventually criticized for being too negative. It was questioned if something is wrong with the current teaching methods. But the teacher involved calmly explained that the markings were indeed made by the student herself.

("Red Star Perspective", June 16, 2020)

⌘ Please pray for our young kids for their ability to deal with adversities in life. Pray also for teachers' teaching expertise and may this incident raise their alertness and attention on children's emotional education.

Friday



Car Accident

"I'm a Christian driver. One night I hit a tree at high speed, causing the cervical spine of a 60-year-old passenger to injure. He is now in Harbin Hospital while I am taking rest at home. After listening to your program, I understood that God knew everything that happened on me. I will keep my faith in Him till I die, and I beg the Lord to pity the passenger in my car: heal him and let him get well soon. I need to take full responsibilities to this accident. My car is a total loss, and I need my sister to pay for my own medication for the time being. When I have the income again, I will return her money bit by bit. God knows my current situation: just waiting for being sued and sentenced by the judge in a court of law!"

(Brother Zhang)

⌘ Pray for Brother Zhang for the Lord's protection in times of crisis. May God keep his passenger and let him recover soon. Save him from being prosecuted so that he can quickly return to work and pay compensation to the involved.

Rising to the Challenge

In the past outbreak of the COVID-19, many of the missionary workers serving ethnic minorities had to leave their posts. And now, some workers manage to return early to the communities they have served. It is understood that their way back to their posts is thorny. Most of them live and serve in an environment with insufficient sanitary measures. They need to pay special attention to epidemic prevention. Moreover, some workers note that in the light of the new monitoring measures such as health codes, there is impact on their ministries. They are required to be more cautious. The room for sharing the gospel shrinks again.

⌘ Missionary workers serving ethnic minorities are so willing to return to their posts amid so many difficulties. Ask the Lord to open the way for them. Please pray that the Lord will protect them in remote places so that they can serve neglected ethnic groups with love and patience despite limited resources. Also pray for the mercy of the Lord who will still prepare people's hearts under the pressure and open the door of the gospel to lead more people back to the Lord.

Saturday



Tragic Childhood

"My mother took a son with her when she married my father. Then she gave birth to me and my younger brother. Both my elder and younger brothers have studied in colleges. I have only studied in grade 3. We have financial difficulties because my two brothers have gone to school. My father's temper is particularly bad. He insults my mother, saying that my elder brother is not his own. And I have been beaten by my mother since my childhood. She says that I have harmed her badly as I am a girl. She even assaults me because of the resentful feelings between her and my father. She often hurts me verbally and hits my head. I always think that I am not her own child. I have hated my parents since I was a child. My mother gives all good things to her two sons. She only asks me to work and never shows any concern. It is especially painful. I always think of suicide."

(Sister "Painful")

⌘ Please pray for Sister "Painful" and ask the Lord to guide her to experience God's true love. Pray that God will bring her caring people to let her feel warmth and concern and get rid of suffering experiences.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Meetings with Partners:** Under the influence of the epidemic, many meetings with our partners have been changed to online. We have actively overcome the time differences so that the development of the ministry has not stagnated. Radio Liangyou is conceiving a brand new channel for the future, bringing together young colleagues from various regions to reach out unbelievers with a new image. Please pray for our numerous meetings and the cooperation of ministry partners from various places.

2 **Curriculum Reform:** In mid-May, the colleagues of Liangyou Theological Seminary held a brainstorming session to set goals for the future development, and to exchange views on the curriculum reform. These all directly affect the future operation, and arrangements of manpower and resources. Please pray for all follow-up work, especially the matters related to the reform of the curriculum and system. Ask the Lord to guide and give wisdom to all colleagues involved.

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

It is a very hot summer. Affected by the new coronary pneumonia epidemic, some students have already begun their summer vacations and some have been delayed a little bit. No matter what, when we have a vacation, how will we use it? A person's life is composed of years, months, days, hours, minutes and seconds. How we use time determines the content of our life. Some people say, "What human beings waste the most is life!" Let us echo the prayers of Moses in his later years: "Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom." (Psalm 90:12)

Apostle Paul also reminded believers, "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." (Ephesians 5:15-17) These three essentials, "be careful", "making the most of" and "understand", need mental and physical efforts, and internal practice to sustain and cultivate!

Through prayers is our vision corrected by God and our mind prospered by God; and do we draw closer to God to grasp more His will, likes and dislikes. In this era, people are urged to speak and act quickly. In fact, there must be stillness before action and listening before speaking. In this way, we can become the conveying pipes of the Lord, and His grace can be transmitted to people far or near through us.

No matter how the world changes, it is under the sovereignty of God the Father. "For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together." (Colossians 1:16-17) Every life in the world is valued by God. The Lord also knows what is happening in a certain corner. It is hoped that we will bring the people and things in the intercession list before the Lord's throne of grace every day so that those who are prayed for and those who pray will be blessed and receive help from the Lord at any time.

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Sunday



Forced Marriage

"My marriage was a plot of my husband and his parents. I was young and they tricked me to their place into a forced marriage. They then deceived and threatened me not to leave them. They are wicked, superstitious, and brutal! The year after I gave birth to a baby, I quarreled with my mother-in-law and she slapped me in my face. Moreover, I have been restlessly taking care of my baby alone, with no help from my husband's family. They were all having good time playing mahjong and games. I also experienced postpartum pains in the leg after delivery. The pain was fortunately gone. After knowing that I was coaxed into marriage, my relatives and friends persuaded me to leave this home. In fact, my husband is having an affair with someone who has also borne him a child."

(Sister Tang)

✚ May the Lord grant wisdom to Sister Tang on her marriage. For the future of her child and herself, may she overcome all these difficulties by putting her reliance on the Lord.

A New Rule for Art Exam

In 2020, the number of applicants for the National College Entrance Examination is 10.71 million. The number of applicants for the art joint examination has reached 1.17 million. The score requirement of cultural subjects for art students is lower. So even if their college entrance examination scores are low, they will still be admitted to a good college. Therefore many people have turned their focus to the art examination. But the Ministry of Education has issued a notice that as to those students with excellent specialties, the requirement of lowering the cultural subject standard has been cancelled. Those art students with poor scores will not be able to enroll the colleges they want. The cases of art candidates being admitted to a college with their low scores may not happen in the future.

("Tencent News Network", June 12, 2020)

✚ Students with artistic talent but poor academic performance have missed the opportunity of entering their favorite colleges. It is hoped that the educational circles can formulate educational programs suitable for multiple intelligences.

Monday



Tumor Shrinks

"Mum's tumor has undergone two MRI tests, all of which is good news! The tumor has shrunk by about 70%, and every drug used has been well targeted letting her spirit gradually to recover. I am more confident now, not out of myself, but by the strength of the Lord. I used to be a timid and introverted person, feeling upset most of the time. But by the grace of the Lord, I am getting strong enough to brave against the snares set by the wicked, although all the environment and people as well as their maliciousness kept unchanged. By the Lord, I am free. As the Bible says: 'The Lord delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear...' Pray that my household can be saved and I am granted a deeper experience of the power of the Lord this year."

(Brother Guo)

✚ Thank God that the tumor of Brother Guo's mother is in control. Pray that Brother Guo can cope well with his life and family by his total reliance on God.

Tank Truck Explosion

At 16:00 on June 13, a gas tanker which was traveling between Ningbo and Wenzhou exploded on Shenhai Expressway at the exit ramp in Wenling, Taizhou, Zhejiang province. A second explosion also occurred after the damaged truck was propelled onto a factory building near to the highway. As of June 15, at least 20 people died and 171 were hospitalized, amongst which 24 were seriously injured. Some people in the collapsed house were trapped and lost contact while buildings surrounded were damaged to varying degrees. In the explosion, a senior three student was killed. The accident occurred less than two hours he arrived home. His home was damaged, and he died after rescue attempt. The large-scale on-site search and rescue has basically completed, while follow-up search and rescue and various aftercare work is taking place.

("Beijing News", June 15, 2020)

✚ Please pray for the follow-up search and rescue and aftermath work. May they spare no effort in finding the trapped and treating the wounded. May the cause of the accident be soon revealed to prevent similar accidents from happening again.

Tuesday



Online Game Addiction

"My son is 12 years old and has been deeply obsessed with online games. He sits at the computer and plays games crazily 24/7, could not care less skipping his meals or sleeps. During weekend, he would rather lock himself up playing games to going out for great food or activities. To avoid my intervention, he is always on guard with a kitchen knife at hand; he uses it to threaten me. I mistakenly believed that he would not dare to hurt me, but several times had he cut my finger right away. He then back to his game with a blind eye to my bleeding hand. To avoid any accidents, I would not dare to snatch away the knife from his hand. He's already maddening in playing online games."

(Sister Tang from Henan Province)

✚ Keenly pray for Sister Tang's son for his recovery from internet gaming disorder. May our Lord grant Sister Tang wisdom on parenting and communication with her son.

Beijing Epidemic

Beijing, where its report for COVID-19 has been quiescent for more than 50 consecutive days, shot up to a total of 79 new confirmed cases since June 11. Majority of the cases have been linked to the sprawling Xinfadi Wholesale Market. Compared with the epidemic situation in the Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market in Wuhan, more than 70 cases were detected in Beijing's new site within two days, indicating that the virus is more pathogenic and virulent than Wuhan's. On June 14, the Beijing Municipal Education Commission reported that students who have resumed their classes at school could now opt for studying from home. Whereas the third graders of junior high school can end their semester earlier. Beijing barred people from gathering for meals or holding wedding banquets. All communities in Beijing have resumed their secondary level of epidemic prevention and control.

("Beijing Daily", June 15, 2020)

✚ The recent recurrence of epidemic situation in Beijing is unexpected. Please pray that the source of coronavirus can be identified very soon so that an outbreak of the epidemic can be avoided in time to allow the public a peace of mind.

Wednesday



Learning A Lesson

"Every lesson in life is a process of clearing and also a process of carrying. Clearing the darkness of my heart and the corruption of my body; and carrying God's truth let me understand the truth of God more deeply. Salvation is based on proof and evidence. That is from knowing and believing in God to relying on God and experiencing His step-by-step faithful guidance. Establishing intimacy with God should be done through daily Bible reading and prayer. Through prayers can we cry out for God and call on Him. Learning has made me understand that as a Christian, obedience is so important. The obedience of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross has achieved the great salvation. I have to obey and follow the Lord, and let Him govern my life."

(Sister Tao from Shanghai City)

✚ Sister Tao has profound comprehension through learning and understands the true meaning of faith. Please pray that she will enjoy the sweetness in the Lord, live out the model of the Lord and honor the name of the Lord.

Floods

Heavy rain continues to impact provinces in the south. A day's downpour in Guangxi was more than half a year's rainfall of Beijing, causing 148 rivers to exceed the alarm level of flooding. As of June 13, 24 provinces including Guangxi, Guangdong, Hunan, Jiangxi, Guizhou, and Chongqing were particularly impacted: 7.759 million people affected, 63 people died or missing, more than 7,000 houses destroyed, 0.488 million people needed urgent resettlement, plus a direct economic loss of RMB19.58 billion. The number of casualties caused by flash floods accounted for about 70% of the total deaths caused by flooding. June to August is the most critical period for flood control. The meteorological department predicts that the precipitation patterns in China this year will be more north-south and less in the middle; and more flood than drought will be occurred overall.

("Tencent News Network", June 14, 2020)

✚ Pray that the Lord will stop the downpour of rain. May the government effectively play its role on disaster relief and epidemic prevention.