Thursday

A Thank You Note

"My spiritual growth is inseparable from Liangyou. I would like to thank the program host for being by my side when I was weak. I was divorced before I was converted. After my conversion, I was still weak in the flesh. However, after learning from the host that this was sin, I prayed to God and asked Him to give me the strength to overcome my lustful desire. Now I will still be weak occasionally. I will continue to pray so that I can better prepare myself to serve the Lord. I thank the Lord for the provision of such a good platform which enables us to learn so much! I also thank the host of Radio Liangyou for being with me and I hope God's kingdom will greatly expand!"

(Brother Du)

ℜ Pray for Brother Du that he will lean on the Lord to lead a victorious life, to overcome his weakness, to persistently study God's Word, to get involved in church life and to grow together with other brothers and sisters in Christ so that they will build up and support one another.

Anti-Epidemic Exhibition

The "People First, Life First - Battle Against COVID-19 Epidemic Special Exhibition" was opened in Wuhan. Recovered persons, medical staff, commanders of the army, community workers, public security and police officers and others who came to the exhibition could not fight back their tears. When many of them saw a depiction of themselves during the epidemic, their emotions surged up. "This was the place where I used to battle against the virus," said a worker who "lingered around" the former mobile cabin hospital with tears in his eves. Hailed as the "Most Healing Moment of 2020", the photograph "Watching the Sunset" has also moved countless netizens. An old man diagnosed to have contracted the virus was wheeled and escorted by a doctor to attend a check-up. On the way, the doctor and the old man stopped to admire the long-lost sunset.

("Changjiang Daily", October 15, 2020)

ℜ Pray that the Lord will make use of the Exhibition to serve as a reminder that the success in fighting against the epidemic lies in the selfless spirit of the people cooperating with one another.

Who Has Not Been Weak?

Friday

"I feel remorseful towards my wife and my lovely daughter. Not long after my daughter was born, I battered my wife and even filed for divorce. The Civil Affairs Bureau did not approve my divorce application as my child was too small. God was angered and Satan seized the opportunity to attack me. The Heavenly Father's love was no longer in my life! I was regretful about what I had done. Church members' visits, their concern for me and their financial help have motivated me. It is God's love that gives me joy and peace. My lovely daughter is 20 years old now, but what I did still aches my heart. I am so grateful that God still loves me. Who has not been weak? Who has done no wrong?"

(Brother Huang)

ℜ Now that Brother Huang has repented, he should have the faith that the Lord has forgiven him. Pray that after being forgiven by his wife, he will no longer live in agony, and that he will leave the past behind and start life anew.

Tibetans' Poetic Sentiment

At the early 20th century, Tibet's reincarnated living Buddha, Gu Rong Ci Ren, wrote a poem to his missionary friend. Its translation may make it lose its original beauty, but it still touches people's hearts: "O thou supreme God and most precious Father, the Truth above all religions, the Ruler of all animate and inanimate worlds! Greater than wisdom, separated from birth and death, is His Son Christ the Lord, shining in glory among endless beings, incomprehensible mystery and miraculous creation! In His teaching I myself also believe. As your spirit is with heaven united, my soul undivided is seeking the truth, Jesus the Savior's desire is fulfilling. For the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven I am praying. Happiness to all!"

ℋ The missionaries spread the gospel seeds on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau amid extreme difficulties in the early years. They witnessed many lamas' pursuit of truth and faith. Nowadays there are still God's servants who are braving all kinds of hardship to lead people to the Lord. Please pray for the Tibetans' gospel ministry. Also pray for Tibetan believers to let more Tibetans sing new hymns to the Lord Creator.

Saturday

Becoming a Fugitive

"My youngest uncle was smart. He was among the top ten of the experimental middle school in our city. He dropped out because of the poor family background. The principal was willing to help my uncle complete his study; my uncle gave up his study but chose to work. Unfortunately, he beat his boss to death impulsively since they guarreled over the wages his boss owed him. My uncle has become a fugitive for 23 years. My grandparents have missed him very much. I received a letter from Suzhou Detention Center this year and found that the arrested was really my uncle. A lawyer has been employed to get there to take up the case. He says that my uncle was a good man and a cook capable of making good dishes. His boss and colleagues like him. The lawyer has noted that he will not charge my uncle. But the case is an older one and it will take a year or more to pass sentence on my uncle. My grandparents really want to meet him. My mother has also prayed for him for many years."

(Sister Xin)

Pray for Sister Xin's uncle. Pray that his case will be judged fairly with the assistance of the lawyer and that his life will be truly transformed.

Gospel Broadcasting

- 1 New Website: A new version of Radio Liangyou's website (729ly.net) was launched on September 21. This new revamped website provides news about Radio Liangyou; and audience can select and listen to the programs of their own choice. We also add new functions such as searches, keywords and tags to make listening and browsing more convenient so as to upgrade the overall experiences of users.
- 2 The Way of the Pastors: "The Way of the Pastors" (pastoral training program) was changed to an online program because of the epidemic. The teachers have conducted online lessons since October. The lessons will last for four hours a week and for eight weeks. Please pray for the adaptations and attempts of the teachers and students so that the study and communication will not be obstructed by changes in the form of the lessons. Also ask the Lord to ensure the stability of the network speed.

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

The Nobel Peace Prize in 2020 was awarded to the World Food Program (WFP). The food supply of the whole world has become inadequate rapidly because of the Covid-19 pandemic. So the WFP won the award and received unanimous praise. The WFP was established in 1961 with the goal of helping people and families who could not produce and obtain food. According to a data research, among the 7.633 billion populations in the world, at least 820 million people are facing hunger.

What else will happen in 2020? This is the anxiety in many people's hearts. The epidemic has spread since the beginning of the year, bringing about world turmoil and economic shrinkage. As a result, food is in short supply. How can people's hearts remain stable and peaceful? "Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens." (Psalm 119:89) The peace and stability of the Psalmist come from the Word of God which is what we can grasp.

Radio Liangyou broadcasts the live program, "This is the Day" from 7:30am to 8:30am on from Monday to Friday. It has encouraged the audience is to recite bible verses every week since its launch. More than 205 bible verses have been memorized for past three years. The listeners, who participate in this activity, have aged from 80s to two years old. There is even a church group with more than 100 members joined. Among them, there are illiterate couples, visually impaired people and even elderly people who compose their own melodies to recite by singing.

The spiritual food given by the Heavenly Father is never lacking as long as we are willing to draw it to make us full. We hope that Paul's reminder and encouragement for believers of the Corinthian Church will be fulfilled among us today: "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong." (1 Corinthians 16:13)

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Sunday

My Husband

"My husband is a person with a blind sense of filial piety. He only devotes his attention to his parents and sisters but has never cared much about his wife and children. Years ago, out of the selfish desire of his parents and sisters, he mortgaged our house to the bank. He and his sister who forged my signature took out a loan of RMB300,000. At the beginning, he made repayments to the bank every month but ceased to do so later. Now, the court is going to auction our house. In response, my husband adopts a couldn't-care-less attitude. He even plans to divorce me and drive the children and me away. Whenever I discuss the issue with him, he will lash out at me and then stop answering my phone. His attitude is extremely bad. What are my children and I going to do if we do not have a house to live in?"

(Listener "Full of Blessngs")

✤ Pray that the Lord gives this sister the courage and wisdom to communicate with her husband and that they can solve the problem together.

Depression Screening

The Health Commission issued a document requiring high schools and colleges to incorporate depression screening into students' medical examinations in order to establish mental health files of students. This is the first time China government has paid attention to the depressed group in high schools and colleges. The proportion of college students suffering from depression has increased year by year. In 2017, one-quarter of college students felt depressed in China. Among children and adolescents under the age of 17, at least 30 million suffered from various psychological problems. If the problems cannot be detected in time and effectively tackled, they will continue into adulthood. The medical consultation rate of college students with depression was less than one-third.

("Interface News", October 14, 2020)

ℜ Please pray that the depression screening will be implemented more specifically with perfect supporting measures. For example, privacy issues, and postscreening processing procedures and referral systems all require better planning to help students with depression effectively.

Amazing Grace

Monday

"I have come into contact with Radio Liangyou since 2019. It was the time when I encountered my husband's long-term violence and abuse, and I was facing divorce. I knew that audience could write to program host as I had listened to the radio program. Then I started exchanging emails with the radio station. I even had had interflow by getting through the hotline. The reply I received for the first time let me know that I could tell the station my needs and they were willing to pray for me. Until now, the station still prays for me. I do not know how many times I send emails or text messages, and call the hotline. They have answered my questions and have given me advice, comfort and encouragement. They also care for my marital relationship and family situation."

(Sister Guo, Shandong Province)

Sister Guo has received comfort and encouragement by listening to the program. Please pray that the sister will experience the Lord's blessings more and also become others' blessings. Ask the Lord to use her.

Digital RMB

To integrate the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area with the policy of boosting local consumer spending, the Shenzhen Municipal People's Government and the People's Bank of China have jointly launched a "Digital RMB" red packet trial scheme. On 9 October, 10 million dollars of "red packets" were issued and distributed through a "lottery". The red packets, worth 200 dollars each, can be used within the validity period in 3.389 designated merchant outlets. The red packets are non-transferable and unused red packets will be taken back after the expiry date. At present, "Digital RMB" is not yet officially introduced. Only those who have received the 200-dollar "Digital RMB" red packets can download the "Digital RMB" App for use. This is also the first time that a large-scale closed trial of "Digital RMB" is launched in the market.

("SINA Finance", October 9, 2020)

ℜ Pray that the government will have the relevant protective measures, especially measures to prevent the payment system from being hacked so that people will use the digital money without any worries.

Tuesday

I Am Very Perplexed

"I have believed in the Lord for ten years, but my wife has been reluctant to believe. She wanted to divorce me a year ago. She has been compelling me to apply for a divorce. I had no choice but to agree with her. We officially completed procedures just over three months ago. I do not know what to do. Can I find a new partner? I am really in pain after 'losing my ribs'. My Lord, can you give me new ribs? I am confused and lost. The life has become empty without my wife. May the Lord be merciful to me. Sometimes I am really weak and my life has no direction during the recent time. Please pray for me so that I can stand up again in my life."

(Brother Liu)

Wednesday

ℜ Please pray for Brother Liu to enable him to overcome the harm caused by his divorce and to stand up as soon as possible to start a new life. Pray that he will find a prayer partner who can pray with him together. Ask the Lord to have mercy on him.

No More Abduction

"The best 15 years of my life were spent on looking for my child. I am extremely lucky in my misfortune to be able to find my abducted son, but there are still a lot of parents who have not yet found their children. I am willing to help these families," said Shen Junliang, a father and a "tough guy" who persisted for 15 years in the search for his son. He gave out over a million "missing person" notices and spent all he had. After his son, Shen Cong, had been abducted in 2005, Shen Junliang roved around for 15 years looking for him. In March this year, Shen and his long-lost son were reunited finally. From recording the bitter experiences of looking for his son to becoming the "old father who is the cook for the family" sharing the trivia of life after his son's homecoming, and then to helping other families find their abducted relatives. Shen's greatest wish is there will be no more abduction in the world.

("China News Service", October16, 2020)

ℜ Thank the Lord for enabling Shen Junliang to find his son. Pray that his wish will come true and that there is no more abduction in the world so that everyone can enjoy a happy family life.

Enormous Difficulty

"Please pray for my nephew. In the past few years, the state has been helping poor families to rebuild their houses. My elder sister's family is also a poor one. Because her household registration is with her parents' family but she is residing in her mother-in-law's house, the cadres of the two villages concerned refused to take up her case. My brother-in-law could not afford to build a house and later died of ill health. My sister, who has been suffering from schizophrenia for years, is now mentally handicapped. Our request for help from the village committee was again declined. My nephew was in his teens then and he has been living by himself all these years. He feels that growing up is indeed difficult."

(Sister Feng, Shandong Province)

Pray for the nephew of sister Feng that the problem with the rebuilding of the house can be solved. Pray also that he can know God our Heavenly Father so that his life will be transformed and renewed and that he will be strengthened with God's love around.

Nosocomial Infection

The Information Office of Qingdao government held a conference to disseminate news on the prevention and control of the epidemic. In connection with the recent nosocomial infection, a comparative analysis of test results confirmed that the virus genes of the case specimens were highly homologous to the two infected persons in Dagang and the source of infection was these two persons. During the isolation period, the infected persons left the closed ward and went to the CT room for examination. Due to insufficient preventive measures, the CT room was infected. As a result, inpatients and nurses were infected causing it to spread in the hospital. The nosocomial infection was indeed caused by the infected patients' sharing the CT room with the non-infected patients during hospitalization. There is no outbreak in the community.

("China News Service", October16, 2020)

ℜ The hospital should step up measures to prevent the transmission of the virus. Pray that the epidemic will come to an end very soon so that people can lead a normal life without fear or anxiety.