

Thursday



## Feeling Truly Sick

"I feel I am truly sick. I take sick leave at home because my health is in trouble. Although I believe in Jesus, I feel my prayers go unheard. I am desperate, and I pray to bring my needs to the Lord. My problems yet, both inside and outside, have not vanished, so I don't know what to do. Please remember me and pray for my various problems in life, such as those on belief, family relationship and health. I am very troubled and feeling lost. So I ask you to help solve my problems. Thanks!"

(Sister Li)

- ✚ Please let Sister Li understand that only when we turn eyes to Jesus from our own afflictions, one can walk by faith in His lead to see hopes amidst all the problems and difficulties.

## Revitalization

"Since the economic reform in China, the average income per head of Chinese people has greatly increased but the rural population is still living in poverty. To improve people's livelihood, many places in different provinces are actively exploring the mode of alleviating poverty through the preservation of non-material cultural heritage or through the exploitation of cultural tourism to revitalize traditional crafts and boost economic development. Take Sichuan Province as an example. Villagers set up co-operatives to manufacture and sell ginger tea or pottery products of local characteristics, thus successfully create employment opportunities and raise the income of villagers. There are also villages and towns which make use of their unique customary and cultural resources to develop tourist attractions, spur the development of neighbouring areas and improve the environment of the villages.

("Sichuan Daily", November 9, 2020)

- ✚ We are thankful to the Lord that the poverty alleviation policy in some villages and towns has yielded positive results. However, there are still places where ways to eradicate poverty is still lacking. Pray for the officials concerned that they know how to formulate policies suited to local circumstances, make good use of resources and implement measures conducive to the improvement of the livelihood of the people.

Friday



## Grab My Heart

"I want my elder and younger brothers to believe in Christ very much. I am grateful to the Lord for His mercy, caused by my brain tumour surgery, has subsided considerably. I have always hoped that I can do my best for God's Kingdom. However, I have only followed the Lord for a very short time and I am afraid that I will bring Him shame. Every time I listen to the radio program, I am particularly moved but at the same time worried that the feeling is not from God. Today when I listened again, the words 'someone is praying for you' grabbed my heart. This is what I have been asking the Lord. How can my family join Jehovah's army of prayer?"

(Audience "Little Sister")

- ✚ Pray to the Lord that He will acknowledge Little Sister's heart and prepare a prayer team for her to learn how to serve Him through prayers and to help her grow spiritually. Pray also that she will learn how to serve in the church and offer herself to be used by the Lord.

## Walk Against the Wind

Minority ministries in the territory have always been full of challenges. It used to be backward and dangerous, yet many missionaries went there one after another to let the gospel spread. Today, the impact of Covid-19 epidemic has impeded a number of ministry plans, amongst which our gospel broadcast has also been greatly affected, let alone many other restrictions. However, as the apostle instructed - "proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable," the gospel broadcasting team have decided to walk against the wind by taking it as a chance to rectify our ministry, re-arrange our limited manpower and resources, and plan ahead our ministry in 2021.

- ✚ Please pray for the special Christmas program that is being prepared. At the same time, thank the Lord for His provision as more gospel partners are expected to join the broadcasting ministry team for the minorities. Pray that Radio Liangyou has wisdom from the Lord to reformulate its missionary strategy, to seize every opportunity to exploring new evangelical ministry for the ethnic minorities in coming year.

Saturday



## The Newly-converted

"My mother and grandmother are Christians; my father was also converted 30 years after. He once fell from the second floor but the Lord saved his life. My husband's family worshipped idols; and, his business failed because his brother-in-law set him up and drove him away from the company. For more than ten years, I have prayed for him. During the epidemic, my husband and his parents accepted Christ. My husband took the pastor home to help remove all items of idols. My husband's elder brother has also pledged his acceptance of Christ but he still has doubts. His eighteen-year-old son has also made his acceptance prayer. In the middle of July, our neighbours worshipped their idols and my newly-converted in-laws were frightened. I was away from home and did not know how to handle the situation. My parents-in-law said that they could not go on with their prayers and bible study. I have bought them a gospel player. Please pray for them."

(Sister Zhou)

- ✚ Pray that the Lord will build up Sister Zhou's family, equip them spiritually, strengthen their spiritual life, keep them and give them strength and courage. Pray also that they will be able to find companions and a pastor to shepherd them.

## Gospel Broadcasting

- 1 New "Podcast" Ministry:** "Podcast" has once again become popular in China. In 2019, it has been growing at a rate of hundreds of times, absorbing the highly-educated 25 to 35-year-old generation. Seeing this big threshing floor, our young colleagues formed a project team to produce new programs for the Chinese "podcast" market, hoping to reach out to the generation of young unbelievers. The new program is expected to be officially launched in early 2021.
- 2 Bachelor of Ministry:** Starting from January 2021, Liangyou Theological Seminary (LTS) will launch a new "Bachelor of Ministry" Degree program, to further equip our graduates from both the fundamental and the advanced diploma programs, and to upgrade the effectiveness of Christians serving in pastoral roles. Please pray for the publicity and the enrollment of the new program, that many may be blessed.

## China News and Prayer

**Dec 2020 / Jan 2021**



Dear Warriors in Christ,

"Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up." (Luke 18:1)

It has been almost a year since the outbreak of coronavirus. Despite the earnest efforts of local governments, the launch of various stringent prevention measures against the epidemic resulted in the tiredness of the public. "Battle fatigue" appears in many places where such public's slackening of restrictions may lead to a more ferocious next wave of strike.

We sincerely invite you to pray for mainland China and her churches of which many have been established over 40 years! I hope to use the parable of the Lord Jesus to encourage each other and continue to pray for this land and her people. If we become discouraged or have "prayer fatigue", not only will all the workers who have been committed to convert our unbelieving folks lose their strength, the goal of evangelism will move a step backwards too. Over the years, we have been witnessing the power that comes through prayers. We are hence convinced that if we keep praying, God will eventually let our mission be realized.

**Save the Compatriots:** Keep in mind that there is more than 1.3 billion fellowmen suffering outside the gate of salvation. Pray that the Lord will utilized every means of gospel broadcast to let the Han and 55 ethnic minority groups hear the true gospel soon as possible.

**Bless the Church:** Under the epidemic and related policies, church's operation have been greatly affected: pastoral care of co-workers has become more difficult; personal witnesses of believers are under stress. Pray for the churches, pastors and believers in the Mainland.

**Missionary Organization:** Due to the epidemic and current social environment, a decline in donations has caused financial stress on many organizations. Prayers are also required to support the fight against deteriorating working conditions of some missionary staff. May the Lord grant these organizations His wisdom and strength so that they are able to strive to achieve their mission!

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Sunday



## Religious Difference

"I was introduced to my girlfriend through the church. Having known each other for more than four months, I gradually realise that she does not have any feeling for me. I learnt that her ex-boyfriend was very good to her and they felt deeply for each other. They broke up because they had different religious beliefs. She does not feel any love for me. She met her ex-boyfriend recently and they were still entangled in the issue of their religious difference. She told him she had a new boyfriend but she was undecided. Eventually she chose me. She promised we would sit down and talk things over and she would not see her ex-boyfriend again. However, up till now, I just do not have any sense of security. Pray for me so that I know whether God makes us for each other."

(Listener "Angel")

- ⌘ Pray that the Lord will give Brother "Angel" the wisdom to manage his relationship with his girlfriend so that they are well-prepared spiritually before entering marriage. Pray also that he will further encourage his girlfriend to find with him a direction to serve the Lord and to grow together in the church.

## Clearing Out the Underworld

In China, "underworld forces" refer to organised criminal syndicates and the power that shelters these criminal organisations is called the "protective umbrella". The National Anti-gang Office held a press conference earlier to reveal statistics on its recent work. Among the 111 cases handled, 1,151 gangsters were convicted, and 4,193 officials were investigated and punished for being involved in underworld forces, crimes, corruption and acting as "protective umbrellas". More than 1,211 billion dollars' worth of capital was investigated and impounded, withheld and frozen. Officials emphasised that they will continue to crack down hard on underworld forces and thoroughly investigate old cases in the backlog.

("Legal Daily", November 4, 2020)

- ⌘ To eradicate crime is a long process while investigation work also causes a lot of controversies. Pray for the public servants concerned that they will conduct strict and evidence-based investigations so that the guilty will be brought to justice.

Monday



## Bound by the Rules

"I was called by the Lord at around June 2014. I then studied Calvinism; yet women ordination is disallowed at orthodox church. I didn't care about that at the beginning, but when His call got more assuring half a year later, I had to come out from my mother church to run and pastor my new pan. Starting from 2-3 people, I got no financial support, no co-workers. Squeezed by the pressure, I pastored the church during the day and got a job at night to earn RMB 750 a month to maintain my basic needs. Let alone the financial stress, there is also pressure from God's family: many 'reformed' pastors criticize that it is inappropriate for a sister to become preacher. Therefore, they would disregard all women ordination. This is terrible if one only eyes on and acts by the rules."

(Sister Yuan)

- ⌘ Pray for the Lord to help Sister Yuan see His grace even more in times of difficulties. And by turning her eyes upon the provision of Jesus, she overlooks her external pressure and inadequacy but take good care of her flock.

## Statistics on Flooding

This year, flooding occurred frequently, lasting longer and affecting a more extensive area. Devastated fields and houses were everywhere. Losses were heavy. The Fire and Rescue Bureau reported the relevant statistics. Up to the date of the press conference, the Fire and Rescue Team had participated in more than 20,000 rescues which totalled around 230,000 rescuer-times, saved more than 50,000 people trapped, evacuated and transferred about 160,000 people, transported some 2,000 tons of supplies, reinforced up to 26 kilometres of dykes, drained more than 17 million cubic metres of flood water in urban and rural areas, and carried out epidemic prevention, disinfection and pest control work which covered a total area of 470,000 square metres.

("China News Net", November 5, 2020)

- ⌘ Flooding occurs year after year. The disaster is both natural and of man's own making. Pray that the government can carry out the post-disaster reconstruction work as soon as possible and that there will be better preventive measures in the future.

Tuesday



## Still Learning

"In the process of partnership learning, not only can I gain the confidence in learning, I see also the presence of God within. In the class, we cheer each other on. In addition to studying hard together, we also inspire and remind one another of our own deficiencies. After realizing the power of God, my faith grows and I surrender my sovereignty to the Lord. Thank God to let me open to new challenges and may there be sufficient blessings in my studies ahead that I can better understand the will of God."

(Sister Zhang)

- ⌘ Grateful that Sister Zhang found her studies fruitful and satisfying. It is wondrous to have companions on the path of learning. May sister treasure this learning opportunity and respond to His blessings with what she learns.

## Online Loan Risk

Using the online loan platform to pay everyday expenses has become a way of spending among many young people in China. The new generation of rural migrant workers is no exception. Recently, the Institute of Sociology of the University of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences released the "New Generation of Migrant Workers' Life and Mindset Survey Report". It reveals that most of the new generation migrant workers are basically financially independent, but they have little savings and weak money management concepts and a high percentage of them are borrowing online. While online loans can meet their immediate needs and help them tide over hardships, they may, if without self-control, get into a situation of using a loan to repay another loan and suffer from anxiety because of the stress brought about by the loan repayment.

("Xinhua News Net", November 6, 2020)

- ⌘ Pray for the new generation of migrant workers. Since they lack money management concepts and the relevant training, their ability to withstand risk is low. Pray that the Lord will protect them and keep them from falling into traps of online loan.



Wednesday



## Sudden Illness

"My seven-year-old child suddenly fell ill. The doctor said that the child would not be able to bear the emission of the retained body fluid in one go. Therefore, they treated the child's pleural effusion and intestinal edema first. The blood test results revealed that the child was seriously deficient in protein which led to severe anemia. His physical condition was very poor. He was given traditional Chinese medicine recently and his condition had slightly improved. The hospital recommended that he seek treatment in the kidney specialist hospital in Sichuan Province. When he set off for the hospital, his bones were all jutting out and his hair fell off. He was very weak. However, he was particularly happy and high-spirited."

(Sister Zhang)

- ⌘ Pray that the Lord will help Sister Zhang's child and her family to rely on the Lord and turn to Him for His healing. Pray that the child will receive appropriate treatment, the Lord will relieve his pain and he will experience the Lord's protection and healing.

## Medical Robot

In recent years, surgical robotics technology has begun to develop rapidly in China. Last month, the General Hospital of Ningxia Medical University tasted the first success of a robotic orthopedic total hip replacement. The medical team explained that the patient has to undergo a pre-surgery assessment for the making of a 3D model. The robot would then tailor a proposal for the surgery. During the operation, the robot's built-in navigation system would provide relevant data to enhance its accuracy and minimize its invasive intrusion. The risk of the surgery would be reduced overall. The team hopes that with the assistance of robots, doctors can shorten their pre-operative training period, and therefore an enhancement of medical efficiency can be achieved in the long run.

(China News Net", November 4, 2020)

- ⌘ As the population ages, the demand for various operations increases. Pray for the progress and advancement of surgical robotics technology and may it be widely used in hospitals across China to benefit more of her people.