

Thursday



Fear of Being Hurt

"When I was still in elementary school I liked to go to church and play there. But I rarely did so during my high school and college. In 2016, I got baptized and stayed in the fellowship to serve. Through my service, I began knowing myself and seeing the weakness and brokenness in my life. Before, my life was a boring blue and gray; but for the pressure of life, I would be reluctant to move forward. Then gradually, as I started seeing the beauty and joy of life, I became eager to learn to guard my heart. Reconcile with God, myself, and family, as well as the environment! However, being rather withdrawn and independent, I am not good at getting along with others. Moreover, I dislike in-depth relationships with people, and afraid of being hurt."

(Sister Zhang)

✚ Pray for the loving Lord to help Sister Zhang feel the Lord's love and human care. Help her bravely step out of the comfort zone and establish a harmonious and beautiful life of faith with the Lord and with others.

Protect Our Children

If your children are not in safety seats when you drive, you are violating a newly enacted law which has been made mandatory in China's law since June. Nevertheless, its nationwide application is still pending. According to current surveys, 80% of parents in Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen have already equipped their cars with safety seats, of which only half would "always" use the device. The reasons for not using are: "children's reluctance to use", "indoor driving", "short distance" and "in slow speed", "inconvenient installation and use", "safer to hold in arms", etc. The surveys also reflected some incorrect use of safety seats, such as "seat belts too loose", "inaccurate base mounting", etc.

("The Paper", July 6, 2021)

✚ Pray for parents to have a stronger safety awareness in using safety seats to get their children well protected. Pray that there is no sloppiness in production, but all manufacturers adopt good quality control programs to help their safety seats products always meeting desirable safety standard. By then, all parents can use these safety seats with peace of mind.

Friday



A Dominant Mother

"Please pray for my mother. She is a brilliant working woman; but after all the hardships she has been through, she became very authoritative. Until recently she started to aware of her excessive attitude towards our family. It is not easy for her to change herself though, as only our Lord is able to baptize her with water and through the Holy Spirit can she get reborn. Pray for the Lord to give her strength, opportunities, and time, and to let her feel His closeness, compassion, mercy, forgiveness, and love, and to fill her life with His peace, tranquility, and joy."

(Sister Huang)

✚ The Lord is faithful. It is grateful that Sister Huang is considerate and caring, and she accepts and understands her mother's peremptoriness. May the Lord's love fill her mother. With His touch of love and the Holy Spirit, may her mother experience the Lord's mercy and peace and live out the beauty of life.

Tibetan Bible

In November 2011, copies of the Bible and the biography of the Mother of God, both published in the Tibetan language during the early 1930s, have been discovered at a cathedral in Yanjing, in the Tibet Autonomous Region. The two Tibetan translations are believed to be the only surviving copies and are being protected as ancient books. Yanjing Township is the fruit of early Catholic missions. Catholic monks entered Tibetan areas to preach in the 17th century. In 1860, the Christian missionary published the first Tibetan Gospel Book of Protestantism by Hayde. There are 122 Tibetan households, of which 600 people from 75 households believe in Jesus. After 90 years of hard work and numerous twists and turns during publication, the first Tibetan Bible was finally printed in India in early 1948.

✚ It is reported that exquisite Tibetan Bibles and audio recordings of Tibetan Bibles in its three dialects have been produced and published. Being actively donated to Tibetans, however, the Bible is yet to be widely received. James Hudson Taylor once said, "To make converts in Tibet is similar to going into a cave and trying to rob a lioness of her cubs." Pray for God's mercy on the Tibetans and let His grace and redemption be to them one day.

Saturday



Leaving the Christian Faith

"To protect my children against the disturbance of evils, I follow the local customs to bear them amulets! Having lost my faith in the Lord Jesus, I now turn to Buddha instead. In fact, many times, I so wanted you to pray for me and my children over the troubles we are running into. Meituan Delivery draws people of other fields to abuse and hurt us. Regretfully, I don't believe in God anymore. I quit listening to your radio programs too as my struggles would intensify when I do so. I decide to live as those around me, being heartless and ruthless! Any suggestion for me? For the sake of my children, I am suffering in great pain!"

(Sister Wang)

✚ Pray for the Lord to help Sister Wang and her children get rid of their inner fear. May they experience the true protection of the Lord and let His peace calm their anxious hearts. Keep sister Wang hold onto the Lord and not to fall into Satan's schemes. Make her understand only Jehovah is the true God who grants His people real peace that no one else does.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Emergency Drill:** In mid-July, we completed a week-long "Contingency Drills and Exercise" - the production of programs was done at homes or somewhere outside our recording studio. In view of the new challenges encountered, we pray for God to lead our staff to solve together the problems ahead. Even when irregularities arise, therefore, the production and broadcast of our live or recorded programs can still proceed without delay.

2 **Plans for the Coming Year:**

▀ All departments are preparing their annual budget planning for next year's ministry. Pray that the Lord will grant all department heads the wisdom and ability to understand His will, and insights to lead the company forward especially in times of uncertainty.

▀ By God's grace that the engineering team and the information technology team have newly joined us successively. Please pray for each teammate for having an amazing partnership with one another.

China News and Prayer

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Dear warriors in Christ:

Get "Vaccine for Life"

To boost Hong Kong's Covid-19 inoculation rate, the government and its business community dangled generous rewards to those who took the jabs in the last few months. Extra holidays and flat-winning lucky draw are also offered to those vaccinated, causing a phenomenal and imminent surge in the bookings for jabs. In addition to these "monetary incentives", just hope that people's awareness of public health and citizen's obligation are also derivatives of their positive and enthusiastic responses. Our Father in heaven, pray that more people find refuge in Your eternal life and take that as their "Vaccine for Life"!

100 People: "The World in Miniature"

If one shrinks the world's population of more than 7 billion people to the size of 100 people, 60 would live in Asia; 33 would be Christians, 22 believers in Islam, 14 would be Hindus, and 7 would follow Buddhist teachings. 12 people would believe in other religions and the other 12 have no religious beliefs. Do need to pray earnestly for God's mercy on China because amongst the 60 people in Asia, a high number of them is still unsaved!

Shenzhen "Aerial Between Heaven and Earth"

Last month, I was stunned to see the successful launching of Shenzhen-12 and the real-time video dialogue of the three astronauts from the space to the Earth. When the country has made great achievements, may the hearts of the country leader and its people can soon be connected to the "Salvation Aerials" too. In fact, their salvation is what truly our monthly intercession is for. The Bible clearly says: *"No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in Him."* (John 3:13-15)

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Sunday



With One Mind

“My wife kept complaining about the discomfort below the neck. I took her to the hospital to check if she had hyperthyroidism. I thank the Lord that all the indicators of her examination were normal. Last year, I took her to have various kinds of examinations and it was only discovered that she had a less active and infective form of chronic hepatitis B. The doctor said it was alright and no need to take any medication. All day long, she suspects that she has some incurable diseases. I don't know if she has any mental problems. What's more, we have different views on how to educate children, treat parents and get along with brothers and sisters. She keeps going to her parents' home and doesn't care much about our family affairs. Pray that the Lord will help us form the same views on everything, we can communicate well and solve problems together.”

(Little Brother)

- ⌘ We are thankful that Little Brother cares for his wife. May his wife feel the love and care of her husband and the two of them build the family with concerted effort. Pray that the Lord will grant Little Brother's wishes.

Wayward Travelers

In recent years, outdoor adventure sports have become popular. There were travelers who disregarded their own safety and trespassed into restricted territory which eventually led to accidents. Most of the rescue costs are borne by public departments. However, with the rapid increase in the request for emergency assistance and to halt unauthorized exploration, scenic areas such as Aden in Sichuan and Huang Shan in Anhui have started to consider setting up a paid rescue mechanism to serve as a warning. Some online polls have revealed that 70% of respondent's support paid rescues, but there are opposing views which hold that rescue operations are based on the spirit of humanitarianism and should not be linked up with money for fear that more regulatory problems will arise if monetary interests are involved.

(“Workers' Daily”, July 4, 2021)

- ⌘ May travelers be aware of personal safety. May the government formulate deterring strategies and raise the public's awareness and understanding of the value of emergency rescue so that they will not abuse it.

Monday



My Younger Sister and I

“My younger sister has come to Shenzhen to live with me. Although we live together, we seldom interact. I want very much to be her friend but I don't know how to do. We were apart since we were young. We didn't have any heart-to-heart communication. So, when she graduated, I insisted she came to live with me so that we could cultivate our relationship. I'm thankful that we can live together now but I feel that building a relationship with her is very difficult. She has a very strong character. She likes to try new things and has demands as to the ways of living, such as what to eat and wear, but I cherish old things. I'm thrifty and reluctant to make changes. I don't have any particular demands. It is my personality she doesn't like.”

(Sister Wen)

- ⌘ Please pray that the Lord will help Sister Wen to communicate more with her sister. Relationship can be cultivated over time. Please let the younger sister understand the kind thoughts of Sister Wen. We hope that the two sisters can be more considerate of each other and their love for each other will grow deeper.

Teaching Seniors Digital Skills

Technology has developed rapidly but to some elderly, they are still not yet used to the digital life. Such phenomenon is called the “digital gap” which has attracted much social concern. Besides reviewing the previous total abandonment of the traditional mode of service, the government and the community are both beginning to find means to help the elderly to keep abreast with the times, which include the introduction of easier-to-learn and more user-friendly digital services; the development of mobile apps with large print, audio and simplified versions; the research and development of smart products which address the needs of the elderly, such as automatic sensor healthcare robots, smart care systems using laser radar, cloud computing and big data technologies.

(“People's Daily”, July 6, 2021)

- ⌘ Pray that there are social measures so that the elderly will not feel lost and helpless. Pray that the Lord will give each one of us the sensitivity to the needs of the elderly in all aspects and give them a helping hand.

Tuesday



The Church Has Changed

“Pray that the Lord grant the pastoral staff of our church the love for one another. The new elder who has just been transferred here does not care for the weak in the church. He isn't concerned and doesn't do any management work. There are just too many opinions among church members. Nowadays, not too many people attend church meetings. The pastoral staff are also not as strong in their faith and loving as before. The church has greatly changed and so are the pastoral staff. Why does the church oppose to those who are honest, righteous and love the Lord; those who dare to speak the truth, practice righteous deeds and please both God and men? There is far too much unrighteousness and falsehood. Pray that the Lord will revive His church. Sometimes I feel so hurt in the church. Please pray for the new elder in our church. Let's rely on the Lord to lead a victorious life!”

(Audience “Wounded”)

- ⌘ The Lord of Consolation, please comfort “Wounded” and his church and help the believers see the Lord and not men, participate in church meetings actively and follow the footsteps of the Lord.

Behind the Fad

Several young people sit around a table, holding a drama script to play different roles, analyzing step by step all kinds of clues, using reasoning to find out the hidden “killer” - This is “script killing”, a popular social activity of youngsters nowadays. It has also become a new member of the cultural industry, giving rise to jobs like playwrights, designers, hosts, etc. However, there are playwrights who use “sex” and “violence” as gimmicks in the course of their creation to attract company to purchase. This has raised concern for the possibility of bringing about negative influence on young people.

(“China Youth Daily”, July 6, 2021)

- ⌘ Pray that the development of the cultural industry will provide more work opportunities to creative talents while at the same time, they will not neglect human sentiments, morals and even the law for the sake of profit. Pray that the new generation have a healthier environment to grow up in and cultivate hobbies which are beneficial to their body and mind.

Wednesday



Staying Tuned

“To me, Radio Liangyou is a family, a spiritual home and a source of daily strength. I can hear many like-minded voices which nourishes my soul. Talking about learning of the Radio, it was something that happened more than ten years ago. I'm someone who loves listening to the radio. When I was small, I used to stay with my grandmother during the holidays. My grandmother's life was very simple. There was no need for the television. For many a night, I held the radio in my grandmother's house on the hill, facing the big sea and listening to the sound of the world. I would note down the corresponding position and time of every radio station. It was at that time I found Radio Liangyou. The signal was very good. It was in the year 2000.”

(Brother Chen)

- ⌘ We are thankful that Brother Chen got to know Radio Liangyou when he was small. The radio and God's word have accompanied him through his growing up years till now. May he grow in the Lord and learn how to serve Him and glorify His name.

Back to School

The National College Entrance Examination results were announced earlier. Wang, a 26-year-old delivery driver, obtained good results and it led to a heated debate among netizens. Wang was admitted to college when he was 18. However, for various reasons, he chose to drop out. He had been a worker in a garment factory, a telephone customer service agent, a tutor, etc. After that, he realized the importance of academic qualifications and decided to go back to school again. He had spent only eight months to prepare for the examination and obtained high scores. He expressed that he would continue with his delivery job until the beginning of the term to earn money for paying the school fees. In future, he would also try to do meaningful things such as coaching for free.

(“Beijing Daily”, July 7, 2021)

- ⌘ We give thanks for all those students who are admitted to the university. We also pray for those who failed not to be discouraged. May all of them make good use of their time to make contribution to society. Pray that God will strengthen the heart of young people, lead their way forward and grant them the hope of life