

Thursday



My Confidence Is Still Little

"My whole family believes in the Lord. My husband was baptized. My daughter is studying medical school and graduates this year. Ask the Lord to find a way out for her. Should she further her studies or work? My husband is the only one earning money in the family; and he also has to take care of his parents. Moreover, he has failed in his investment and we owe a debt of more than RMB\$1 million. I have been listening to Radio Liangyou. My spiritual life has grown up. It turns out that my chronic epilepsy has been healed by the Lord through my faith! But my faith is still little. I hope that our family will get out of all these difficulties and that the difficulties will be resolved in a way beyond what we have asked and thought."

(Sister Guo)

✚ Please pray that Sister Guo's whole family can live under the Lord's guidance. Ask the Lord to give them wisdom to deal with their debts. Also pray that her family members will share their difficulties together and build a healthy family in Christ.

Tempted to Speculate

In response to the hype in virtual currency trading, ten departments, including People's Bank of China, have issued the "Notice on Further Preventing and Disposing the Risk of Hype in Virtual Currency Trading". In the notice, businesses involving virtual currencies such as Bitcoin, are regarded as illegal financial activities. However, it has been found that virtual currency is still being promoted in some websites which includes publishing articles, organizing courses and exchange activities, live broadcast of road show for publicity. According to insiders of the business, the reasons for why many websites still take risks are mainly the limitation of regulatory resources and low cost of the violation.

("Xinhua Net", November 4, 2021)

✚ Please pray that everyone has the right values and will not get lost in this "virtual currency" game. Pray that they will understand what they should really pursue. Also pray that the government departments will formulate useful policies to properly supervise transactions of virtual currencies.

Friday



Pray For My Family

"I want to pray for the harmony of my family. Noticing my mother's strong influence in my family, my father's cowardice in front of her and my younger brother's unreasonable filial piety for her, I don't know when such kind of condition will terminate. May the Lord give us a repentant mind and a chance of repentance for the rest of our life. I hope that we will be living in the kindness, peace and wisdom given by the Lord. Please ask the Lord to save our family from the current predicament and forgive our sins. Also ask the Lord to love us and to never forsake us. Pray that the Lord will take back His righteous anger and let my family receive His grace."

(Sister Yang)

✚ Sister Yang loves her family. She hopes that her family members will live frankly together with mutual love and get along with one another sincerely. Please pray that she and her family members can establish and support one another with love.

Pastoral Care for Miao People

A Miao pastor said with sighs, "Currently the Miao churches are materialistic. Many young people have left their churches. Many parents are unable to lead their kids to God. Pastors feel helpless when they face these problems." God has used missionaries from afar to preach among the Miao people since the end of the 19th century. They have guided many Miao people to become Christians and established many churches. According to the statistics of the "First China Yearbook" published around 1930, there were more than 460 churches in three provinces and more than 700 major missionary locations were found in the Miao region.

✚ The Miao churches have gone through a history of more than 100 years with a very prosperous period. But the churches have also experienced more than 40 years of interruption. Nowadays they face the challenges of faith inheritance. Please pray that God will give wisdom to the Miao pastors and believers, who are parents, to face these problems. Also pray that they can encourage their love for the Lord again so that more young believers will return to Him and follow Him faithfully.

Saturday



Mother-child Separation

"We have been married for five years, and we have a son. I believe in the Lord, but my husband is not. We have been arguing for five years since we married. My husband has an affair which has been pressing me to initiate our divorce. However, my child is young. As long as I can take care of my child, I endure his indifferent violence, unreasonable behaviors and refusal to support our living. But I cannot exchange my heartfelt sincerity for the conscience of this man. He has hurt me even more seriously. He has snatched my son and has let his parents raise the child. I have gone to my mother-in-law's house twice. My husband's family members have driven me away. They have said nothing about the issue of divorce or the issue of reconciliation. They have just said that they cannot manage the case. The situation has been dragging on and there is no solution. I do not know what to do!"

(Sister Zhu)

✚ Our Lord knows the predicament of Sister Zhu. Ask the Lord to open a way for the problems of the sister's marriage and her child's custody. Please pray for a solution for her predicament.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **New mode of Operation:** Facing the new societal environment, our operation at present has been adjusted to a new mode. We can imagine the difficulties involved. But this is exactly how FEBC Hong Kong has been doing the Gospel radio ministry for over 60 years. We firmly trust that the future is in God's hands. We just need to look up for His grace and expect His wonderful works!

2 **"Grow and Glow":** The 2022 broadcast theme of Radio Liangyou is "Grow and Glow". We may encounter different life issues in the journey of our life. We hope that we will share with the audience how to move towards maturity, get rid of childishness and grow up through the practice of our doctrines. Please pray that our program team will have a good plan, match the program content with the theme and walk with the audience in their life.



PRAYER NEWSLETTER

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Dear warriors in the Lord: Peace!

Recent news reports have shown the mental states of the younger generations in China.

Professor Zhipeng Lu from Huazhong University of Science and Technology, leading a research team with an average age of 24, won the first place in the CAD Contest (Routing with Cell Movement Advanced) algorithm competition at International Conference on Computer Aided Design 2021, an international conference in the field of Electronic Design Automation.

Later on November 7, a team of EDG (the name of a China gaming e-sports club) represented the Chinese division to win the champion in the e-sports global final for the first time after five hours of fierce battle. Countless young gamers celebrated the victory of EDG overnight. The media described the celebration as a carnival of 500 million Chinese youth.

The "Chinese National Mental Health Development Report 2019-2020" indicated that aged from 18-34, are the most anxious group. The depression detection rate for youths was 26.4%. Among them, the detection rate of severe depression was 7.4%. The mental health condition of youths has become alarming.

Many youth were mentioned in the Bible: Joseph was sold into slavery but still respected God with fear; young David relied on God to defeat the giant Goliath; and, Timothy loyally shepherded believers as his flock of sheep. They had lived a life with good witnesses from their youth to old ages. "Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, 'I find no pleasure in them.'" (Ecclesiastes 12:1)

The generation of young people is expecting to be seen and heard. They are expecting acceptance and respect for their struggles and choices. Are we willing to listen to them and get close to them?

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Sunday



Rejection

“My child was taken to live with my parents-in-law in the city after my child was born. It was because I was sick and sleep deprived during ‘postpartum confinement’. My child loved to run when he was young but I couldn’t run as fast. That is why I seldom played with my child. I couldn’t sleep well every time when I visited my child at my parents-in-law’s home as their house is small. My mother-in-law unwilling to accept me and speaking ill of me to my child. God please be merciful to me. My mother-in-law worships idols. I felt weak physically and mentally staying at her home and found no way out. My husband doesn’t care about nor understand me. We don’t have a good relationship. My child doesn’t listen to me. Lord please be merciful to our family and child.”

(Sister Sun)

- ⌘ May Merciful God help Sister Sun touch her family and child with love. Give her wisdom to get along with her family as a healthy mother and be a witness for God by finding a right role in her family.

Barrier-free

The Regulation on the Construction of Barrier-free Environment in Beijing City has been implemented last month. According to the Regulation, people with sight impairment are allowed to bring along with them a guide dog to entre public places and travel on public transport. The units concerned and individuals shall not reject them. Does the implementation of the regulation mean that guide dogs will not be refused entry? Chen, a visually impaired, said that guide dogs are allowed to enter many public places and welcome by pedestrians, and most people have greater tolerance towards guide dogs. However, guide dogs are still advised to leave or rejected by individual restaurant workers and drivers appointed via online hailing service, they still treat guide dogs as pets.

(“CCTV News”, November 3, 2021)

- ⌘ Disabled people are still facing a lot of challenges. Pray that people can be more considerate and public awareness of barrier-free will be increased. May God touch the hearts of people who will care about disabled people and help them meet their needs.

Monday



Drive Me Out

“My parents have driven me out of home and I have to live by myself. In opposition with God, my parents dare does all kinds of evil things. My father spoke to me when I was fifteen that no one would worship him or buy him sacrificial food after he died. He is still hostile to God for this reason and wants to kill me after finding out I believe in God. My father said to me, ‘Move out if you get back to God again. You don’t care even I beat you. So don’t stay and move out right away. I don’t want you!’ My parents are still mad at me knowing that I go to church on Sundays even after I have moved out of home.”

(Audience “Little Brother”)

- ⌘ May the faithful God give Little Brother wisdom to communicate with his parents with love and be a good witness for God. Show his parents how much he loves them and let them recognize the goodness of God to change their false beliefs.

Alert on Respiratory Problems

Heat production in cities in the northern China as well as climatic effects have increased the emissions of pollutants which account for moderate to high levels of air pollution in various parts of China. PM 2.5 pollution was detected in a total of 85 cities and PM 2.5 severe pollution in six cities in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei and surrounding areas, the Yangtze River Delta and Northeast China. Eastern China was hit by severe pollution and climatic alert has been activated in 29 cities. Beijing has requested the units concerned to take enhanced measures to control construction dust. Works such as earthworks and site clearance in the whole city have stopped. At the same time, extra rounds of street cleaning of major roads have been carried out. Outdoor activities of primary and secondary schools, Youth Palace and educational institutes have been suspended as requested.

(“China News Net”, November 4, 2021)

- ⌘ Pray that we would be grateful to God. Make the best use of the natural resources God has given us. Avoid overexploitation and consumption to prevent pollution. Take our share in protecting the environment and foster global cooperation to formulate better policies to reduce carbon emissions.

Tuesday



I Care About Him

“My husband is suffering from ankylosing spondylitis lately, resulting in hip joint pain. He was considered normal after check-up but feel pain anyway. We are not able to pray together as he doesn’t believe in God. I’m not a good role model to glorify God. My mother-in-law worships Buddha. Her behavior has made my husband even more determined to take a neutral stand. Afraid of being attacked, I have never shared the gospel with them as I feel not confident in doing so. I’m struggling with a lack of faith in God. I’m too weak to get pregnant. I can only put effort into my work. When I’m desperate for hope, God help me find a way out. I strongly believe that there are ways to improve my relationship with my husband. However, due to my physical weakness, I have confidence in the power of God yet I feel anxious and stressed. Please pray for my health, a successful pregnancy, my family and my work.”

(Sister Su)

- ⌘ God You give people hope. Please help Sister Su trust in Your power and have a psychological breakthrough that she will be brave enough to show Your love and goodwill to her family in her daily life.

Walk with the People

The National Children Medical Centre and the Children’s Hospital of Fudan University have opened the first multidisciplinary clinic to serve transgender children and teenagers, aiming to reduce their negative emotions and improve their family relationships through multidisciplinary assessment, diagnosis and intervention. Academics had conducted research on transgender people as early as 2019. It was found that the percentage of teenagers who had suffered from serious depression and anxiety was higher than that of the normal people. Without appropriate assistance, this might very likely cause problems such as social adaptation and hostility among family members.

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- ⌘ Pray for the people disturbed by gender recognition. May God be merciful to and love them to protect them against discrimination. Pray that they can get to know God and develop a positive self-image through God’s guidance and the help from sisters and brothers.

Wednesday



Test-tube Baby

“A sister of my church choir is planning to have the fertility treatment again as her previous ones failed. She is very nervous. Please pray for her that she can relax and the operation is smooth and successful. Another sister of the choir has a daughter who is going to do the same operation in this month too. Being married for about three years and failing to get pregnant, she has been badly treated by her mother-in-law. Please pray that everything will be fine with them and the operations are smooth and safe.”

(Sister Zhang)

- ⌘ My Lord, You give us life. You know well what the needs of two sisters are. Please be merciful to them, remind them to rely on and obey You. Help them experience Your faithfulness and trust You to look to the future with hope.

High Living Costs

Vegetables have become more expensive than meat in China in recent weeks. The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the PRC remarked in a press conference early last month that the vegetable crunch would be temporary only and the supply would catch up. Reasons for the recent rise in vegetable prices were reported in the conference: weather impacts reducing crop production, soaring prices of materials increasing production cost, and inadequate power supply affecting seedling development and factory production. Besides, the Covid-19 pandemic has made delivery more difficulty. The Government has taken a multi-pronged approach to tackle the problem. For example, experts’ instructions on farm management and planting scales, enhanced monitoring of weather forecast, implementation of the green channel policy for agricultural products, etc. to ensure stable supply of vegetables.

(“China News Net”, November 4, 2021)

- ⌘ Rising prices is driven by rapid economic growth, making the life more difficult for the grassroots. Pray for the Government that the officials have wisdom to shape livelihood policies ensuring that people are able to afford a healthy and balanced diet.