

Thursday



Preaching Gospel to Friend

"I have a friend whom I have preached to. We break up in discord every time after I preach the gospel to her. But our relationship recovers afterward. At one time she said she wanted to go to church together with me. Eventually we broke up again in discord. It was because there was a reception for newcomers after the sermon in our church. Following the reception, she became very irritated and went home angrily. She said I had occupied her time too much. I don't understand her thought and action. Therefore, I feel that I'm very sick of her now. I know that this doesn't please God! How should I get along with her? How can I break this deadlock? Please help!"

(Sister He)

✚ Ask the Lord to help Sister He preach the gospel to her friend wisely and understand that non-believers have various different thoughts. Pray that the Lord will open her friend's heart and understand the truth and accept the Lord's love.

Tortured by Overwork

Earlier a content reviewer of a video website died suddenly during his overtime work. The incident has aroused widespread public concern. The main job of the content reviewers is to check opinions and video content of web users. If they find some opinions and video contents which do not conform to the official network rules, they will delete them immediately. Affected by factors such as a huge number of web users, massive content information and keen platform competition, reviewers have a lot of workload, long working hours and shift duties which often mess up their biological clock. In addition to the influences on their physical health, the disturbing content they often watch also brings about psychological and emotional impacts which may lead to negative consequences.

("Chengdu Economic Daily", February 10, 2022)

✚ Please pray for frontline employees. Ask God to keep them safe and healthy physically, psychologically and spiritually. Pray that the people of this industry will not ignore their employees' needs. Also pray that they will give the latter sufficient concern, and do research on better working conditions and provide a reasonable protection mechanism.

Friday



My Son's Problem

"My son is about to start his Grade 4. He doesn't have any motivation in his studies. He always needs to be urged to do things. I signed up a summer class for him. But he did exercises slowly and couldn't conform to the teacher's request. This morning he refused in tears to attend the class! Moreover, my son often quarrels with me at home. When he plans to finish the homework in 10 minutes, it always takes 30 minutes. This leads to a lot of unfinished homework. I really admire those children who are self-motivated and self-disciplined. Ask God to help me come out of this predicament!"

(A Sister)

✚ Please ask the Lord to help the sister bring up her son patiently. Pray that she will seek strength and wisdom from the Lord. Also pray that God will touch her to make her see not only the child's problems, but also his merits so that she can give him more encouragement, appreciation and company

The Hui Bible

Many Hui people in China can speak Chinese. But they have their own script which is called "Xiao'erjin". They mainly use the Arabic and "Xiao'erjin" script in their religious life. It is reported that a group of believers, who has a sense of commitment to the Hui people, has inspected the Hui script systematically and completed the translation of the first Bible in "Xiao'erjin". The translated version is currently under the stages of checking and proofreading. The trial version is also launched in some mobile Bible Apps.

✚ "Xiao'erjin" has been a Hui script after the Ming Dynasty. It is used for internal communication and externally in catering services. Please pray for Hui believers and Hui people who have been in touch with the gospel. Also pray for the Hui biblical ministry. Ask the Lord to bless Hui people by using the Hui script to speak to their hearts. May the Lord grant the Bible translators the wisdom and ability to complete this translation ministry as soon as possible. Also pray that the Hui believers can still hold on to their faith under the circumstances of persecution.

Saturday



Work-life Balance

"We are financially stable, my husband isn't a person who can take good care of the family. He is only enthusiastic about his work and diligent in it. He works in the branch office during the daytime and goes home at night. After he has had dinner at home, he goes to the office to work overtime then sleeps in the office. My husband hasn't returned home to sleep for more than two months. I hope that he can accompany us during the summer vacation. He is not available to go on a tour with us. So I complain very often. He just gets angrier and feels that I cannot understand him. I hope that he can strike a balance between work and family so as to establish a harmonious family. Then I will be able to not only educate my two children well, but also make myself more excellent!"

(Sister Hui)

✚ Please pray that Sister Hui to understand more her husband's situation and to give him support. Also pray that she also knows it is necessary to express her appreciation to her husband, and let him feel the family love and warmth when he can go home.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Radio Yiyou Station:** We are actively planning to develop a second medium-wave radio station to clearly broadcast gospel programs to our target audiences. Engineers from FEBC Korea are preparing to tune the antenna for Yiyou Radio 2. The testing is expected to be done in June. Please pray for this project and the new medium wave station to be used by God.



2 **Liangyou Theological Seminary (LTS) App:** A new version of the LTS App was launched at the end of January. It has been transformed into a brand-new self-learning platform. After the audience has listened to the course programs, they can participate in the multiple-choice test through this new function of the App. It is hoped that the new version will help popularize theological education so as to let more people benefit from the LTS programs and their spiritual life be established.

PRAYER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

The epidemic of COVID-19 has turned serious before and after the Year of Tiger.

The news reported that restriction-testings come one after another. I heard that some staff and their family members from FEBC overseas have been confirmed to be infected. Some colleagues in Hong Kong also need to undergo testing. We are really overcoming the epidemic together with the general public. Our daily life seem to enter a "battling status" again. We work from home again, reducing travel back and forth to the office. The Year of the Tiger is really not easy at all! But thank God. We still rely on the Lord and be peaceful and stable under any circumstances in Him. Our daily assemblies and meetings are carried out as usual online and our communication is not hindered.

Studio Renewal, Ready to Go:

There are always uncertainties of the logistics under the epidemic. Please pray for the supply of new equipments, furniture and related materials etc. Also pray that the engineering & IT colleagues will have the wisdom for to allocate these resources smoothly. Thank you for your constant attention. Your prayers have been presented before the Lord like incense amid the hardship. *"May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice."* (Psalm 141:2)

We have many encouraging sayings in the Chinese culture. Similar words of encouragement can be found in the Bible as well: *"But the land you are crossing... is a land of mountains and valleys that drinks rain from heaven. It is a land the Lord your God cares for... from the beginning of the year to its end."* (Deuteronomy 11:11-12)

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Sunday



The Dark Side

"I have been learning Liangyou Theological Seminary for four years, I was baptized in 2009. My ex-husband suffered from an illness and died in 2008. We have a son who is a Christian. In 2012, I married a brother in church who got divorced eight to nine years ago. He had been single after the divorce and didn't get along with his parents. He was willing to visit his Christian parents when we were in a relationship. We then got married. He has stopped going to church. He is sports lover, but he is unemployed, and I'm the breadwinner of my family. He is getting mean to me. He lives well and loves sportswear of famous brands. I have seen his dark side. I have been tolerating his cold violence for long and have no choice but to leave. Please pray fervently for us."

(Sister Shen)

- ✚ May the Lord in Your mercy comfort Sister Shen. Give her strength and courage to start a new life with her son. Move her husband to repentance over his sins and turn to God again.

Impunity

Stringent infection prevention and control measures for COVID-19 are implemented in the Mainland. But in Hangzhou, a director of a healthcare company posted on a social media that he had entered a temple not open to the public. This aroused a lot of criticism, including why a rule could be violated flagrantly and why he has such privilege. Further this incident drew the attention of the local government. An investigation found that a staff gave access to the person concerned through the side door after receiving a phone call. It was admitted that there was a management problem. The incident was already reported to a higher authority. However, the persons in breach of the rule have yet been punished.

("Securities Times", February 10, 2022)

- ✚ Many people have experienced anxiety symptoms during the pandemic. Pray that people will be mindful and will not violate the rules out of personal interests. Pray that all epidemic prevention measures will be implemented properly and be an effective form of deterrence.

Monday



My Daughter's Marriage

"My daughter told me that an American boy on the internet had cheated on her for RMB\$50,000. Her husband is having an affair with another woman and has asked for a divorce. My daughter desperately wants a divorce. I persuaded her to give up the idea of a divorce, repent her sins and rely on God. Her husband actually doesn't want to get divorced. My daughter cried and said neither did she. My grandchild also said that father didn't want a divorce. I'm mad that my daughter was stupid enough to be cheated and sent money to a swindler. She said that she was cheated because her heart had felt empty. I told her it was because she didn't have God. My husband insists that our daughter should get divorced. I don't dare tell him the truth and our daughter had been cheated. Now my daughter is desperate to earn money to pay off debt fast."

(Sister Zhou)

- ✚ May the Lord give Sister Zhou wisdom to encourage her daughter to reason well with and properly handle her marriage, and confess her sins to God.

A Secured Life for the Elderly

Regarding the aging population at the demographic transition, the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) focuses its efforts on elderly-nursing and babysitting services during the 14th Five-Year Plan period. In the Urban and Rural Community Service System Construction, the NDRC proposed the establishment of a 24-hour living chain and a 15-minute living circle to meet the daily needs of seniors. In addition, the coverage of meal services for old people will gradually increase to 80% of the communities in the coming five years. Provision of meal services for senior village residents will be key. Besides, smart cities will be developed to expand the 5G network service to cover 80% of the administrative villages across the country with a view to developing a text message system and software for smart cities.

("China News", February 9, 2022)

- ✚ Pray that government officials have a kind heart, good judgment and courage to formulate practical policies catering for the needs of the elderly which will bless and be helpful to them and their families.

Tuesday



Fall Under a Heavy Debt

"I became a Christian two years ago. I was once very devoted to my religion, but then had an affair with someone and got divorced. In December 2019, I got into debt of more than RMB\$4,000,000. I was then disciplined by God and repented. However, things are getting worse. My present husband has become a Christian because of me. We pray and go to church together. Being in debt for two years, I haven't paid any of the outstanding balance. My debt burden is getting larger. I feel so scared that I cannot hang on anymore. I know I have to rely on God. However, the income I earn from my business cannot even support my daily living, let alone paying off the debt. Being so lost, I want to know whether my repentance can help me pay off my debt, or I can never get out of debt after all."

(Sister Xu)

- ✚ God gives us hope. May the word of God become the light for Sister Xu's path. Help her build a strong foundation based on God, overcome fear with God's love and find the true meaning of life.

Food Issues

Due to changing consumption habits and the COVID-19 pandemic, many people eat less out and more at home by buying snacks, drinks, fresh vegetables and takeaway food, etc. through online platforms. Hence, there is an increasing number of complaints from consumers. According to the statistics of the People's Complaint platform, most of the complaints are about the safety and quality of food sold by online and offline food companies, concerning mainly bad-smelling, foreign substances, spoilage, passing expiry date, etc. A complainant said, "Found a pointed splinter in food when opening the courier packet. Contacted the company immediately but was treated in a bad way without apology."

("People's Daily", February 9, 2022)

- ✚ Food safety is important. Pray that operators will strictly implement the food safety system without the concept of taking chance, and ensure proper delivery and storage. Besides, consumers shall know how to choose purchasing channels to avoid food-borne illness.

Wednesday



The Goodwill of God

"I became a Christian in 2017 and was baptized in 2018. My nine-year-old son and I listened to your programs. My son was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder at about three and is suffering from hypothyroidism. I once felt so hopeless. Thank God for His good will and plan. My child is making a good recovery. I have got to know God and brought my child to the Sunday School. I talked about Jesus with my mother-in-law and we are sisters in the Lord now. We have experienced the Grace of God and stayed together in God. Thank Radio Liangyou for being a good companion. I repeatedly listen to the programs and also the specials. I have shared the radio programs with a friend who is studying the Bible and hope that he will learn together with me."

(Sister Xiao)

- ✚ Sister was blessed to accept Jesus as her Savior during hard times and has found hope under God's guidance. Her son's illness does not keep her away from the word of God. May God lead her way.

Difficult to Retain Talents

The present young generation is reluctant to take on blue-collar jobs. Factories cannot attract young people to join by salaries. Some of the workers will not go back to their old jobs after spending the Chinese New Year holiday at home. Large factories have, therefore, tried many different types of recruitment methods to attract staff. Some factories will reward people who have successfully recommended someone for a job in the factory. Some offer RMB\$8,000, and even up to RMB\$17,000, as an award to attract workers to return to the factories they used to work for. Some factories have even promised to organize match-making once a month so as to attract more people to work on the production line.

("Chengdu Economic Daily", February 9, 2022)

- ✚ Pray for young migrant workers. They can earn more money by working in cities far behind their home, at the same time they will encounter many difficulties. May God bless them with His grace, help them to know Him and stay well in body and mind with God's love.

