

Thursday



Overstressed

"I'm a mother of two children, and as my husband works out of town, I have to take care of our children alone. I used to be didactic, even used corporal punishment sometimes. Now, I just hide in the room to pray to the Lord. I asked myself if I was too dominant and disrespecting her. Sisters at church feel that I'm too diffident. Whenever we clash, I would pray in silence, but she would beat me, scold me, and throw things, making me sad. I'm overly worried about her apathetic behavior, disrespect for her elders, and academic problems; I'm also worried about my husband who is works very hard all the year round. I have no friends around. Due to the epidemic, I haven't been to church for two years, and I don't know how to release the tension."

(Sister Li)

✂ Pray that the comforting Lord will console Sister Li's heart, and prevail her sense of helplessness, and may the word of the Lord become motivation for Sister Li to gain strength from Him to take care of her family.

Baseball Development

The number of young people participating in baseball in China has been increasing. Earlier during the annual "Two Sessions", a member of the CPPCC National Committee suggested that Shenzhen should be built into a "national baseball city". On the one hand, cross-strait exchanges should be strengthened through the sports of baseball, and on the other hand, more events should be held to accumulate experience and provide reference for other cities. Shenzhen has held the finals of the Cross-Strait Student Baseball League for three consecutive sessions. In the city, there are about 40 schools in seven districts that practice baseball sports. Besides, there are altogether about 20,000 students participating in special and for-all campus baseball training, and more than 2,000 registered baseball players.

("China News", March 7, 2022)

✂ Pray that different sports can bloom in full in the country. With more enthusiasm and participation in sports, not only can people strengthen their body, but they can enjoy the fun, too. Besides, playing sports can drive industrial development and provide employment opportunities for sports professionals.

Friday



Dangerous Situation

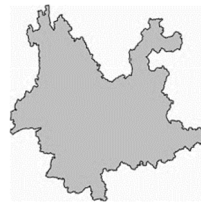
"I feel like an incompetent Christian who have always lost control of emotions in the past. When there is dissatisfaction in life, I will go smash the glass of the bathroom door at home. I become paranoid, feeling hurt by others, and always have their hurtful words haunting my mind. Without living as good as the non-believed, I feel sorry for God, for my family and myself. It's so sad. I hope to be comforted and understood, not despair. My spiritual life has dropped to such a dangerous situation that I can no longer rejoice. Life is so tough and difficult for me."

(Sister Zheng)

✂ Our loving God, may sister Zheng always rejoice in You and get spiritual wounds healed. May she experience the Lord's peace and protection in injury and chaos and give sister strength to deal with her emotions issue.

Blessings upon Yunnan

The Christian mission in Yunnan began in 1877; and, in 1881, a church was established in Dali. It was not until the mid-1920s and later that gospel ministries were actively and prosperously developed among ethnic minorities, especially among the Lisu, Nu, Jingpo, and Lahu, as well as among the Miao, Wa, Hani, and Yi in some areas. It is only with social changes that the ministry has also experienced ups and downs. Nowadays, when foreign missionaries fail to stay, local church leaders have to shoulder the burden of pastoral care and preaching the gospel. Although the pressure is still heavy, God has chosen many young believers to take over. Not only serve among ethnic groups, but also witness the gospel among different ethnic groups.



✂ Thank God for His blessing to many ethnic groups in Yunnan. Some brothers in Christ led their parents and family members to the Lord. They even nurture the next generation to serve together and bear witness to Christ in their life. Pray that the Lord will bless the spread of the gospel and the pastoral care of believers in the southwest region and protect the missionaries who serve faithfully in difficult times.

Saturday



Not Close to God

"Down in my heart, I feel distant from Jesus. Despite that I'm serving in my church choir, I don't feel close to God. That might because hymn singing is comparatively superficial. In my life, I have been showered by the grace of God. Yet, I would not feel distress when hearing about the crucifixion of Jesus, or would you? I'm concern about my spiritual situation and afraid and shocked if I find out that I haven't really accepted the Lord into my life. I'm quite confused now; just hope you got my point. Being able to hear your radio programs is indeed a blessing that I'm delighted to share with my family members in the Lord"

(A Sister)

✂ Pray for "A Sister". May the Lord's love be full of sister's heart. And by relying on the Lord's word, she can deal with her inner feeling and see the abundance of God's love in her heart.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Timetable Change:** Our broadcast timetable revises at the end of every March and October. Brand new programs are simmering well in the pot ready to be served. Please pray for each producer and his team, of programs new and old, that timely messages are wonderfully made, something listeners may savor and enjoy. Under the threat of the intensifying pandemic, we have asked all coworkers to work from home in March. May God strengthen each one as they work at home that all equipment, computers, and internet will operate efficiently so productions can still meet the schedules.

2 **Staff Retirement:** There is a time for staff change over, as the tide of retirement keeps coming mercilessly. Appointing staff for replacement is also crucial, may God raise up the next generation of broadcasters for such responsibilities. Please pray for smooth transitions, orderly management, program creativity, and far-reaching platforms, that coworkers may, with His grace, complete their tasks even under the ruthless pandemic. We are witnesses of Him who is the God that performs miracles. for "You are the God who performs miracles; You display Your power among the peoples." (Psa. 77:14)

PRAYER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

After the Chinese New Year, the epidemic in Hong Kong has become increasingly serious, and the daily number of confirmed cases is really appalling. Meanwhile, tensions in Ukraine continued to rise, and the eyes of the world were watching the situation between Ukraine and Russia. Whether it is the epidemic or the war, it will make us feel fearful, worried, uneasy, and even lead to different emotions.

Facing these situations that cannot be changed or controlled, perhaps we may all think like this: We can only pray! Prayer and entrustment should be a manifestation of our faith; but when we say, "can only", there is a sense of helplessness in it. It feels as if we have nothing else to do and are forced to pray.

Reality may not be as good as we thought, but prayer must not be our "last resort". On the contrary, we should regard prayer as our most capable and powerful weapon of all!

Jesus taught His disciples: "And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son." (John 14:13) We must pray to let God be glorified. Paul also said, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) It is God's will for us not to stop praying and thanking in all things.

So that we know and be sure that prayer is full of power and hope. With such intent, we come to God and offer each of our prayers to Him. No matter what situation is to face, may the Holy Spirit remind us that we respond immediately with praying!

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Sunday



Faith Has Made Me Silly?

"I'm a member of the evangelistic ministry in my church. My husband's whole family doesn't believe in Jesus, but they don't object to the faith of mine and my children. My elder brother and sister, who were lawyers, said that my faith in Jesus had made myself silly. They said, 'You have lost yourself because of your faith in the Lord. You blindly sacrifice a lot for your family. Your husband only knows how to get and enjoy. What is the advantage of you being so good? You have to dress up, to be stronger and to live your own life...' In fact, it isn't true that I don't dress up. I'm very neat and clean. But I just have no gorgeous and fashionable clothes. I think it is okay to play my role well at home silently. I may be lacking in wisdom."

(Sister Huang)

- ⌘ Pray the Lord helps Sister Huang understand her role and it is grace to possess what she has. Also pray that the sister can rely on the Lord to affirm herself, play her role well with self-confidence, and also know how to choose what should be "listened".

Guaranteeing Food Supply

During the annual "Two Sessions", the Minister of Agriculture, said in an interview that the government will take measures in three aspects: "Guaranteeing the quantity" means that the country must maintain at least 1.8 billion mu (120 million hectares) of cultivated land. "Improving the quality" means strengthening the development of farmland and improving the management of cultivated land so as to improve its quality. "Managing the uses" means strengthening the control over the uses of cultivated land, strictly punishing the illegal activities of occupying cultivated land for non-agricultural purposes, strictly controlling the conversion of cultivated land to other kinds of agricultural land, and setting priorities for planting purposes of cultivated land".

("China News", March 6, 2022)

- ⌘ Please pray that the policies can be implemented properly and that farmers can make use of resources with flexibility to provide enough agricultural products for consumption. Also pray that everyone be more cautious in the process of production, transportation and consumption so that wasting will be reduced.

Monday



I Am Really Lonely

"My husband has had an affair, I forgive him for the sake of our family. But I always feel weird as if there is a thorn in my heart. My husband also doesn't open his heart to me. Moreover, I believe in God. As I have handled my marriage in a way like this, I particularly feel that it is my failure and guilt. I also haven't set a good example. Although I'm very eager for a close marital relationship with mutual support, my marriage is full of despair and depression. I have also thought of various past events done by my husband and mother-in-law. I'm really sad and cannot forgive them. I'm mentally exhausted. Sometimes I cannot fall asleep at night. I'm also unhappy. My mood has been affected. I seem to have lost the ability to socialize with people. It is difficult to open my heart to others. I don't know if it is abnormal. I feel I'm really lonely."

(Sister Qun)

- ⌘ May the Lord's love and comfort heal Sister Qun's mentality of being betrayed. Please pray that she can rely on the Lord to become tough and truly forgive her husband. Also pray that she can rely on the Lord to remove the shadow in her heart and start a new life.

Injustice in a Workplace

The annual "Two Sessions" proposed that gender and age discriminations in the scope of employment would be resolutely prevented and corrected. Subsequently many of the representing members also expressed their opinions, including the proposals to gradually lift the "35-year-old threshold" for the civil servant recruitment and to formulate the laws of anti-discrimination in employment etc. In fact, various discriminatory words are common in job advertisements of China, such as: "Over 35 years old? Not accepted!"; and "Girls? Not accepted!". According to a new survey, nearly 70% of the respondents agree that there are discriminations in the field of employment.

("China News", March 6, 2022)

- ⌘ Please pray that all forms of discrimination can be eliminated in the society to allow everyone to be treated equally. Pray for those who are troubled by job seeking. Ask God to attract them, and help them gain confidence and strength by approaching the Lord every day.

Tuesday



How to Pray

"My daughter dated and shackled up with someone. But they broke up after a few years. Her health had become poor and she had suffered from depression after her partner disappeared. Since 2020, my daughter has been working outside hometown. She looked for treatment blindly and was deceived. She has owed more than RMB\$100,000. After that, she dates again. She wants to repay the debt and to get married. My church notes that there is an organization which provides pre-marital counseling. However, we haven't entrusted this to God in advance. My daughter's boyfriend dislikes her belief in God. Currently she is crushed by heavy burdens every day. Being so sad, her insomnia is even worse. I don't know how to pray before God so as to comply with God's will?"

(Sister Xie)

- ⌘ Please pray that Sister Xie and her daughter will gain the wisdom from God, learn from the Lord's word and build up their spiritual life. Pray that the Lord's words become the driving force and guidance of their life.

Different Feedback

A policy of "Two-way Reduction" in education has been implemented in China since last year. That is reducing the homework burden faced by students at the stage of mandatory education and the burden of off-campus training. After the policy has been implemented, there are still some issues needed to be resolved. Since the off-campus trained teachers who have been laid off. It is recommended to establish a recruitment system so that they can return to public schools. Another educator points out that teachers' work, responsibilities, and even mental pressure are even greater than before. The educator adds that the implementation of other educational reforms, such as changes of the existing education evaluation system and college admissions methods, need to be continued.

("China News", March 4, 2022)

- ⌘ Please pray that Chinese officials will have wisdom and foresight to provide the next generation with healthy learning environment. Also pray that teachers will have healthy bodies and mind to cope with their challenging educational employment.

Wednesday



Having Lung Cancer

"I have had lung cancer for five years. My recent examination indicates that my sickness worsens again. My daughter studies in the third year of senior high school and my son in the third year of junior high. My husband is a deliveryman. I don't want to borrow money for treatment. I don't want to receive financial help from the church anymore. Although I have believed in the Lord for two years and have been baptized already, I have no confidence to overcome the pain of cancer. Please pray that my life will not be too intolerable for fear. My son is very rebellious. He only likes playing with his mobile phone. When he isn't allowed to play with it, he quarrels about this. His grandparents have brought him up since his childhood. This is because we have been working outside our hometown. I feel very guilty and anxious. Seeing my child in such condition, I think it is my own responsibility. I'm helpless. I don't know how to finish the last journey?"

(Sister Zeng)

- ⌘ Our loving God, may sister Zheng always rejoice in You and get spiritual wounds healed. May she experience the Lord's peace and protection in injury and chaos and give sister strength to deal with her emotions issue.

Reducing Risk

The Beijing Municipal Drug Administration has studied and formulated the management guideline and solicited opinions from the public in order to ensure the safety and quality of drugs purchased online. Drug storage sites and transportation must meet corresponding conditions. When drugs are delivered to consumers, there must be neither transfer of transportation nor transfer of storage; and drugs and non-drugs must not be delivered together. In addition, drugs purchased online should have a one-time "seal". Once the seal is opened, it cannot be restored to its original state and cannot be reused. Consumer finds that the seal has been damaged, he can refuse to accept the drugs.

("Beijing Daily", March 7, 2022)

- ⌘ Please pray that the government can implement useful regulations to ensure drug safety. Also pray that manufacturers, suppliers and sellers of drugs will run business with conscience and that they will not endanger the health of others.