

Thursday



Not Glorify God

"My family believes in the Lord. My younger brother's wife is reasonable and sensible. They have been married for six years. Their family has lived very peacefully in the past few years after their marriage. But she just likes to dress up and don't want a housewife look. My younger brother finds all of these unacceptable. At present, she suddenly doesn't want to be with him, saying that they still don't have a car nor a house and that she cannot see any hope in him. Moreover, my younger brother had given everything to his ex-wife, otherwise she wouldn't agree to divorce. He was persuaded of the unreliability of someone known online and the possibility of losing both his wealth and woman. But he insisted on getting divorced. After the divorce, he borrowed a loan to buy a car and also lost money in running his business. So he was in debt. Recently my younger brother has discovered that his present wife has an affair. Please ask God to protect and support this family. He will not glorify God indeed if he gets divorced again and again."

(Sister Zhang)

✚ Please pray that Sister Zhang's younger brother can handle his marriage rationally; and he will know and experience that the Lord is the only way out amid difficulties. Also pray that he is willing to rely on the Lord to establish his marriage in Him.

Improve Myself Unremittingly

The rise of short videos has given disadvantaged groups more channels to voice out in China. Mother Lu, who lives in Zhengzhou, is 60 years old. Her two sons are patients with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. Since four years ago, she has been required to take care of them closely. The family's income has become a problem at once. Her son suggested that she can be a vlogger as she has good cooking skills. Her eldest son being the director and the second son the editor. So far they have issued more than 1,000 videos. Not only can they support themselves, but also have their stories encouraged many people.

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✚ Please pray that God will continue to open a way for them, taking care of and protecting them in times of a predicament. Also pray that the society will offer a suitable welfare system to entertain their needs.

Friday



My Child

"According to the doctor, my child is just slower to develop his/her skills and has no early symptoms of autism. Then we went to the Children Rehabilitation's Centre in my hometown, the teachers also had the same comment. I met many children with disabilities and special needs at the centre. They were so lovely, and I couldn't hold back my tears. I have been praying to God for my child's health and that my child would be normal. I'm a new believer and have just started my spiritual journey. Hope that the spiritually mature Christians can teach and guide me."

(Brother Zhang)

✚ May the God of hope build Brother Zhang's faith in You, heal his son and comfort his family. May God give strength to make Brother Zhang strong, learn to rely on You and experience the peace of God.

Dong People's Bible

The Research Foundation Language and Religion completed the translation of the New Testament in Kam dialect in 2005. It released a revised version in 2018, including the mobile and online versions to allow nearly 3.5 million of Kam (Dong people) to read the Bible. This version was translated with the standard text of the "Dong People's Text Project" approved by the National Ethnic Affairs Commission of China for trial run. Based on the Contemporary Chinese Union Version of the Bible, the translation was completed after repeated revisions in accordance with the original New Testament. It is the first Dong people's New Testament in history. The publisher expresses the publication wish in the preface: It is hoped that numerous readers can better understand and interpret the words of God through a different way.

✚ As early as 1910, China Inland Mission began to preach to the Dong people in Guizhou and western Guangzhou. Another branch of this ethnic group is mainly Northern Dong people in western Hunan and southwestern Hube. This group is one of the most neglected ethnic minorities. Pray that God will use this New Testament distributed online to let more Dong people know Jesus' salvation and return under the name of Christ.

Saturday



The Spirit Searches All Things

"A sister was weak. So I wanted to teach her the words of the Bible. I told her, 'The more you listen to God's words, the more you will understand.' But I couldn't tell her specifically what verses and chapters. My tone was a bit heavy because what she had done didn't conform to the teachings of the Bible. Later we listened to Radio Liangyou together. It was great! It summarized and concluded the biblical verses I had said. Moreover, it told us in details what books, chapters and verses of the Bible I had talked about. The sister was convinced completely, saying that it wasn't I who was teaching her, but was God who was teaching her! Then she admitted that she was wrong. Thank God! She said there was really God! I think that the Holy Spirit can search all things! Now I listen to your programs every day. I have also supported many people."

(The Old Sister)

✚ Thank God on behalf of An Old Sister. "Come near to God and He will come near to you." Please pray that the Old Sister will rely more on God to establish people and serve humbly and that she will glorify God.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Brand New Program:** At the end of March, there was a replacement by a three new programs scheduled on Radio Liangyou: "My Story, My Sky" - listening to stories and understanding life, "Let's Grow and Glow Together!" - establishing marriages and rebuilding families, and "Oh My God" - answering questions on belief. Please pray for these production teams and ask God for wisdom and creativity.

2 **Lay Training Program:** Courses of ten subjects and questions for the first level have been uploaded to the "LTS App". Students who have passed the multiple-choice examination of the nine subjects can enter the second level. The purpose of this course is to enhance the popularization of theological education among Chinese. It allows believers to deepen their understanding of the Bible through a self-study mode. Ask God to help the teachers meet the needs of the classmates and establish believers' spiritual growth when they write and set questions.

PRAYER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

When Paul wrote the book of Colossians (1:28-2:1), similar wordings, "I strenuously contend with all the energy" and "how hard I am contending", appeared twice in the above three verses. This showed that he did not blame everyone amid the adversity. On the contrary, he sailed upstream and went all out to encourage us.

By the mighty power of the Lord: We do our best not by the vigorous courage of human, but by the mighty power of the Lord in us. His presence is with people and it is Him who completes His work through people. When we presume definitely that the Lord is the Mighty One, what fear is there of facing any circumstances?

Preaching Christ: Paul preaches Christ, not only in the usual way, but also with wisdom and in various ways which comply with the truth. Preaching the gospel is also toilsome, requiring a lot of effort and attention. How could he regard it as unimportant?

Making people understand the gospel: Paul always remembered and kept to his heart whomever he had seen or had never seen in person. He clearly knew that the gospel was preached to the hearts of people. How would he be perfunctory and irresponsible?

In this era, there are ups and downs repeatedly in the pandemic, political and economic situation. It is indeed very urgent to save people's souls! Please pray that the Lord will inspire good work in our hearts. So we will do everything whole heartedly and strenuously by what we say with our mouths and what we do with our hands to respond to the spiritual needs of this generation!

Your prayers and efforts of accompanying us have become one of the energy sources for our ministry. Thank the Lord and thank you!

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Sunday



The Lord's Will

"I have been inspired by the presence of the Lord. I have been listening to bible lessons since last year, studying Leviticus and Numbers. I feel as if I were one of the Israelites at that time. Thinking it over and over again, I have learnt a lot. I also want to study 'Five Books of Moses' once so that I will become a person who understands God's will. In addition, my aunts are eager to introduce a boyfriend to me, saying that it would be no good for me to have no partner after my age of 40s. I insist that I just want to find a Christian brother in the Lord. But I also feel that the Lord's will for me is to work and live well by myself. Some people view me in a weird way. Sometimes I'm at a loss because of this. I also don't dare to casually get along with unbelievers."

(Sister Luo)

✂ Thank God for Sister Luo's willingness to live in accordance with the Lord's will. May the Lord give her confidence to overcome so many difficulties so as to be loyal to her own feelings and the Lord's guidance; and to witness the Lord in her life.

Looking Forward

The National Development and Reform Commission has rolled out a new plan to develop the bioeconomy in the 14th Five-Year Plan period. This first bioeconomy five-year plan of the China pledges to accelerate the development in respect of four key areas, i.e. biomedicine, bioagriculture, biomaterials and bioenergy, to cater for the needs of people. Area 1 focuses on healthcare by developing biomedicine that protects people's lives. Area 2 pursues nutritional diversity through agricultural modernization. Area 3 addresses biological priorities by developing biomaterials of low CO2 emissions. Area 4 enhances biosecurity and bioinformatics.

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✂ Pray that the development of the new economy does not only focus on financial profits but also improves the environment and people's lives. Hope that research scientists will not pursue science achievements at the expense of ethics that goes against God's will.

Monday



Pseudo-Christian

"It is conflicting to find religion in everyday life. Maybe I lack confidence. The hustle and bustle of daily life has deprived me of time and energy to serve God. No time to read the Bible and study God's word. My father loves God so much. Every day he worships God, preaches the gospel to people and listens to radio programs. My sisters love God too and join gatherings every day. I'm just like a pseudo-Christian that was mentioned by an elderly pastor. I dare not tell my clients and friends I'm a Christian, and I won't preach to other people. God's word has been fulfilled. I'm ashamed of my shallow belief and uncertainties after following God for ten years."

(Audience "Brother Shame")

✂ May the God of hope be merciful and give strength to "Brother Shame" helping him pursue God and encounter God through faith while he is struggling in his religious life with a family so dedicated to God.

Another Kind of Learning

China's Ministry of Education has issued the Life Skills Curriculum Standards for Compulsory Education (2022 edition) in the recent Compulsory Education Curriculum Plan, separating the labor course, which will be set as an independent curriculum of no less than one lesson per week, from the comprehensive practical activity curriculum. The revised curriculum plan will be implemented in primary schools. The course has ten objectives: cleaning and hygiene, sorting and organizing, cooking and nutrition, use and maintenance of home appliances, agricultural labor, making traditional crafts, industrial labor, experience and application of new technology, modern service labor, public service labor and volunteer services.

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✂ Pray that the children will learn to take care of themselves and develop good characters through the labor course, and that parents will give support by educating their children without overprotecting and spoiling them.



Tuesday



Particularly Regret

"My mother led me to the Lord when I was a child. I believe in God with my heart, but fail to behave well. My ex-wife is a non-Christian. I'm also bad-tempered and don't have much tolerance. She took care of the children at home and I worked. Last year, I found out she was having an affair and asked for a divorce, but she refused. We then worked together. She and a male colleague always talked keenly. I got mad and scolded her. Thinking of what she had done in the past, I wanted a divorce. She then quit the job. I treated her badly every time thinking about her affair. She went to a hotel with someone again and I asked for a divorce. My children and I are left alone now. I particularly regret asking for a divorce. I asked to remarry but she refused. How should I pray to God?"

(Brother Wu)

✂ Dear God, Brother Wu needs your support. May God help him keep his mind on You and trust in Your mercy to overcome despair and pick up his pain, so as to start a new life.

Too Good to be True

A number of social platforms recruiting part-time "fitting models" have emerged in China recently. The job requires no experience and allows a flexible work schedule. Victims are required to buy some products, then take photo and give good comments. They were told that later they would receive a full refund and could earn commissions, and it was easy to earn ten thousand dollars a month. This so-called ideal job actually is a scam well designed by scammers. Victims were cheated to invest a large sum of money and some lost their life savings. Scammers even used the personal data and financial information of some victims to borrow money.

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✂ Scammers have countless ways to cheat. Pray that people are content with what they have and can avoid being fooled and unnecessary loss. Pray that law enforcement agencies can protect people from crimes and bring scammers to justice.



Wednesday



Partake of Holy Communion

"I have been a Christian for seven years. My child is eight years old. I and my child's father have been living together without being married. I have partaken of Communion after being baptized. We used to live without worry until feeling so stressed when we had to cope with everyday problems. Sometimes I shared my anxiety with church sisters. A sister told me that I shouldn't live with my child's father without getting married. Another told me that I wasn't allowed to partake of Communion. I'm not spiritually mature enough to decide whether I may partake of Communion. I feel even more stressful, yet blessed to encounter Radio Liangyou. Please pray for me. Thank God for His grace!"

(Sister Duoduo)

✂ Dear loving God, please help and give courage to Sister Duoduo as she is challenged by religious beliefs. May God grant her wisdom to pursue spiritual growth. Let them get married to glorify God if God permits.

Safety First

A self-built house collapse took place earlier in Changsha and caused multiple injuries and fatalities. Changsha officials has recently issued the "Ten Measures for the Safety Management of Operating Self-built Houses in Changsha" ("Measures"), so as to strengthen the safety management of self-built commercial houses. New self-built houses must be constructed in strict accordance with the requirements. It is strictly forbidden to cut corners, construct without drawings or change and rebuild without authorization. After the self-built house is completed, it shall apply for relevant acceptance procedures as required. Those that meet the safety requirements shall be verified and go through the registration of the real estate title certificate. In addition, the Measures require the use of self-constructed houses be regulated to rectify the mixed operation in the houses and avoid potential safety hazards caused by management confusion.

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✂ Pray that the officials have wisdom to make good planning for rural and urban areas, promote social and economic development, perfect ancillary facilities and living environment, and narrow the rich-poor gap.