

Thursday



Saying Grace For A Meal

"How should I value the practice of saying grace for meals daily? My family and I know that our basic necessities of life are all provided by God and we should be grateful for these. But saying grace for all meals has become formalized. If I don't mention the practice of saying grace to my family, we will start to eat directly. If I mention it, I'm the only who can lead them to say grace. My family members just close their eyes without saying any words. My child is about to be born. Every day I ask my husband to pray together to bless the child before we go to bed. I never dare to ignore this. My husband finishes praying after a few words, but I pray with a lengthy speech. Although he somewhat has no choice, he doesn't dare to refuse! I want to teach my child God's words to let the child know God since an early age. However, I have already found difficulties in saying grace for a meal daily!"

(Sister Wu)

✂ Ask the Lord to teach sister Wu to understand the true meaning of faith and have a meal with gratitude every day. Also pray that she can understand how beautiful and good it is to pray for her family. Pray that she will have true freedom of faith in her life and enjoy praying.

Patient Escort

Patient escorting has recently become a popular occupation in China. Their duties include helping patients make appointments, queue up to pay, collect medicines, get reports, and accompanying them during consultations, check-ups, and hospitalizations procedures. If patients are unable to go to the hospital, escorts would also help them "consult the doctor on their behalf". Some patient escorts say that with the increase of people living alone, the need for outpatients' medical care increases; and 70% of their clients are young people, with women the majority. Although there is demand in the industry, there is no regulatory system, no standard on price, and the risk responsibility involved in the service is unclear.

("Beijing Youth Daily", December 9, 2022)

✂ Some people need the escort service out of fear. May they know God and root their peace and security in His love and truth. Pray for those in this new occupation, to work with love and care for the needs of the sick.

Friday



Mother-in-law and Me

"The relationship with my mother-in-law is difficult. This is probably due to the poor relationship between my husband and I. Disregarding my husband's irresponsible deeds, she is still in favor of her son. This annoys me a lot and I have even thought of ignoring her when she gets sick. The original decent and cheerful girl has now become silent and unhappy after going through all these bad experiences. I felt that my mother-in-law would never take my side or see me as her family member. The indifference of my husband makes me even harder to undo the knot in my mind. Despite all these bitterness, I hope my faith will get stronger, and, by relying on God, I will not fall apart."

(Sister Li)

✂ Our loving Lord, please help sister Li to get along with her mother-in-law and to overcome the difficulties with wisdom. Pray that sister Li can see more of the goodness of her mother-in-law, get along with her with love and wisdom, overcome the current situation and improve their in-law relationship.

Love to Mosuo

On either side of the border between Sichuan and Yunnan, there is a special ethnic group, the Mosuo, concentrated on the beautiful shores of Lugu Lake. The Mosuo in Yunnan were classified as Naxi, and the Mosuo in Sichuan were as Mongols. The Mosuo have a population of about 50,000. They speak Naxi and are culturally self-contained primarily Tibetan Buddhist. The Mosuo were part of a matrilineal society, where all property was passed down from mother to youngest daughters, including their family names. Mosuo women have no husband. A "walking marriage" system is practiced where men and women do not live together, and men are not responsible for raising children. In fact, there is no word for father in their language.

✂ About 100 of them have accepted the Lord, and they have the burden of preaching the gospel to their clansman. There is currently a bible in Naxi dialect, and the Mosuo believers are thinking to record gospel messages for their people. Please remember in prayer and ask the Lord to open a way so that people who are not proficient in Mandarin can also hear the salvation of Christ.

Saturday



His Smile

"After my father was discharged from the hospital, he went back to his old Qigong practice. He listened to Qigong lectures and practiced it at home. Then he suddenly got seriously ill. The hospital found his creatinine was 130, which was only a step away from kidney dialysis. He was so scared that he kept calling doctors. They are not obliged to pick his calls after all. I asked him to call the pastor instead. When the line to pastor was connected, I saw him smile. He even participated in prayer together over the phone. This morning, he also called the pastor before having the health check. His heart is full of peace since the prayer last time. I urge the Lord for mercy on my father and to keep him well. He is an old man in his 70s after all."

(Sister Luo)

✂ Our healing Lord, sister Luo's father needs Thy to heal his body and mind, to make him realize that it is the Lord who help him and grant him peace. Dear Lord, help him to determine to follow You.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **2023 Broadcast Theme:** As a sequel to last year's broadcast theme "Grow & Glow", it will be "**Take Root, Deep & Wide!**" for year 2023. We will "Take Root" together with our listeners by going back to the basics and laying a solid foundation. As Paul's said, "so then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." (Col. 2:6-7) Pray that we will all be prudent Christians, taking robust rooting in spiritual things that we may stand firm in storms and challenges.

2 **Second Stage of LTS Lay Program:** Lay Training Program II is now launched on the self-study platform starting from January 2023. Those students who have completed stage one of the lay program can study further. Lay Training Program II also have four levels, with ten subjects in each level. Students are required to complete multiple-choice assessments for nine of the ten subjects in each level before they can move on to the next level of courses.

PRAYER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

Three years ago, the new coronavirus emerged. Based on the experience of the "SARS virus" in 2003, we wrongly estimated that the epidemic would be under control in one year. It has been three years since and has posed multiple challenges to social operations, affecting many people's livelihood, and bringing in their lives many dark, winter days. They will not last forever though. As the pathogenic capacity of the virus weakens, countries continue to reopen their borders, social operations gradually resume. The economy is expected to get back on track and difficult times to be abridged.

Over the past two years, the development of evangelical broadcasting has made necessitated adjustments in our work. Because of the norms brought about by the Internet Regulations, we have changed the interaction between Radio Liangyou and audiences. However, the Holy Spirit guides our hearts to switch our target audience to Chinese around the world, whether speaking Mandarin or Cantonese, they can hear the great joyful news of the Gospel through the Internet.

The weather has been gloomy recently, with slight drizzle and cold wind blowing outside the window. Although it feels gray and heavy, the drizzle moistens the earth, and the seeds under the soil are waiting for the coming spring to germinate and regenerate. We know that winter is only one of the four seasons in the cycle, and spring will come to revive the vitality of all creations.

Pray that the Lord will help us, by faith and through prayers, not to be afraid of difficulties but to be courageous through all kinds of challenges, and to explore the work of the Lord at a broader level.

May God bless and strengthen your work in the new year! Happy New Year!

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Sunday



Mother Forces me to Marry

“My mother is concerned about my marriage because I’m 26 years old, got no stable job, and with no local household registration. She posted my profile on dating websites and was upset to find no one was interested in me. Out of the fear that I might not be able to get a good partner, my mother therefore asked me to return to my hated accounting job and relocate my local household registration. She also introduced a lot of guys to me and made me add them to WeChat, but the frequent replies would interrupt my preparation for examination. Besides, it could also be misleading and vague if I simply leave a few short words every time.”

(Sister Chen)

- ⌘ Lord who gives people wisdom, please open a way for sister Chen, let her have a firm stand to protect and to build her marriage in the Lord. May she openly share her thoughts with her mother, and not be assimilated by pressure and the secular world.

An Upsurge of Camping

Camping is an activity close to nature. In recent years, it has become popular all over China. The Guangdong Research Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower released the “Guangdong Map of Water-friendly Camping Sites” after it had integrated third-party recommendations and recommendations from the public. The map allows the public to participate in the management and protection of rivers and lakes while enjoying the fun of camping. It had scored water-friendly camping sites in accordance with four criteria: safety and convenience, ecological health, water-friendly comfort and public favor. Then it selected the camping sites to make a map for public reference and encourages the public to cultivate their public morality of protecting the environment.

(“China News Net”, December 8, 2022)

- ⌘ Please pray that all people can enhance their relationship through the activity of camping together. When they are close to nature, they know how to cherish everything in front of them and take the opportunity to know that there is God who is behind the creation and loves them.

Monday



Bipolar Disorder

“My son was diagnosed as having severe depression and anxiety two years ago. Difference hospital’s diagnoses were inconsistent. Even after taking medicine for a year, the outcome was not good. Then I took my son to another hospital. He changed into a manic. It was said that he seemed to have ‘bipolar disorder’. Then he stopped taking all antidepressants. The doctor only gave him medicine to stabilize his mood. He hasn’t recovered until now. His liver function has been damaged. But he is still not allowed to stop taking medicine. He also has problem with his sexual orientation. I’m helpless. I just underwent surgery for my thyroid cancer two years ago. I have been unemployed. My husband’s job has been unstable. I have been already in debt heavily at present.”

(Sister Zhang)

- ⌘ Ask the Lord to give sister Zhang confidence to rely on Him. Pray that she and her family will experience the Lord’s peace, hope and healing. Also pray that her son will receive professional counseling and treatment, and that her husband will get a stable job.

An Upsurge of Medicine Hoarding

After China had announced the “New Ten Measures” to relax the measures of epidemic prevention, the demand for antipyretics, N95 masks and antigen test kits for Covid-19 soared. It was also found that these items had become out of stock. Tianjin Market Supervision Committee has held a special meeting and carried out investigations all over the city to eradicate illegal activities such as businessmen’s hoarding for speculation, forced tie-in sales, activities of counterfeiting and confusion, and false propaganda. In addition, retail pharmacies, drug wholesaling enterprises and online drug dealers are forbidden to substantially increase the prices of epidemic-related medicines and protective items.

(“China News Net”, December 10, 2022)

- ⌘ Please pray that the governments of various areas will be fully prepared to quickly solve the problems of people’s livelihood and their needs. Also pray that the Lord’s love will remove the tension and anxiety in people’s hearts, and that people will not to be insatiably greedy for selfish benefits.

Tuesday



Choose to Forgive

“My wife ran away from home and wanted to divorce me last May. But I disagreed. We have a seven-year-old son and a five-year-old daughter. She has neither returned home nor contacted her parents until now. I have to rely on Jesus so that I can forgive her. When my son was just one month old, she had run away from home for a week and I had forgiven her. But then she left again last May. I believe that God’s ways are higher than mine and His thoughts are higher than mine. I have heard from a pastor that a wife is not good just because her husband is not good enough. Recently I have been learning how to be a good husband, a good father and a good son by relying on Jesus. Thank you for Radio Liangyou’s company.”

(Brother Yu)

- ⌘ Ask the Lord, who forgives people, to forgive brother Yu’s wife and touch her to make her go home. Brother Yu just wants to have a healthy family and works hard to learn to do his part well. Ask the Lord to help him fulfill his wish and bless his family.

Exam Questions Leaked

A criminal organization made profits by means of electronic equipment used to help candidates cheat in different certificate examinations. It posted sensitive words on social networking sites which had drawn the attention of the police of Luzhou City in Sichuan Province. Then an investigation was started. Finally, the police tracked down a large-scale cross-provincial organization which was involved in fraudulent practice in examinations. The organization had made arrangements for candidates in disguise to help them enter examination venues. Then they used undercover camera equipment to take photographs of examination questions which were transferred to someone outside the venues. After correct answers had been sorted out, they were passed to real candidates via electronic devices such as mini earphones.

(“China News Net”, December 5, 2022)

- ⌘ Please pray for the groups being prepared to sit for examinations. Please pray that they will understand the meanings of examinations and that they will not resort to deceitful tactics in order to pass their examinations.

Wednesday



Colonoscopy

“My father is going to have a colonoscopy examination. Unexpectedly the anesthetist noted that this painless examination with complete anesthesia would be very dangerous because he was over 70 years old, and he had high blood pressure and an unhealthy heart. The ward doctor suggested that an ordinary bowel examination could be carried out just to find out polyps. But he said polyps, if any, could not be removed immediately. Although I had agreed on a normal bowel examination, he still said it would still be risky. Then I knew that a large polyp was found in my father’s intestine and it would turn into cancer if it was not removed. I called the pastor right away. After my father’s surgery had been completed. He said he didn’t feel any pain at all. But the patient next to him screamed in great pain. I think this is really the grace of the Lord.”

(A Sister)

- ⌘ Thank the Lord of peace for protecting the sister’s father who has received full grace during his operation. They have experienced the peace given by the Lord’s care. Thank the Lord.

Support For the Disadvantaged

A supporting campaign for the disabled businesses called “Self-reliance Small Shops” has been launched to serve 40,000 individual business organizations operated by the disabled in Guangdong Province. The WeChat Pay will provide “Self-reliance Small Shops” with a number of exclusive services for free. The services include: offer of barrier-free business tools, provision of training courses on digital operation of businesses, use of barrier-free pages for convenient browsing, installation of recommendation functions to increase exposure, addition of donation function to encourage the public to do more charity activities, allowing the disabled businessmen to have a lower insurance threshold, and offering exclusive one-on-one consultative services.

(“China News Net”, December 8, 2022)

- ⌘ Please pray for the disabled entrepreneurs so that they will not underestimate their abilities and there will not be unfair discrimination against them. Also pray that the plan will continue to expand in the future to provide more opportunities for the disabled.