

Thursday



Doubt in Faith

“After listening to today’s radio program, I wish to give myself to God and be at His service. But there is a voice lingering in my head, saying ‘You are not good enough. You are not spiritual’; and that voice has haunted me for more than 20 years since it was said by a senior lady who was regarded as spiritual. She has died but her voice is still around. I’m conflicted as the voice within keeps asking me to give up. In fact, I’m afraid that God wouldn’t want me. I’m like a lonely bird, knowing that a believer with no church life, without reading the Bible and without praying, her prayers won’t be heard and won’t be answered by the God of heaven. By now, I’m too feeble to pray, nor can I read the Bible. I only want to serve God with the whole of me. Although I don’t understand whether God wants me as a slacker, I still hope that God will not leave me out.”

(Sister Wang)

⌘ Lord of comfort, please help sister Wang understand that the Lord loves her and that her suspicious thoughts should be removed. She should draw near to the Lord, and all other thoughts that are not of the Lord should be kept away from her.

Is it love or is it wrong?

Many parents in China like to share video clips of their children on the Internet. Recently many deeply unsettling videos have been uploaded. Most of them are created by parents themselves and met with criticism. The first type is that children are given challenges that they are unable to deal with and their embarrassed videos are recorded and uploaded. The second type is that children are being made angry deliberately until the moment of their mental breakdown is videotaped. The third type is that parents will videotape their children instead of comforting the kids and settling the problems when they are arguing with the kids, trying to show the world their desperate cry.



(“China National Radio Net”, January 5, 2023)

⌘ Pray that the parents know how to think and realize the bottom line of their act of sharing their children’s videos to minimize their harms. May God comfort the emotionally abused children and heal their trauma.

Friday



Articulation Problem

“I truly repented and believed in the Lord in the Fall of 1991. For several days, I asked God for forgiveness of all the sins I could think of. A week later I was baptized. I have listened to your programs intermittently for over 30 years, and I’m in my fifties now. I’m eager to share the truth that I have learned from Radio Liangyou programs, not for rewards or anything. However, my church-mates disapproved me of speaking on the podium. They said people couldn’t hear me clearly, probably due to my articulation. I have been told that when I speak, people could only understand the first half of the sentence. I thus feel very frustrated.”

(Brother Zheng)

⌘ Lord of Wisdom, brother Zheng is willing to serve you on the podium. May the Lord help him improve his articulation by continuous practice of reading the Bible, newspapers, and books. May the Lord help him to serve God faithfully in all areas.

The Bai Bible

Bai people are an ancient ethnic group and mainly inhabit the Dali Bai Autonomous Prefecture of Yunnan Province. In 1881, George William Clarke, China Inland Mission missionary, started his missionary work. The Gospel was widely spread to Bai people and there are about 50,000 Bai Christians. Having a rather high cultural level, Bai people have their own language and have maintained a close contact with the Han Chinese. Consequently, there are many Han Chinese expressions in Bai language. Over the past years, missionaries have actively translated the Bible for Bai people. However, Bai people in general do not know their own written language and therefore Bai version bible is not popular. The New Testament of the audio Bai Bible is available now and more Bai people can be reached by the gospel. The audio version cannot be uploaded to the Internet at the time being for various reasons but can be spread through Gospel broadcasting.

⌘ Grateful that the production of the audio Bai Bible has been completed. Pray that we have wisdom to effectively share the audio Bible among Bai people. Pray that God would make a way for Bai people to be reached by His words through broadcast and texts in their mother language.

Saturday



Repent and Quit Gambling

“I have been the audience of Radio Liangyou for more than 10 years and got help and support for my marriage and family ensuring a healthy relationship with my husband. Thank you God for giving us a grand-child and a harmonious family. However, my son is an online gambler. His gambling debt has been repaid by his wife. He has repeatedly vowed to quit gambling but failed, and even tried to kill himself. Feeling furious, his wife ignored him and has removed him from her WeChat list and left home. Please pray for our son that he will repent and quit gambling. Every time I feel hopeless and will find comfort and help listening to Radio Liangyou.”

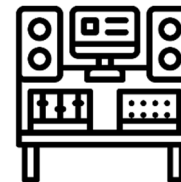
(Sister Ma)

⌘ Lord of Hope, may You enable sister Ma’s son to realize the gambling-related harms and experience Your salvation and help. Pray that he will repent to protect his family and rebuild his future. May God listen to sister Ma’s prayer.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 Radio Studios Updating:

Equipment updating of radio studios B and C has been completed and both studios have been put into operation. The engineering firm will conduct follow-up checks and make adjustments to the design according to the actual usage of the system. With the experience of updating the two studios and the feedback of our colleagues, we will update the last studio – Studio A. It is hoped that the ministry will facilitate more diversified development.



2 Audience Chat Group:

We have contacted some audience from our BreakPod programs who are interested in religion and invited them to form an audience chat group. Members have supported and helped each other during the pandemic. Pray that the hosts, the programs and the group will be used for nurturing beginners and online group activities will be launched in the future.

PRAYER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

The world has sat idle under the Covid-19 pandemic for nearly three years

“It is a world of radical uncertainties with conflicts among the great powers. The Covid-19 aftershocks, the economic tsunami, weather extremes... have made unpredictability become the new normal which we are unable to get rid of. Nevertheless, we hope that you can embrace the brand new reality with confidence through a look into the future world.”

Editor’s Word - “New World 2023”

The world seems to gradually return to what it was pre-pandemic. Countries and local governments have been on the frontlines for the local economic recovery after the pandemic. Life is about change and never stops. Isn’t it necessary for this prayer update be sent out on time every month? We are not allowed to miss the time for prayer and have to prepare the information even earlier during long holiday due to longer delivery time required for postal items. May the Lord help us make progress in the following items every day:

Prayer from the heart: Prayer is important to Christians and lifelong practice. Prayer gives us strength and confidence.

Pray more fervently: Pray for others more fervently very month. See inside the hearts of prayer targets. Pray that God will rescue people in need and bring lost people back to Him.

Pray with one mind: To start the new year, let us pray, together with our families, spouses and prayer partners, for the needs of God’s world and people sending letters to us. When you are committed to praying for others, God’s grace increases all the more!

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Sunday



Worried about Grandson

“My elder grandson is in Grade 6 who loves playing video games at home every day, crying and screaming when he loses. This elder grandson always eats takeaways and drinks Coke and has only been out of hospital for a week because of cough and asthma. His father was mad at this elder son, so my daughter took the child back without discussing with him. After graduating from primary school and beginning his junior high school next year, the child will be returned to his father, thought my daughter. In the meantime, five of us are all living under the same roof. The everyday crying, screaming, and hitting the table from this grandson upset me deeply, but my husband and I can be of no help because my daughter disallows us to. Yesterday, he found his WeChat ID stolen, and out of anger he had a nosebleed. I have no idea how to save this child.”

(Sister Zhou)

- ⌘ Lord of Mercy, sister Zhou’s elder grandson needs to be disciplined. Pray that the Lord will give her daughter and son-in-law a consensus in parenting. May the Lord comfort sister Zhou and help her learn the art of “letting go” and let her daughter raise her own child.

New Management Approach

The 3rd Guangzhou International Smart Property Expo was held last month showcasing newly developed property management products in China. In addition to driverless sweepers, air sampling robots, and curtain wall cleaning machines, there is also a security patrol robot which has the functions of face recognition, human body detection and mask detection, etc. It can also intelligently identify various abnormal conditions, such as stagnant water in waterways, missing manhole covers, illegal stacking of waste, and other special situations. The data will be uploaded to the cloud platform, and then the personnel in the monitoring center will decide how to cope with it.

(“Science and Technology Daily”, January 9, 2023)

- ⌘ Pray that the process will be smooth and that the new technology will help with property management. Pray for opportunities for those in the field to be trained and equipped with the digital skills they need to remain employable.

Monday



Envious of Others

“I have been a sinner and am envious of others, and don’t know how to get rid of my sin. Envy makes me feel inferior to others. I want to achieve something bigger than others but am unable to attain all the goals. I hate myself. How could I be like that? I wonder if I’m envious of God for His flawlessness. I want to love people and don’t want to be envious, yet am incapable of doing so. Sometimes I would force myself to say and do something to show love. However, my acts just reveal my hypocrisy. How could I love someone from the bottom of my heart instead of being envious. I’m so fearful of the envy attack.”

(Audience “Unhappy Sister”)

- ⌘ Lord of forgiveness, You forgive our sins. “Unhappy Sister” knows her own sin. May God help her overcome her weaknesses and become a healthy, generous and happy girl.

Enhancement

The Beijing Municipal Bureau of Ecology and Environment announced earlier that in 2022, suspended particles in the Beijing atmosphere has met the second-level national air quality standard for two consecutive years, and its average annual concentration has dropped to 30 micrograms per cubic meter, the lowest level in ten years. Last year, the number of good days in Beijing was 286, of which the number of first-class excellent days was 138, an increase of 24 days over the previous year; and the number of heavy pollution days was only three, a decrease of 5 days from the previous year. To improve the hazy weather and air pollution problem, the government has implemented various measures in Beijing, including switching to electricity or natural gas, green transformation of the industrial structure, controlling motor vehicle emissions and enhancing streets cleaning.

(“People’s Daily”, January 9, 2023)

- ⌘ Pray that there are better policies to improve the living and air quality of different parts of the country. Pollution will therefore no longer be a threat to the environment, and that everyone knows how to love and cherish God’s creation and contribute to environmental protection.

Tuesday



Differences on Offerings

“We have church gathering in a small village. With more than 20 people, but there is no pastor to shepherd us. Only two elder sisters preach to us during the meeting. However, they recently have a big disagreement over the tithe. All our donations are send to a large church in the city, but it is a long way to travel and the church comes every three months to give us a communion followed by a sermon. Then they would take the tithe money away. One sister thus wanted to manage the tithe ourselves, while the other disagreed as we are not spiritually mature. Our church building is a small and dilapidated cottage donated by an elderly, and the sister who demanded to manage the tithe ourselves has been suspended from the church.”

(Audience “New Sister Believer”)

- ⌘ Lord of Peace, may You help your church co-workers to have peace and forgiveness when dealing with church issues. Through genuine communication, may they come up to a mutual understanding and agreement so that the spiritual life of believers will not be affected.

Food Vogue

A new, cheaper food product has emerged in China – “corner snacks”, such as bread crusts, chopped ham, cake edges and crushed hawthorn. Because they are not neatly formed, they cannot be sold as normal products and are therefore sold at a lower price. However, because the ingredients and quality are similar to those of the standard ones, they are very popular with consumers. On the one hand, some people think it is cheap, has a large quantity and helps companies to avoid wastage; on the other hand, some people think there are various problems with these foods, such as varying quality, short shelf life, difficulty in identifying the source of production and non-compliance with food safety regulations.

(“People’s Daily”, January 9, 2023)

- ⌘ Pray that there is effective official publicity to remind the public of food safety; that consumers will know how to read food labels and distinguish the genuine products from the false ones to safeguard their health; and that businesses will not use sub-standard products to deceive consumers for the benefit of their business.

Wednesday



Feeling Inferior

“How are you? I was comforted listening to your programs when feeling extremely anxious or scared. Like what the host has said, I feel inferior to others. I think I am really stupid. I will get upset and anxious over trivial matters and always feel weird. And, thus, I am in an unstable mood and not feeling easy. Your programs have gradually calmed me down. However, I still feel inadequate and unhappy with myself. I always think that I am not good enough, and I need to work harder. This feeling is suffocating me. I don’t know how to get rid of this.”

(Sister Wu)

- ⌘ Lord of Faith, may You give sister Wu confidence to overcome her weaknesses and see her true self and believe God is almighty.

Fraudulent Advertising

“Black broadcasting” refers to unregistered illegal radio broadcasting behind which fraudsters insert some illegal advertisements with antenna equipment into broadcasts of normal frequency. The purpose is to deceive the audience and make them believe in the fake health products or pharmaceuticals that they promoted. Recently, the police in Jingmen, Hubei Province, cracked a black broadcasting syndicate involving 11 provinces and cities such as Chongqing, Zhejiang, Shaanxi, Hebei, Henan, Hubei, Hunan, etc. They set up black broadcasting across provinces to promote and sell health care products. Ten criminal suspects were arrested, and more than 50 sets of illegal transmitting equipment seized. The amount involved in the case reached more than RMB 2 million dollars, and the number of victims is more than 1,000 people.

(“China News Net”, January 9, 2023)

- ⌘ Pray that people would be wise enough when buying health products or medicines. Protect them from any financial loss or aggravation of illness. Pray that the Lord will empower the law enforcement agencies to promptly detect the activities of scammers and prevent counterfeit medicines from entering the market.

