

Thursday



Full-time Mother

"I'm a full-time mother. I have given up my job since the birth of my baby. In the Lord I have realized the importance and greatness of a full-time mother. My husband supports me very much. Moreover, members of our whole family are Christians. Now my child is five years old and studies in a Christian kindergarten. I can spend more time at home for domestic work. Every day I pick up my child at 3pm. I can use the time in between to tidy my home, listen to radio programs, and read child-rearing books with Christian background and the Bible. But sometimes I feel confused. I think it is worthless in my life. I have told my husband what I think. But he has said that taking good care of our child and family is of the greatest value."

(Sister Min)

✚ The Lord strengthens people's heart. Please ask the Lord to strengthen sister Min's heart and let her know the value of being a full-time mother. Pray that this will be happiness if she can recognize her important status and take good care of her family with self-confidence.

A Gas Station For Souls

Following the severe test by the pandemic, many Z generations in the Mainland have had new introspection and re-examination regarding the definitions of home and life. These are reflected in how they arrange their home settings. They personally arrange their own "spiritual nomadic area". For examples, an interviewee says that a sitting room may be also used as a room for physical exercises; a dining room is also an area where coffee may be shared with a partner; and a balcony may be transformed into a garden of vegetables or an open space.... These arrangements can allow home space to better meet different interests and hobbies of people so as to show individuality. Moreover, they also help people achieve a balance between their minds and bodies, and relieve their life anxiety.

("Beijing Youth Daily", February 7, 2023)

✚ Life is stressful, testing people's emotions and abilities of stress adjustment. Please pray that more people will not only use their own methods, but also know the Lord Jesus and receive God's love. Even if the environment changes, they will still live in peace and joy.

Friday



A Tragic Car Accident

"My brother's elder daughter rode a motorbike with her little brother. Unfortunately, the children had a car accident where the little brother was killed instantly. Seriously injured, the sister is in a coma and being monitored in the intensive care unit. My brother and sister-in-law are suffering deep grief. It broke our hearts that such a tragedy had struck during Spring Festival. The doctor said that my niece might remain in a vegetative state forever. May God take care of my brother's family. I feel especially sad that both of them are not yet Christians."

(Brother Tian)

✚ May God comfort and have mercy on this family. Pray that Tian's brother and his wife will experience God during the hard times, and be touched by God and willing to accept and rely on God. Pray that a miracle will happen and his niece will wake up from the coma. May God heal them.

Hymns of Miao People

At the last century, missionaries such as Begley created the Miao language, translated the Bible, and popularized Miao people's education, bringing a long-term impact to the Miao society. Miao people love music and they have a gift for it. Therefore hymns penetrated into the Miao churches under the guidance of the missionaries. The development of musical life had flourished and strengthened the spiritual life of believers especially in Big Flowery Miao Church. Big Flowery Miao believers turned their faith experiences into music during the past difficult years. They composed their own hymns and arranged them as Miao spiritual songs. They also actively recorded the hymns to produce video programs which were widely circulated.

✚ Thank God for giving Big Flowery Miao believers a musical talent to combine their spiritual experiences with their music. So they can accumulate a spiritual treasure-house which has served as an effective tool of nurturing the believers. Miao believers edit and compile hymns, training courses and a brief history of Miao churches etc. so that they can be used as nurturing tools. These tools can be given to believers along with some players to help pastors in their ministries of nurturing the believers.

Saturday



Fear of Losing

"I have never thought that I could only spend such a few moments with my dog. My dog was diagnosed lymphoma in Summer and has been receiving treatment. However, she is deteriorating and now has become blind. The cancer bleeds and is spreading. The inflammation index in her body is high. I am scared that she will leave me suddenly, yet I don't want to see her suffering. I pray to God that her cancer can be healed and at the same time I want God to take her. I pray that things will be done according to His will but not mine. Listening repeatedly to the program about euthanasia, I want to let her die naturally according to God's schedule. She is over ten-year-old. I don't know how long she can persist"

(Sister Ping)

✚ God is love. Sister Ping's dog needs loving care. May God's grace be with her dog. Please comfort sister Ping and give her strength to take care of her dog and stay with her until the very end.

Gospel Broadcasting

- 1 Unchanging Mission:** "Christ to the World by Radio" has always been FEBC's vision. We also follow in the Lord Jesus' footsteps who, when He was on earth, focused on preaching the gospel of the Kingdom as His plan of salvation, bore daily the burdens of men, and meticulously equipped the disciples for building the church with the mission — *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* (Acts 1:8)
- 2 Audience Visit:** Border closedown due to the COVID pandemic has reopened after three years. Travel into and out of the region became normal once again. Colleagues are making preparations to welcome the listeners and students that are coming our way. We truly treasure the time and space for such exchanges and sharing and will try our best to make it possible. Please pray with us on these attempts. Let us follow in Christ's footsteps, for the gospel is always dynamic, *"Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season."* (2Tim 4:2)

PRAYER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

"I speak the truth in Christ - I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit - I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race." (Romans 9:1-3)

Apostle Paul revealed the passion for his family, country and race in the above three verses. His passion gave an unforgettable impression. What kind of relationship should there be between a heavenly heart and affection for kinsmen? For Apostle Paul, the most important thing is to understand the will of God. At the beginning of the scriptures, he mentioned that he was "in Christ" and "through the Holy Spirit". The starting point of his whole passion was God. Paul loved Israelites because God loved them. This unchanging love has connected and filled the entire plan of salvation.

Paul was also responding to the needs of the evangelical mission. Facing the capital of the empire, Rome, at that time, the apostle hoped to win the support of the local church community to further spread the gospel. But if he did not express love to even his own kinsmen, how could he proclaim the gospel of love to the end of the earth?

Following the footsteps of the apostle, FEBC Hong Kong has been receiving the vision from God which is "Christ to the World by Radio". We have proclaimed the gospel to our compatriots in the Mainland with the Lord's love. Thank God. We are not alone in our ministry. We have always been supported by your prayers. Let us continue to join hands in Christ, keep our minds in the Mainland, and walk together for this mission!

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Sunday



Grace of The Lord

“My family had believed in the Lord since the year my father committed suicide. After that, the believers of our village asked my mother to believe in the Lord. Then my family members became believers. But our faith has been lukewarm for more than ten years. I’m engaged in the business of fish culture involving Asian swamp eels. But the temperature is much higher this year. Many Asian swamp eels have died. I’m very worried because all my money is bank loans. In addition, my health is not good. All these have bothered me so much that I have a poor appetite. Then I pray every day. In the morning of one day, I went to examine the condition of my fish culture and found that all fish food had been eaten up. Thank the Lord. I’m sure this is the grace of the Lord.”

(Sister Lei)

⌘ The Lord gives people opportunities. Please pray that sister Lei has experienced the protection of the Lord and found hope in despair. Also pray that she will look to the Lord for everything, build confidence in the Lord’s words and draw closer to Him.

Travel after Pandemic

It was announced that the outbound group tours for Chinese people, which had been suspended because of the pandemic for nearly three years, would resume on a trial basis. The announcement has seen a fivefold rise in searches for overseas destinations on online travel platforms. China’s Ministry of Culture and Tourism announced that the travel agencies and online travel operators all over China might resume pilot outbound group tours and hotel packages. The first batch of countries included Thailand, Singapore, Maldives, Russia, Switzerland and New Zealand, etc. Since the first batch of tours set out after the Spring Festival, about 80% of the travelers were mainly retirees.

(“China News Net”, February 7, 2023)

⌘ Pray that the arrangements upon relaxation of immigration restrictions can sustain and people can resume their normal lives and have safe travels. Pray that missionary work can restart so as to revive the churches in China in the coming year.

Monday



My Second Chance in Life

“I remained conscious after a car crash. Workers on the road helped make an emergency call. The doctor didn’t allow me to fall asleep after I was admitted, even at night time. But I slept and didn’t wake up after more than half year. A tube was being inserted into my stomach which had bleeding. The doctor told my family that I was in a coma even though my heart continued to beat. I was skinny. However, God had His plan. I woke up out of a deep sleep after more than half year with both my hands pulling the tube out from my stomach. I was transferred to a small hospital where the doctor dared not insert any tube again. Able to eat a little slowly every time as I had a lump in my throat, I could only start to talk slowly a month after discharge. This is my second chance in life God has given me!”

(Audience “Be a Witness for God”)

⌘ God is in control of our life. Thank God for saving Audience “Be a Witness for God”. Hope that he/she would treasure the second chance in his/her life and take care of himself/herself to be a witness for God. Hope he/she will be a blessing to others

Make Up for the Loss

Children in single-mother families lack a male role model. Some charity organizations have tried to provide assistance and support. There is a nonprofit organization “Single Mother” in Beijing. Providing support for single mothers who raise their children alone, “Single Mother” has launched a project inviting male volunteers to play with children in single-parent families. Children are helped with learning about gender roles and to live with both sexes through outdoor activities. It hopes to solve the “loss of male role” problem of single-parent families. In addition, the project can facilitate closer interaction between children and mothers to raise children with increased courage and confidence.

(“Beijing Youth Daily”, February 7, 2023)

⌘ May God motivate more people to support single-parent families by helping them reduce their burdens and become capable in parenting their children alone. May the children grow up in a healthy environment through interaction with others.

Tuesday



Hold On Tight to God

“My wife now is in the hospital and expected to give birth any time. Please continue to pray for a safe delivery for the mother and child, the mother’s recovery and baby’s health. My wife’s platelet count is low and will need a blood transfusion during delivery. The blood is ready and everything is prepared. May God protect my wife to get through this delivery safely and reduce her pain. I feel so anxious and stressed-out at work during this period of uncertainty. Nevertheless, I feel closer to God and this feeling has urged me to give my worries to God. God is our refuge and will keep us in perfect peace. The pandemic has enabled us to hold on tight to God and have a strong faith in Him. We can depend on God alone and He is our defender.”

(Brother Xing)

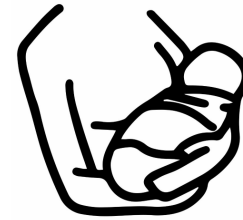
⌘ May God the lifesaver protects brother Xing’s wife and bless him with a healthy child. Pray that everyone feel safe, stable and secure in the overall setting.

Giving Green Light

The Health Commission of Sichuan Province announced to end restrictions on marital status for birth registration. Provinces such as Guangdong, Anhui and Shaanxi have also relaxed their respective restrictions earlier. This makes unmarried parents eligible for benefits that were previously reserved for married couples. The Sichuan health authority said that the move was not aiming to encourage single people to have children before getting married, but to ensure that unmarried mothers and their children could enjoy their rights because only registered births qualified for benefits including insurance and allowances such as paid leave.

(“China Youth Daily”, February 7, 2023)

⌘ May God help China’s birth policy develop in a fair, just and reasonable manner. Pray that the officials will consider, from a macro perspective, if the policy will distort the people’s concept of marriage and family.



Wednesday



A Miracle Happens

“I had undergone laser surgery to replace the lens of my eyes. I was recovering. Suddenly my cornea was attacked by an unknown virus overnight. Both of my eyes were being attacked. I went to an emergency unit to consult an ophthalmologist daily. But the reason could not be found. I had tried all the prescriptions. All of them couldn’t work, but they worsened my infection instead. I became almost blind. The doctor was at a loss what to do, saying that he had never seen such a case in his life. He finally decided to stop the medicine to prevent my condition from continuing to worsen. The only thing I can do was to pray. Then a miracle happened. My eye infection and inflammation began to improve when my medication had stopped. The severe pain gradually disappeared. My vision began to recover. The doctor was too surprised to say a word! So I am just grateful for God’s grace!”

(Sister Chen)

⌘ The Lord works miraculously. Thank the Lord for His timely healing to let sister Chen experience the power of the Lord’s healing. Ask the Lord to use her testimony let her witness in the medical team and among her family members.

Improper Sale

According to a resident living in Nanning, Guangxi, her daughter bought a vulgar keychain at a local stationary store. The State Administration for Marketing Regulation intervened in the case. The stationary store stopped selling the keychains which were in fact lighters. One of the lighters was printed with some Chinese characters which mean “A generous millionaire is begging for a mistress” on one side and an image of a flirty couple on another. Netizens commented that it was not simply a sexual suggestiveness but a value distortion, and enhanced education was necessary.

(“Chengdu Commercial Daily”, February 7, 2023)

⌘ Pray that the government departments can identify the source to stop the same incident from happening again, and impose sanction on the unscrupulous merchant. May God help children learn to discern truth from error and give them opportunities to practice discerning the truth and choosing righteously.