

Thursday



Caring for Missionaries

"I want to know ways to care about missionaries. A brother in our church has begun his missionary service in India. Firstly, he transferred his work there and started preaching. Many Indian girls are sold into prostitution, and do not know how to get back to normal even after being rescued from prostitution. Being alone without any support, he has no idea how to start preaching in India without manpower and resources. What could I, being his sister in God, do to help and encourage him? Pioneers may encounter many problems. Being well-equipped is key to the healthy mind of missionaries."

(Sister Zhou)

✚ The powerful gospel of Jesus saves all believers. May God help the brother start his missionary journey in India with the support, care and prayers of brothers and sisters. Pray that the brother could follow and walk by Jesus.

Future of Electric Vehicles

The implementation of "Accelerating the Construction of Charging Facilities and Supporting the Use of New Energy Vehicles in Rural Areas" was approved in the executive meeting of the State Council held earlier. These include lending an impetus to the construction of charging piles and parking facilities in rural areas, and optimizing the policies of purchasing and using vehicles, etc. It was pointed out that it is necessary to guide enterprises to extend their sale service network to rural areas, to develop car models which are more suitable for use in counties and rural areas, and to encourage higher vocational colleges to train technicians of repair and maintenance to serve rural areas to meet the growing demand. It is also necessary to strengthen the safety supervision to promote healthy development of the market for new energy vehicles in rural areas.

("CCTV News", May 5, 2023)

✚ Please pray for the development of rural areas in Mainland China. Pray that the government will not only focus on improving infrastructures, but will also care the physical and mental needs of the people. Also pray that the government will start with aspects such as education, medical services and social welfare in order to improve their living environment in all aspects.

Friday



Amazing Experience

"Something remarkably amazing happened after the school started and has changed my life by making me become a Christian. On a Sunday, I completed my assignments fast and listened to an English class on radio. After the radio class finished, I happened to tune into Radio Liangyou which was a station about Christianity. That was a program talking about the Bible. I remembered I had heard about Christianity in secondary school and would like to learn more and started to study. After listening to a gospel program for a week, I completely let go of my old thoughts. Celebrity worship and TV dramas leave us with emptiness. I have decided to embrace truth and reject lies, accept Jesus as my Savior and become a whole-life follower of Jesus to preach the gospel."

(Sister Lou)

✚ Thank God for providing a timely opportunity for sister Luo to listen to and understand Your salvation. Grateful that God uses our radio station to alert people and lead sister Luo to pursue the truth. May God build her confidence.

The Miao Families

The Miao is an ethnic minority with the most believers. In the past, many of their villages had completely converted to the Lord. A pastor of Dahua Miao has expressed deep worry about the spiritual condition of the current Miao believers. The serious issue of divorce has occurred in Miao families, eroding the religious life of the Miao people. According to an analysis, the unhealthy marriage view is due to the prosperous development of internet information and the temptations of great variety in the society. The unstable foundation of belief also makes the people go with the flow. Young Miao believers get married early, but their mentality is not mature enough. In addition, most of them go to work elsewhere, which changes the emotional relationship among family members. All these changes become factors of endangering their marriage and families.

✚ Please pray for the condition of the Miao people's divorce rate which has been rising continuously in recent years. Also pray for the pastoral ministry of their churches to let the pastors have wisdom and methods in caring and counseling young couples' families.

Saturday



Do Not Want to Bother

"I do not know how to deal with the perplexity and struggle in my heart. Ever since I know that my husband has an extra-marital affair again, I have been very sad and painful. He has not admitted his fault, as if I have wronged him. I know that he will not forsake our family. I do not want to bother this matter as I do not want to be so painful. I also notice my sins and natural instincts which are too vigorous. I usually pay no attention to the maintenance of my marriage. I also do not know that my words have hurt my husband. I have no tenderness, endurance and wisdom. May God be merciful and train me to better establish the relationship with him. Currently my heart is very messy and I have no confidence. My family is a reception family which holds meetings. Ask God to forgive me and let me get rid of the thoughts I should not have."

(Sister Zhou)

✚ Thank the forgiving Lord. When the sister encounters a marital crisis, she knows that she has her own responsibility and that she is willing to change. Pray that she will be strengthened to get along with her husband again. Also ask the Lord to keep her marriage blessed in the Lord.

Gospel Broadcasting

- 1 Keep up with the Times:** It has been 14 years since we moved into its current office. The equipment in the recording studio has been obsolete. The renovation of two studios has been completed successively. It is expected that the equipment of the third studio will be renewed within this year to further match up our needs. In addition, some production workstations will also be required to be replaced sequentially. Please pray for the smoothness of the replacement projects.
- 2 Self-study Platform:** The feature of "self-study platform" will be added to the Liangyou Theological Seminary website. So that users only need to log in the sub-site of this self-study platform to enjoy a one-stop experience of learning and examination. Concurrently "Lay Training Program II" will also be launched soon. Please pray that the Lord will use the updated platform and the new learning mode to make Chinese theological education more popular.

PRAYER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

There are Mother's Day and Father's Day in May and June respectively. Parental love is highly respected in human relationships. "One hundred years of raising a child, ninety-nine years of worry." It is a Chinese saying which expresses the preciousness of parental love. There is another saying that teaches us to seize the opportunity to repay our parents: "The tree wants to be quiet but the wind does not stop; the child wants to support his parents but they are not there."

Let us think of the Father in heaven from the perspective of human relationships. "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!" (Matthew 7:9-11) The Heavenly Father should give His children what is good from His viewpoint. How will He be stingy?

To suffer with Him is the attitude His children should have in life. "To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps." (1 Peter 2:21) It is hoped that His children will be willing to suffer for Him so that others, including parents, will be blessed by God's grace and God the Father will be glorified!

When I was trained in the seminary, I encountered a teacher like a spiritual father. His heartfelt words were engraved in my heart, "Those who truly love the Lord throw themselves into the Bible reading and pray a lot." Deep love can be trained through inner exercise. I hope that our love for China will become deeper and deeper, and our love for the Lord will become more and more sincere by using this prayer newsletter.

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Sunday



Hard To Explain

"Thank God for patiently bearing us as spiritual babies, it is really hard to explain in a few words. My mother converted to the Lord and was baptized ten years ago. This was a gift from the Lord. Thank God's servants of Liangyou Radio for laying the foundation of faith for us. I have listened to it every day. The Lord has led our family to a Christian church. In 2016, I bought a flash memory card and a book at the gate of my church. After I had listened to the content of the memory card for more than two years, I finally knew that it was about The Seventh-day Adventist Church. Until then I also realized that there were many denominations of Christianity and that the church I had attended belonged to Protestantism. I mentioned The Adventist Church to my pastors. But they flatly rejected me since they did not understand. They also said we were heretics and asked us to leave the church."

(Brother Chen)

- ⌘ The Lord cares people. Please ask Him to help Brother Chen's family lay the foundation of the truth and communicate with their pastors frankly. Pray that they will recognize their ignorance and learn again with a humble and teachable heart. May the Lord strengthen his whole family so that they can grow in God's family.

Nightmares at Work

A heated discussion accusing a famous screenwriter of sexual harassment continues and suspected victims have accumulated to dozens. Sexual harassment at work has been a long-term issue. A mainland lawyer surnamed Ho who has contact with the victims said that common cases of sexual harassment included sending undesirable photos or texts harassing colleagues or subordinates, telling dirty jokes at gatherings, touching inappropriately, asking to stay alone with each other in a hotel room during a business trip, senior officers abusing their work privileges to force subordinates to do what they want.

("China News", May 4, 2023)

- ⌘ Pray that employers and the Government will be proactive to formulate a proper policy to combat sexual harassment at work places, and process complaints on the principle of justice by protecting the privacy of victims and imposing specific penalties on offenders.

Monday



Life Confusion

"I have a few questions about life in my mind. I am now 30 years old, but I do not have any achievement at all. Should I acquire a skill to make a living? I feel that there is no plan in my life. Do all people live in an ordinary way? If so, please point in the right direction for me. I am not in good health. Which kind of skill should I choose? I do not know where to go as I am old. I am always concerned with the issue of faith. After all it is impossible not to survive. I am so confused. I feel that no one can help me and there are too few pastors who have good spirituality. I hope that the radio station can point in the right direction for me, and that it can help me when I encounter some tough religious problems and other problems of life in the future!"

(Brother Tang)

- ⌘ The Lord is the way, the truth, and the life. Ask the Lord to guide Brother Tang so that he will understand that it is the primary task to be rooted in the Lord. Please pray that he will also understand how to work practically in life, to do exercises to make his body health, and to live an abundant life with the presence of the Lord.

On-street Business

Roadside booths and food stalls previously banned are returning to the streets. Shenzhen government announced that street vendors would make an official return as the regulations to manage the cityscape and environmental hygiene had been revised. Local district offices will have the authority to designate specific areas as permissible for street vending based on a set of well-defined principles, including convenience for the public, rational allocation of vending spaces, and effective supervision to maintain order. Vendors in shopping malls are allowed to set up their stalls outside. The regulations will become effective on 1 September 2023 in the hope of reviving the urban economy, supporting local livelihoods and contributing to the beauty and order of the overall city landscape.

("China News", May 8, 2023)

- ⌘ Pray that the officials are willing to serve the people, have wisdom to manage the community with integrity and plan to cater for the needs of people. They would also engage in respectful and peaceful communication when encountering problems.

Tuesday



Gifted to Serve

"I don't know whether I am gifted to serve. People say that I am. People will come to me when having problems. All of them are Christians. Seeing other people being unhappy, I think about myself in dire straits feeling so helpless. At that time, a devoted elderly Christian stayed with me going through the hard times. Now I would like to do the same. Sometimes I would tell them what I had heard about in the radio programs, and they were comforted. Some have rebellious children, some are suffering from cancer, some want a divorce, and some have argument with their elder. I have learned a lot from the programs. My husband and I deliver sermons and we hold church gatherings at home. That's why we would like to learn more."

(Sister Zhang)

- ⌘ God You strengthen our hearts. Sister Zhang is gifted to care about people. She needs Your recognition and help to build her confidence to serve and help believers grow in Christ, and to rely on You for her theological studies. Pray that the couple will make a concerted effort in organizing gatherings at home.

Free from Malpractice Cases

To protect people's health, the National Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine has published the Regulation of Traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) Health Care Services (for trial implementation) recently, with a view to regulating the contents of TCM health care services and the personnel providing such services, etc. According to the Regulation, the institutions and personnel providing TCM health care services shall not engage in disease diagnosis and treatment activities, including the use of traumatic, invasive or highly risky techniques; prescription of drugs; giving orally to the clients TCM decocting pieces that do not comply with the requirements; organizing of medical qigong activities; and any diagnosis and treatment activities required by the National TCM Authority, etc.

("People's Daily", May 8, 2023)

- ⌘ Pray that the Regulation will help people to get alert when choosing health care services. It will also discourage the personnel engaged in the industry from cheating people with false information that is harmful to people's health for personal gain.

Wednesday



Give Way

"I got a divorce in 2006 after an undesirable marriage for 17 years. Then I found tremendous help from radio programs and read the Bible more often. Enlightened by the Holy Spirit, I have changed my way of thinking. I see my old self who was tough and violent. I rejected help from my husband and only saw his bad sides. I remarried my ex-husband after getting a divorce for four months. Becoming a Christian, my husband is being changed by Jesus. We have a peaceful marriage. We still argue, but know how to tolerate and accept each other. Now 17, our daughter is very happy and admitted to the university. I hope that our testimony is encouraging to the couples having marital problems that they are willing to give way, communicate effectively, face and settle problems together calmly, pray together and will not give up easily."

(Sister Tang)

- ⌘ God loves us. Thank God for safeguarding Sister Tang's marriage so that she could reunite with her ex-husband. It is a beautiful thing to a couple getting back after separation. May glory be to God.

Illegal Dumping

Recently, villagers of Pingyao in Jinzhong, Shanxi Province told the media that an enterprise had constructed a garbage dump on the farmland by removing earth to form a cavity of more than dozens of meters deep and disposed of a great amount of fly ash and other dangerous wastes. It resulted in more than 200 acres of damaged farmland, affecting the drinking water safety and agricultural production of villagers. Reports had been repeatedly submitted to the departments at different administrative levels in 2021. After the case was reported by the media, local government of Jinzhong and the Department Head requested the Planning and Natural Resources Bureau and the provincial government to investigate the case and punish the offenders.

("China National Radio", May 9, 2023)

- ⌘ Pray for the continued pollution the environment has been suffering from. Pray that people will be alert and the regulatory system will operate effectively to prevent the situation from deteriorating. May God teach people to become good housekeepers to manage His land.