

Thursday



A Group of Female Students

"In 1985, an elder of my church and his friends encountered a group of students from Hong Kong during their visit to the Huangguoshu Waterfall scenic area. He recorded in a special issue, 'We met a group of Hong Kong female students who were traveling. The gospel they preached to us at that time has borne fruit through the Holy Spirit, through the word of God and through his son Jesus Christ. We are now servants of God. I pray that God will bless these students from afar. I want to contact them and invite them to visit us.' The elder wrote these words and also included a Bible that each of them had signed and a photo taken together."

(Brother Yin)

✚ O wonderful Lord, your work has borne abundant fruit for the gospel in China. Pray that the testimony of the elders will inspire believers to follow the example of those female students from years ago, leaving beautiful footprints wherever they go.

Wedding Customs Reform

In China, especially in rural areas, the older generation believes that marriage is an important social ritual that is closely related to family's dignity. In order to gain recognition, they pay close attention to the amount of dowry and the size of the wedding. However, young people who have returned to their hometowns from the cities to start their own businesses are willing to break with tradition, adopting new and simplified wedding customs. Currently, local governments across the country are also promoting wedding customs reform, advocating for simple and moderate, green and low-carbon ways of celebrating weddings. These include holding collective weddings, family weddings, and destination weddings, participating in social welfare activities, planting commemorative trees as a couple, etc. These methods not only reduce the economic burden but also do not lose their meaning.

("Workers' Daily", June 2, 2023)

✚ The amount of wedding dowry is not the focus, and the scale can also be adjusted according to the needs. Pray that the newlyweds will not bear heavy financial pressure, but put more efforts in managing their family and maintaining their relationship.

Friday



Emotional Disorder

"My husband has anxiety and suspected depression. He tutors our fourth-grade daughter in math, but with an abnormally irritable temper. When he is tutoring her, I can't say anything or he will get mad. I also observe that the daughter is very anxious too, and it is really painful to see my husband's explosive rage and my daughter's suffering. During a recent stomach examination, he was diagnosed with anxiety disorder by the doctor. When his temper flares up, it feels like hell. In the past ten years, we have often prayed to God with tears for this matter. Just now, he lost control again, and it was especially distressing for the daughter. My husband became a Christian a few years ago due to his illness, but his emotions are often unstable, causing us extreme pain."

(Sister Lin)

✚ Pray that the Lord will heal her husband's emotions and help him understand the harm he caused to his family. May he repent before God and seek help to manage his anxiety disorder and depression. Please give Sister Lin courage and love to take care of her husband.

Befriending You

During the COVID-19 pandemic, people were affected by quarantine orders and felt lonely. During this time, coworkers developed a program called "Befriending You" for the Bai people. With a light touch, they presented stories of Jesus Christ's interactions with people, leading people to know this good friend. They showed how the Lord Jesus was willing to extend a hand of friendship to people of different classes, and bestowed upon them His heavenly blessings and salvation. It is hoped that more Bai people will come to know the Lord through this program.

✚ Pray for the production and broadcasting of the Bai programs, and ask the Lord to grant strength to the Bai sisters doing the interpretation and broadcasting. Their participation in this production is not easy, especially with the pressures of busy lives and caring for believers. Please also remember the program writers, who are planning to complete the full series of 39 episodes this year, and to complement this with an audio version of the Bai New Testament, to help spread the Gospel among the Bai people.

Saturday



Disagreements

"My family has believed in the Lord for 30 years. A total of 13 family members had been baptized. Disputes arose and communications failed due to disagreements among the host family. The matter concocted out of nothing many years ago was basically a misunderstanding. But we are driven out of the church. We pray for the Lord's work day and night. Our whole family lives a life of peace and joy through weeping, repenting and relying on the Lord's precious blood for redemption. Our children do right things themselves. My wife and I concentrate on serving God. Moreover, I have been listening to Liangyou Radio for many years. At first, my mother and I understood the Lord Jesus' salvation of the cross and believed in the Lord. Nowadays the person in charge of the church says that we are an evil cult. He told other believers not to contact us."

(Brother Chen)

✚ Pray to the Lord of Righteousness for His mercy and care for Brother Chen's family. Thank God for their victorious life under the truth. Ask the Lord to remove the conflicts between them and the church, and help them rely on the Lord to overcome all obstacles. Also pray that the family will return to the home of God.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Rooted in God's Love:** Radio Liangyou's theme for the third quarter is "Rooted in God's Love". And the strongest link between us is none other than the great love of God. May we all, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, work hard in studying and handling the word of truth, develop our love for God from day to day, and increase our care and love towards each other — that His glory will be manifested in us!

2 **Enhancing Dialect Programs:** Since May, an enhanced Cantonese program menu has been added to the "Other Dialects" section on the Liangyou website. We hope to utilize our resources to the fullest in reaching out to the vast global audience that are Cantonese speaking, that they may have a chance to hear the Gospel. Furthermore, devotional program "Manna in the Wilderness" in both Hakka and Minnan dialects are also added, purposed to share God's Word in their home dialects.

PRAYER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

"Young people choose to offer incense rather than advance in their careers." According to report from travel websites, bookings for temple-related scenic spots have increased more than threefold since the beginning of this year. Since February, the 90s and 00s generation has accounted for more than half of the ticket bookings. An article in the New Beijing News on March 21 criticized young people for "not attending classes, not self-enhancing, but only offering incense," suggesting that if young people place their hope in gods and Buddhas, they are clearly "going astray."

Many Chinese people look to money as the direction of their lives. They used to believe in "working hard is better than relying on heaven and earth," firmly believing that hard work can lead to wealth. However, as the economic structure solidifies and economic growth slows down, when young people enter the workplace, they find that the path they believed in of working hard to get rich has not brought them the expected wealth, and they become confused and lost. What can we do for this generation of young people?

Please remember this generation. Also, please pray for us, that the program team can seize the opportunity, and in producing programs, can talk to young people, guide them towards what they can truly rely on, and what they ultimately need to seek. So that they "choose God in between offering incense and visiting temples!"

"How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. Seek you with my whole heart; do not let me stray from your commands! I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you." (Psalm 119:9-11).

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Sunday



Extremely Discouraged

"Thank God for having Radio Liangyou. I have already choked with sobs halfway through the program. My husband had gone out to work alone since the bankruptcy of the factory two years ago. He was depressed. He had no normal income so far. I had dealt with various debt collection matters and lawsuits alone. I am also taking care of my two young children. Being helpless and breaking down, I wanted to commit suicide many times. Our life has been relieved by the relatives and friends from my natal family. My mother-in-law has not cared about us. She has used all kinds of hurting words and deeds, causing me to quarrel with my husband and even leading us to divorce. Being in debt has not made me discouraged. But her ruthlessness and my husband's failure to understand has made me feel extremely frustrated!"

(Sister Qiao)

⌘ Dear Lord who loves us, Sister Qiao needs your love and care. Let the sister know the value of life in helpless days. Pray that the Lord will be the One whom she relies on so that she will face life toughly. Also pray that she can take good care of her children and cherish life. Ask the Lord to increase her power.

AI Diagnosis

Last month the "5G Smart Patrol Vehicle of Ophthalmology" invented by a university's scientific research team was officially launched. The first batch of three patrol vehicles is equipped with AI doctors. They can complete a series of eye examinations in just ten minutes and regularly visit different cities in China. They also go to schools, nursing homes for the aged and communities providing professional eye health assessment. People seeking consultation are only required to make an appointment online and undergo their examination on the vehicles. The initial screening can be completed by the AI system. If eye problems are found, it will be reported immediately.

("Yangcheng Evening News", June 6, 2023)

⌘ Please pray that AI technology can be more widely used in clinical services. Through data analysis doctors can be assisted in medical decision-making and the efficiency of medical management will be improved to allow patients to receive appropriate treatment earlier.

Monday



Endure Silently

"I have many difficulties, but God has led me out step by step. Especially when I was sick, God comforted me with His words. I had had mental illness. I had taken medicine but stopped due to financial pressure. Subsequently I often hear voices scolding me and have auditory hallucination. My illness repeats persistently. I fast and pray. The only way out is to forgive my husband for cursing and hurting me in the past. He has not yet believed in the Lord. We have separated before. Currently, I know that I need to reconcile with my husband. When he scolds me, I say nothing and endure silently. Please pray that my husband will believe in the Lord soon. My daughter has not yet believed in the Lord too. Also pray for her."

(Sister Wu)

⌘ Thank the loving Lord for giving Sister Wu the strength to forgive her husband. May her change move her husband and daughter so that they will be willing to accept the Lord and return to His name. Pray that the sister will be healed and her family will get along with one another harmoniously in the Lord.

Upsurge Of Coffee

The "2023 China Urban Coffee Development Report" indicated that the scale of China's coffee industry was RMB 200.7 billion in 2022. The scale of China's coffee industry is expected to reach RMB 369.3 billion in 2025. The report also pointed out that the total number of coffee shops in Shanghai reached 8,530, with an average of 1.35 coffee shops per square kilometer. It has become the city with the most coffee shops in the world. With the popularity of coffee industry, more and more coffee brands are combined with urban art spaces and public welfare projects. "Coffee plus reading", "coffee plus performing arts", and "coffee plus tourism" have sprung up prosperously, forming an agglomerative effect to enhance the development of peripheral businesses in the community economy.

("China News Net", June 2, 2023)

⌘ Please pray that the development of coffee industry can give a new impetus to the Chinese economy and increase related job opportunities. May God open a way for the coffee shops to become a gospel sharing place so that the Lord's love will spread widely.

Tuesday



Reneged Suddenly

"We have already broken up. I know that my partner has just found a spiritual excuse to break up with me. He cannot accept me. I have heard that he is about to be ordained as a pastor. He has suddenly reneged because my past may affect his ministry. Once I committed the sin of cohabitation without marriage. Later, I only knew that it was essential to marry someone in the Lord. I chose someone in the Lord twice, both cases ended in failure. In the first case, I was ignorant and receptive to other people. So I was deceived into marriage. In this second case, I attend marriage counseling lesson. But I still fail. My church fellows and my relatives all know that we are going to get engaged. Perhaps it is God who protects me from making a mistake again to get married. However, this incident has dealt me a blow deeply, making me blame myself and feel sad."

(Sister Yu)

⌘ Ask our Lord to comfort Sister Yu and heal her pain. Pray that she will think more positively, and that she will rely on the Lord so as to forget what is behind, strain toward what is ahead and press on toward the goal.

Car-hailing In Trouble

The online car-hailing industry is close to saturation and the rate of empty orders is rising. Various places have issued notices one after another to suspend more new operators. Cities such as Zhuhai, Jinan, Suining, Changsha, and Sanya have successively issued notices on risk warnings for the online car rental industry since the beginning of this year. At the same time, drivers and passengers of online booked cars face contradictions. Some drivers say that they cannot receive orders even after waiting hard. They do not even go home until early in the morning in order to gain enough orders. But some passengers, on the other hand, feel that they often cannot book a car. It is common to find no driver accepting an online car-hailing order for half an hour especially during the peak travel period.

("Economic Daily", June 9, 2023)

⌘ Please pray that the industry can develop healthily so that the public can have enough peer-to-peer travelling services. And, the government will have regulations to protect rights and interests of the practitioners so that their deserved income and rights will not be exploited.

Wednesday



Clash with Mother

"Having been a believer for more than 20 years, I have not truly obeyed the Lord, so my life is filled with struggles and unrest, and my relationship with my mother is undesirable. When my mother uses impatient and complaining words to stimulate me every day, I feel hurt, angry, and bitter. To me, she is unforgivable. Although I know I should pray for her, I couldn't make it. Over the years, I have not called her 'mom,' and I ask the Lord to forgive me. Because I don't have a job, my mother inevitably nags me. I gave up my stable job many years ago, and now I feel a great financial pressure. I really want to repent and obey the Lord, and repair my relationship with her. I ask the Lord to help me forgive my mother and change my stubborn and self-righteous heart, and give me a gentle and patient heart."

(Brother Zhang)

⌘ Merciful Lord, Brother Zhang desires to reconcile with his mother, but feels powerless to do so. We ask for your help so that both mother and son can let go of their grievances towards one another, rebuild their relationship, and bear witness to Your name.

Green Great Wall

Chinese President Xi Jinping said earlier in Inner Mongolia that despite improvements in desertification, the problem remains unresolved. Moreover, China has been affected by the abnormal climatic changes for the past two years and the number of sandstorms in the north has increased. The "Three-North" project must be continued to build green ecological barriers which can resist wind and sand, maintain water and soil, and protect and promote husbandry. The project, which has been launched since 1978, refers to the construction of large-scale forest belts in Northwest China, North China and Northeast China. The total area is 4.358 million square kilometers, accounting for 45% of the total national area. It is called the "Green Great Wall".

("China News Net", June 7, 2023)

⌘ Please pray that the ecological project can be carried out smoothly so that desertification can be put under control. Also pray that the government will rationally plan the land uses to produce enough food and provide a suitable living environment for humans and animals.