

Thursday



### Lord Please Guide Me

"I am tired and weary, and only read the Bible on and off without persistence. May God give me a spiritual partner. I am worried about my family members who are not Christians. There is neither any Christian in my village. Back to my homeland, my neighbors oppose to my religion. I have to be careful every time I speak. I am eager to have God being in my village, with my family and friends to motivate them to get to know Him. Please also pray for us as we need to hire a house suitable for the four of us in Shaoxing where we have been living for more than ten years. Now it takes one hour for my husband to travel to and back from work since his workplace is far from home. Pray that God will prepare us a stable place with a reasonable landlord and rent where we can live for years."

(Sister Zhang)

✚ God is hope. May God bless the villagers and bring them to You to enjoy fellowship with sisters and brothers. Pray for sister Zhang that she can find a suitable house and live a stable life.

### Trap of Debauchery

According to statistics, the market size of game companions in China has exceeded RMB 14 billion. Game companions refer to people who accompany game users to play games. Although many platforms now require real-name authentication, there are still cases where minors borrow other people's accounts. Some game players have reported encountering cases where children skipped classes to become companions. Additionally, the companion industry may also involve gray areas, such as providing pornographic voice and video chats or even offline sexual services. Some companion teams even advertise "recruiting female companions, those over 16 years old can join the team and earn thousands of yuan per month," which may entice minors to join.

("Workers' Daily", July 6, 2023)

✚ Pray for the children, that they may be surrounded by caring elders who can guide them when needed. If they happen to go astray, we ask that you remove any wrong thoughts and temptations from their minds and help them to make a firm decision to distance themselves from negative influences..

Friday



### Doubly Tormented

"I am a sister in Christ and over the past few years, because of my greed for material possessions and glory, I now live in a life of debts. I feel a great deal of suffering and know that I am a sinner. Every day, I listen to radio programs which give me strength. I presently work at a restaurant owned by a Christian, but I cannot understand the way he operates the business and am unwilling to obey him. I feel uncomfortable every day and find him sometimes even worse than non-believers. I am unsure if I should leave or stay, as this is a Christian-owned restaurant after all. I am conflicted. The Bible teaches us to submit to those in authority, but I cannot accept the way my Christian boss operates the restaurant. What should I do?"

(A Sister)

✚ Loving Lord, please help "A Sister" have the strength to pay off her debts, repent of borrowing and work hard. Give her also the courage and patience to face her boss's wrongdoings and find opportunities to express her views. Pray that the Lord grant her wisdom.

### Bouyei Bible

Having a population of about three million, Bouyei is the second largest ethnic group in Guizhou province with scattered settlements in southern Guizhou, Guangxi, Yunnan and other provinces. Catholic missionaries went there to preach the gospel more than a hundred years ago. Evangelicals tried to reach them only a hundred and so years after the Catholic preachers. Not may Bouyei people have become Christians. Christians being persecuted and martyred repeatedly over the past decades have made the Bouyei people afraid of Christianity. Their impression of Christianity is a religion bringing disasters to followers. Therefore, many Bouyei people are unwilling to accept the religion. Some people tried to translate the Bible before, but were forced by the circumstances to stop after translating some chapters in the Gospel of John.

✚ Pray for the Bouyei church that it has tried its best to stand up to the pressure to nurture believers and preach the Gospel. The church is considering preaching through audio gospel sermons. May God open doors for followers. Pray that the translation of the Bible can resume and continue.

Saturday



### Unexpected Diagnosis

"Last week, my 70-something-year-old father-in-law was suddenly diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and has only about 10 months left. This has had a significant impact on my husband's emotions. Since then, I have noticed that his emotions have been fluctuating greatly. Their relationship is usually not very good, and they often quarrel. This sudden event has been difficult for him to accept. I couldn't help but argue with him just now. Every time he gets angry, our youngest daughter gets scared and cries. I now have the flu and am lying in bed with a fever. I am also afraid of infecting them. My heart is very uneasy. My father-in-law has always been against our faith in God. Please pray for my father-in-law, asking God to have mercy on him, ease his pain, and help him believe in God soon. Thank you! May God remember you all!"

(Sister Lin)

✚ Healing Lord, please comfort Sister Lin and her husband. Let her husband know that life is in your hands. Please keep her father-in-law with a repentant heart. Help this couple understand that they need to take care of the sick father together at this moment. May God have mercy on them.

### Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Radio Liangyou 74:** Radio Liangyou has been serving for 74 years under grace. Thank God for letting us build different people's lives on a solid foundation during all these years. We have also nurtured believers to establish a healthy spiritual life in face of various challenges they have encountered in their lives. May God continue to bless the people worldwide speaking Chinese through Radio Liangyou.

2 **Self-learning Platform:** The brand-new online self-learning platform of Liangyou Theological Seminary (LTS) has finally launched. Students could participate in the Navigation Program through the mobile LTS app in the past. However, we have to ensure the app is compatible with different operating systems of mobile phones and update the app from time to time. We hope that the self-learning platform can offer an easy-to-use and convenient one-stop learning experience to the students.

# PRAYER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

The 2023 result of the National College Entrance Examination (NECEE) has been released. A pupil named Lang Zheng from Sichuan has a high score, making him one of the top 30 scorers in Sichuan province. However, people do not focus on his scores, but his being named "Salute Boy" as he saluted the PLA soldiers after he was pulled from rubble in 2008 Wenchuan Earthquake. Fifteen years ago, the three-year-old Lang Zheng lying on a stretcher saluted his PLA rescuers. The boy touched the nation's heart. He is going to attend Peking University and will strive to become a person of value to the nation and society.

Lang Zheng represents the young generation of today China, confident and courageous fighting for their dreams. However, involuted young Chinese actually are the majority. According to a report of the National Bureau of Statistics of China, there are more than six million of unemployed Chinese youths. Some of them have no education, qualifications or background. Some have failed in investment, been living a bad life or in poor relationship with others.

What can Radio Liangyou do for them? We hope that the discussion of some realistic and practical topics shared by the host can attract more young groups, especially young non-believers, to hear the gospel. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." (Ecclesiastes 12:1)

Please pray for the young people for their struggles in all types of involution. May God show mercy to and use Radio Liangyou to serve these young people.

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Sunday



### Verbal Abuse

"I am confused and troubled. What the church leader says and what I have experienced contradict each other. He belittles me as weak and cowardly, wounding me with his words. Not just once, he would only be fond of those with personalities like his. Now I do not even want to face him, I do not want to attend gatherings. Praying remains futile. I suffered a severe mental blow after my mother's accident. I wake up from sleep like a startled bird. Anxiety often dominates my emotions, and I have been troubled by depression and self-pity for seven or eight years. It's painful that no one understands me. The pastor always says I have issues with my personality, criticizing me this and that. Since I was little, my parents have always verbally attacked and belittled me, leading to my insecurity. I hate myself, but I can't change who I am now. What should I do?"

(Sister Chan)

☞ Living God, Sister Chan needs love, needs to be accepted, affirmed and encouraged. We ask the Lord to heal her, let her experience the Lord's love, look to the Lord without being affected by others' words, and strengthen her heart to see herself rightly.

### Discrimination Disputes

The job market competition in the mainland is fierce, and some companies propose conditions unrelated to the job duties when recruiting, such as family background, dating experience, as well as restrictions on height, hometown, zodiac sign, requiring blood types of applicants and checking their palmistry during interviews. The existence of employment discrimination is due to several reasons including low costs for violating laws and regulations, with very few being investigated; on the other hand, the costs for job seekers to pursue their rights are high, the legal process is time-consuming, plus most companies do not explicitly state the precise reasons for rejection, making it relatively difficult to provide evidence.

("China Youth Daily", July 5,2023)

☞ May God open everyone's eyes to see the value in each person. May companies establish reasonable mechanisms in the recruitment process, giving everyone equal opportunities, so that no one loses a job where they can excel due to irrelevant reasons.

Monday



### Relationship Satisfaction

"Both my girlfriend and I have been Christians since we were young. We are at work right now. She is willing to spend time with me but seldom does anything else. I have done far much more than she has. Take money as an example. I spent about RMB 70 to 80 thousand dollars on her in the past two years while she only spent about three thousand on me. We are living in different places. I drive her home every week on the day she is off from work, driving from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. Sometimes it is already 1 a.m. when I am home. She has never come to see me. Although she likes me, I feel bad because she will give up on our relationship if her parents strongly disapprove of me. On the contrary, I won't give her up for anything or anyone. Going to meet her parents soon, I feel disturbed. Do I need to prepare for separation?"

(Brother Jin)

☞ The Lord is faithful. May the Lord guide brother Jin and his girlfriend to live in faith, learn to trust each other, be honest to share their feelings and be courageous to face the pressure together.

### Dispute Over Rights and Interests

Why should we block the beautiful scenery of our great country? Recently, there have been incidents of "fenced-off views" on highways, where tourists can only enter the scenic area by buying tickets, leading to accusations of "land-grabbing for money." Some scenic area workers have responded that this is for safety considerations to avoid traffic accidents, not to prevent tourists from "peeping" at the scenery. Some scenic areas have proposed the idea of "ticket economy," explaining that they hope to increase the revenue and support the local people, thereby improving their living standards. After extensive reporting, some scenic areas have now dismantled the barriers, but the underlying issues of tourism rights and interests still need to be clarified.

("China News", July 5,2023)

☞ Father in Heaven, natural scenic areas are public resources that all people have the right to enjoy. Pray that there will be perfect solutions to balancing the needs of all parties, and no conflicts of interests will happen again during their development of tourism.

Tuesday



### Suffering from Lung Cancer

"The cancer of my husband has spread from the lung to bones. He has severe pain. Please pray for his soul and his hardened heart. Having a bad cough, he is reluctant to go to the hospital and is very bad-tempered. I asked what he wanted to do and whether he had any last words. He said no. I said I would like to have my ashes thrown in the ocean after my death. He asked whom I talked to. I said 'you' if he had not died and to our daughter if he had died. We both laughed. He said scattering at mountains or the sea would be fine. I asked him if he was afraid of death. He said no. I said death was not scary and neither the end, and he had to know what death was. He stopped me and scolded me. He has become more resistant to Christianity as I have kept talking about it. No people can convince my non-believing husband to believe in God."

(Sister Liu)

☞ The Lord changes our hearts. May God safeguard this family and make Sister Liu's husband to realize his insignificance and become humble to accept You. May God give them peace and joy.

### Caring for the Needed

Since the beginning of summer, the heat index has been off the charts, and the most difficult working conditions are for outdoor laborers. A woman from Dongguan visited her father who worked in environmental hygiene in Qingxi and noticed that the uniform fabric her father wore was stuffy and uncomfortable, causing him to sweat profusely when working in high temperatures. Worried about her father, she wrote a letter to the government to improve their working conditions. The problem was quickly addressed. Recently, the environmental sanitation workers in Qingxi have been given new uniforms made of thinner and more breathable fabric. Additionally, the local government has adjusted the work schedule to avoid high temperatures in order to protect the workers' health.

("Workers' Daily", July 4, 2023)

☞ Pray that God will watch over the outdoor workers and provide them with a reasonable working environment during hot weather. Pray for government officials that they will have a compassionate heart and take action to address any areas in need of improvement.

Wednesday



### How to teach my Daughter

"Something is bothering me right now. My older daughter just wants to play games on her phone after school. Many of her classmates also play; they even form teams and compete! During the weekends, she holds on to her mobile phone and tablet, always procrastinating her homework until the very last minute. I really want to delete the game, but I'm afraid of potential repercussions. What should I do? My younger son, on the other hand, is willing to put down his phone as long as someone plays with him. But my older daughter is different. She's focused on her phone every day, scrolling through Douyin (Chinese version of TikTok), playing games. She's in the fifth grade now and will soon be in middle school. I'm really worried that she won't be able to keep up."

(Sister Zhu)

☞ Guide us, Lord. We ask for your help in granting wisdom to Sister Zhu as she accompanies her children through their growth. May she communicate and interact with them more, and may her daughter understand the importance of academic achievement. As her children enter their adolescence, they need your protection and guidance more than ever.

### A Bully

A video clip of a little boy being forced to eat faeces has aroused wide concern across the web. The incident happened in Jiexiu, Shanxi. According to the investigation by the local government, three minors bullied another minor, made a video and uploaded to the internet. The Police said that the bullies and their parents had been severely criticized and educated. Parents were ordered to strictly discipline their children and apologize to the boy being bullied and his parents. The education department has also arranged to provide counselling service to eliminate the victim's negative feelings. Parents of both parties have reached a settlement.

("China News", July 5, 2023)

☞ Pray for all children being bullied. May God stay with them and heal them with His love. Pray that parents and schools will pray for and support the children being bullied. Pray for the bullies that they know they have done wrong and are willing to change.