

Thursday



Willingness to Forgive

"My mother takes care of me at home, and the place of worship is just one unit away. Due to my health issue, I cannot attend and I am left to worship alone! During the pandemic, my family hosted brothers and sisters for over a year, but now that restrictions have eased, they no longer come. One sister sent me a text message with hurtful words, and it saddened me deeply. Thanks to God's love for me, I haven't lost hope. It is the Lord who comforts my heart, knowing that without going through the valley, one cannot grow. I initially wanted to retaliate against this sister, but the Holy Spirit reminded me to declare that I won't let her be hurt and that I will love her through the love of the Lord."

(Sister Liu)

✂ We pray for the Lord to comfort Sister Liu, for You understand the sadness and sorrow in her heart. When she worships alone, she firmly believes that You are with her. We are grateful for her forgiving heart, which is a manifestation of the Lord's life in her. May You guide her to face the future courageously.

Aerospace Breakthrough

Last month, a mainland Chinese private rocket company successfully carried out its first launch mission. The developed CERES-1S carrier rocket was launched in the vicinity of Haiyang, Shandong, and successfully delivered four commercial satellites into an 800-km intended orbit. The responsible company claimed several breakthroughs, including being the world's first launch without relying on a land-sea universal mobile platform, the world's first unguided hot launch of a solid rocket at sea, and the world's first rocket adopting a high-precision navigation system with vertical self-alignment and online misalignment angle correction at sea. This is also the first-time that China's commercial spaceship entered an 800-km inclined orbit.

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✂ We are grateful for the advancing technology that can be appropriately utilized for the benefit of people and the improvement of their living standards. Even with the most advanced technologies, may our hearts not become greedy and arrogant, but instead recognize God and remain humble and selfless.

Friday



Interpersonal Relationships

"I work at a restaurant where many of the staff members are believers, but their faith has deviated somewhat. They believe that their own faith is the most genuine, yet they do not attend local church gatherings. In my work, I encounter unfair situations and experience being excluded, which makes me unhappy every day. I have tried talking to them, but they use their faith to oppress others and believe that the problems lie with us, the employees. My emotions are complex because I have been with this company for 10 years. Now, I feel conflicted and unsure whether leaving is the right decision or not. I don't want to go astray."

(Audience "Emmanuel")

✂ May God guide "Emmanuel" to grow in the truth and make the right choices. May the Lord lead him to handle interpersonal relationships with wisdom and impact lives with his work.

Miao Youth

Due to God's blessings and the dedicated service of missionaries such as James R. Adams and Samuel Pollard, the gospel prospered among the Miao people since the early 20th century. However, there was a gap of about 40 years during that time. Since the reform and opening-up policy in China, the Miao churches have once again flourished. Nevertheless, with the changing society, Miao churches are facing the impact of secularization, and the younger generation is reluctant to attend church, which has become the heaviest burden in the hearts of Miao pastors. Recently, a pastor expressed his need for prayer: Many young Miao people are unwilling to come to the church and believe in Christ, and pastors are at a loss about how to address this issue. We pray for the Lord's mercy and grace to work in the hearts of these young people. We also pray for wisdom for the pastors, that they may know how to be effective workers for the Lord in this age.

✂ We pray for the Lord to hear the prayers in the hearts of His servants and work in the hearts of the young Miao people. May they not only follow in the footsteps of their elders to follow the Lord, but also remain steadfast in their faith amidst challenges. May they become vessels used by God in spreading the gospel to neighboring ethnic groups.

Saturday



Facing Difficulties

"My mother has suffered from a cerebral infarction and a brain aneurysm. She has been in the hospital for a month and a half. Her left hand and left leg are paralyzed, and swallowing food is difficult. It is extremely challenging to take care of her daily needs. The disease not only torments her, but also exhausts the physical and mental strength of our family. Taking care of my mother has already disrupted our normal family life. We haven't been able to attend church for over two months. Now, including myself, the whole family lacks confidence and feels disheartened. Watching my mother suffer every day is heartbreaking for all of us. My mother has endured a lifetime of hardships, and she lacks education and the ability to read the Bible. Now, she can't even speak. Please pray for us. We don't know what lies ahead, and we don't understand God's will."

(Brother Zhao)

✂ Heavenly Father, the mother of brother Zhao is going through a difficult time. The family is not only emotionally burdened but also physically exhausted from taking care of her. We pray that You will protect the health of our sister and provide strength to the entire family in body, mind, and spirit.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **New LTS Platform:** The self-study platform has been well received since its launch. A much increased achievement over the previous LTS App has been recorded. We are glad to see a marked upward trend in usages—although including some inquiries on operating instructions—with many users from overseas too. When the LTS study mode was changed, we have been crossing the river feeling the stones so to speak, yet we experienced God's guidance all the way, with bountiful blessings.

2 **Serving the Blinded:** Christian Ministry to Visually Impaired Persons of Hong Kong has requested to integrate Liangyou and Sooradio programs into their audio library and "Shi Fu Xing" App made available to visually impaired persons. This App serves users in Hong Kong and many in China. We are thankful to expand our scope of ministry for various groups with special needs.

PRAYER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

"The Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you." (Nehemiah 1:5-6)

For many years, I have been involved in training and hosting radio programs, and I have two observations. In lifestyle programs, it is important to stay updated with the latest trend and seize every opportunity to connect with the listeners. Live programs, in particular, require keeping up with the pace and can be quite demanding. On the other hand, in Bible programs, the focus is on conveying truth and the message of the Holy Scriptures, and the speaker's approach needs to be relatable.

Regarding this monthly prayer update, although we may not be racing against the clock, we strive to provide timely prayer materials for the audience. Our prayers express the common needs and challenges we face in life.

Nehemiah, who served as a cupbearer, earnestly prayed for Israel while living among foreigners, and his testimony demonstrates the heart of a true love for his fellow countrymen. He recognized his responsibility and sought God's guidance for his actions. As we pray for our fellow countrymen today, we find inspiration in his example.

China has risen and grown prosperous, yet the spread of the Gospel continues to be essential. What is the spiritual state of the Chinese people around the world today? We still have a debt to fulfill in sharing the Gospel.

Just like Nehemiah, who did not lose heart in rebuilding the city walls, may we also strive to witness God's grace. "Remember me with favor, my God, for all I have done for these people." (Nehemiah 5:19)

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Sunday



Thanksgiving For My Son

“My son is five years old. He often listens to Radio Liangyou with me. He even takes the initiative to call and contacts the host. He knows the hotline number even at this young age. He called and expressed his depression and unhappiness. I, actually, do not let my son use the cell phone too much. He realizes that he should not watch too many short videos, but he cannot control himself. He also knows that he needs to put his messy things in order, but sometimes he forgets to do so. I am grateful since he has such kind of awareness. I hope that my son will grow in Christ physically, mentally and spiritually.”

(Sister Miao)

✚ It is cheerful and joyful for children to come before the Lord. May the Lord care for the child so that he will grow up healthily and happily. Please pray that he will walk on the path God has prepared throughout his life, and never deviate from it up to his old age. May Sister Miao’s family become a beautiful testimony which can influence more people.

Youth Unemployment Rate

The National Bureau of Statistics of China announced earlier that starting from August, it will suspend the release of “the unemployment rate statistics of the urban survey for young people across the country by age groups”. The main reason is that the economic society develops and changes continuously, and that the labor force survey has to be further improved and optimized. A spokesman said that various parties of the society have different opinions on whether or not students looking for jobs before graduation should be included in the survey. In addition, young people spend more time studying in school. In the survey, further research on the definition of young people’s age range is also needed to better reflect the employment situation.

(“China News Net”, August 15, 2023)

✚ Please pray that the government will have the wisdom from God and be able to find out ways to improve the unemployment problem. Also pray that the Lord will personally do work to remove young people’s all worries about the future, and to enable them to make life plans before their employment and be engaged in jobs which suit them.

Monday



Regretful Heart

“I am 28 years old. I had got married and my husband's family condition was not good. I became pregnant and had no job. I was very anxious. I was worried that I would not have enough money to give birth to my baby. My relationship with God gradually became estranged. Occasionally, I visited a gambling website as I wanted to make some money. But then I had lost all my money. Yet I still rebelled against God in my heart. As I had no money, I borrowed money online. Now I am unable to pay back the debt. I dare not tell my husband because he has just believed in the Lord and I am afraid of dishonoring God’s name. I have not completed my one-month confinement after childbirth yet. I cry secretly every day. I have sinned against God. I have known I am wrong.”

(A Perplexed Sister)

✚ Ask the Lord to comfort the sad and contrite heart of the sister. Pray that she will learn a lesson and be able to honestly tell her family members about this matter. Also pray that they will deal with it together so that she can go through her confinement period safely.

Surge of Allergy

Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, was hit by thunderstorms last month. Then a large number of patients with coughs and asthma went to hospital. In Taiyuan, Shanxi, some netizens said that heavy rains triggered their asthma. The Hohhot Municipal Health Commission explained that these cases were related to “thunderstorm asthma” caused by excessive pollen concentration after rainfall. Thunderstorm asthma refers to an acute attack by bronchial asthma that occurs during or immediately following a thunderstorm. It happens in the pollen season and can be life-threatening in severe cases. Some interviewees expressed the hope that relevant departments would pay attention to allergic diseases and take effective measures in a timely manner.

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✚ Environmental pollution and climatic changes cause more people to suffer from allergies. May God reduce the impact of the symptoms on their lives. Pray that various countries will not only focus on economic and technological development, but also understand the importance of protecting the ecological environment.

Tuesday



Return To The Lord

“I had followed my mother to believe in the Lord since I was a child. But I stopped going to church when I worked outside as a teenager. It was nearly ten years after I got married that I returned to the church. I have experienced too many difficulties in my marriage. So I am so dishonoring God’s name. So I keep silent and I dare not preach the gospel to others. I am worried that my difficult experiences will make others stumble. After getting married, I no longer interact with my friends. Facing unemployment, my husband is very depressed. He always thinks of buying lottery tickets and winning big prizes. He also thinks that his unfavorable experiences have been caused by God. He often attacks and hurts me with his words.”

(A Repentant Sister)

✚ Thank God for the sister who is currently brave enough to speak out her experiences. Please pray that the Lord will give her the courage to face family challenges and the wisdom to be her husband’s helper. It is hoped that her husband will find a job in a down-to-earth manner.

Looking After the Aged

Last month, an elderly man in Wuhan felt increasingly severe pain in his chest and stomach not long after taking medicine. His family rushed him to the hospital. The doctor found that the old man’s esophagus and stomach were scratched by foreign objects. It was found out that the old man’s family had cut packs of tablets into individual tablets for the fear that he might take medicine wrongly. However, the old man did not pay attention while taking the tablets. He just swallowed the aluminum foil packaging and the tablet together, causing the sharp corners of the packaging to scratch his esophagus and stomach. Doctors remind family members to pay attention to the aged with problems of aging, blurred vision and hearing loss, especially those with dementia when they take medicine.

(“Wuhan Daily”, September 8, 2023)

✚ Please pray for the aged so that caregivers can understand the diseases the aged have, learn nursing skills, and avoid unnecessary accidents. Also pray that both parties can pay attention to their emotional and mental needs mutually, have good communication and get along with each other better.

Wednesday



Faith Inheritance

“My ancestors believed in the Lord Jesus at the end of the 19th century. I am a fourth-generation Christian and there are seven generations of Christians in my family. I took a theological course from Liangyou in the 1980s. Although the radio reception was not good at that time, my family was very eager for it. Radio programs have been accompanying us to grow up. Although we have been Christians for generations, we still do not understand some of the biblical teachings and how to serve. Currently many sisters of the church are also studying Liangyou’s theological courses. They hold meetings once in a while to discuss their study progress. Radio Liangyou has been very helpful to me, my family, and many Christian brothers and sisters.”

(Sister Guo)

✚ Noting Sister Guo’s sharing, we feel deeply grateful for this family. It is hoped that their faith will be passed down from generation to generation in this family to become a nice testimony which will influence more people. May God guide Christian brothers and sisters in their theological study.

Single Parent Guidance

In recent days, a daughter who had been raised by her mother did not want to meet her father. After the court had intervened and investigated, it was found that the father had repeatedly spoken dirty words and even threatening words in front of his daughter. On the other hand, the mother has also spoken negatively about her ex-husband for a long time, causing her daughter to have severe resisting mind and stress. To this end, the Executive Bureau of Beijing Fangshan Court issued a guidance order of family education, ordering the parents to pay attention to their daughter’s mental state and emotional needs, fulfill their responsibilities as guardians, and create the healthy environment for her growth.

(“China Kyoto News”, September 5, 2023)

✚ May the love of the Heavenly Father come to every divorced family. Pray that parents and children will receive healing from the Lord and choose to forgive those who have hurt them. Also pray that parents are willing to set a good example and use correct family education to restore the parent-child relationship.