

Thursday



Yearning For Church Services

"I have believed in the Lord for many years. It is inconvenient for me to go to church because of my physical disability. I have also never heard of any churches in the nearby village. In recent few years, I have listened to the programs of Radio Liangyou. Accompanied by the programs, I have gradually learned and grown up spiritually. I have also learned something about the Bible. However, being unable to go to church, I feel very burdened. Some time ago, I learned by chance that there was a church nearby. I really want to go there, but I don't know whether their faith is pure or not. I'm worried that I cannot differentiate this. I don't want to go astray."

(Brother Chu)

✚ Please ask the Lord to care for Brother Chu's heart of yearning for church services and to guide him to live a church life. Please pray that he will have companions along the spiritual journey and that they will share each other's burdens and support each other along the journey to the Heaven.

Identity Displayed

The requirements of China's internet real-name system have been raised. Many social media platforms such as Douyin/TikTok, Weibo and WeChat have announced that they will guide accounts with more than 500,000 followers to display their real-name information in batches and stages. If an account is registered as an individual, the registrant's real name will be displayed. In addition, an institutional account will have its enterprise or company name displayed. The relevant real-name information can be viewed on the information page of the account. Many platforms have also declared that permission to view the real-name information of other people's accounts will be provided only for accounts which have completed authentication; while internet celebrity accounts that fail to comply with the requirements for real-name information will have their network traffic and income restricted.

("Chengdu Economic Daily", November 2, 2023)

✚ Please pray that netizens can publish their information rationally on the Internet and avoid cyber-bullying or other illegal behaviors after the implementation of the Internet real-name system.

Friday



Engage the Unreached

"I studied in a theological seminary before and was forced to go to Phnom Penh, Cambodia in the second year as the seminary had to move there in special circumstances. After finishing my studies, I had been serving in and co-operating with some churches in Cambodia and learning Khmer. I'm serving with my teacher in the rural area starting from this year. Many of the people there are illiterate and some elder people cannot see well. To nurture them with the word of God, I'm going to buy devices so that they can listen to hymns and sermons. The pastor of my hometown church has agreed that I should go out and serve the people but hasn't sent me on a mission or provided me with any support. Please pray for my mission here."

(Brother Wang)

✚ May God guide and bless brother Wang and his fellows in their mission in Phnom Penh to reach the unreached, and supply every need of theirs.

Naxi Bible

About 300,000 Naxi people regard the ancient city of Lijiang, a tourist resort in Yunnan, as their home. The most significant part of Naxi culture is an ancient hieroglyphic, Dongba. More than 1,000 years ago, they created a writing system with 1,500 single words. Dongba is known as "the only living hieroglyphic". In 1912, Dutch missionaries came to preach the gospel of Christ to Naxi people. As a result, nine local people believed in the Lord and were baptized in 1930. In 1932, the Dutch Pentecostal Church translated parts of the Bible into Naxi language. Later, the number of Naxi Christians dropped sharply due to changes in the social environment. Nowadays, although the number of Christians is small in Lijiang, it is growing steadily. Naxi Christians have also been working hard to translate and produce audio bibles. They have completed the Four Gospels, Acts and Romans.

✚ Please pray that the Lord will help Naxi believers who have been translating the Bible secretly and silently. This is a long, lonely and arduous ministry. It is deeply hoped that one day Naxi people will have a bible in their own language and they can enter in Christ the kingdom of God.

Saturday



Domestic Violence

"My husband and I have lived separately in different places for many years. He would come home once every month or every two months, and I would visit him during summer holiday. After knowing that my husband had an extramarital affair a year ago, I spent two months staying with him in a hope to save our relationship. Finally, he chose to live with his affair who's his business partner. On the other hand, my mother-in-law took care of my child at hometown when I went to see my husband. Now my child hates school. I had no choice but returned home. My husband didn't communicate with me, and asked me to go home to take care of the child. He has grown tired of me. I don't know what to do. We have been married for 17 years. I cannot cope with it."

(Sister Li)

✚ May our Heavenly Father comfort sister Li and help her handle her relationship with her husband as well as teach her child. Pray that God will touch her husband's heart to reunite with his family.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Broadcasting Theme:** Someone says that there is no growth without pain. This is the process of growth. No one likes pain no matter what people say: "An uncut gem goes not sparkle." and "Heaven will confer great responsibilities on this people." etc. The process is too difficult anyway. People always feel that they cannot get through it. But Radio Liangyou will enter this difficult stage with listeners in 2024. The broadcasting theme for year 2024 will be designated as "Trim and Train" !

2 **Self-study Platform:** The self-study platform of Liangyou Theological Seminary has been very popular among users since its launch. Our co-workers are still thinking over and trying in respect of both the learning platform and examination model. In the future, we will add examination questions in form of words, hoping to help learners master and strengthen their ability to express in words. This will make them more comprehensive and mature in pastoral services and delivering sermons.



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Dear Warriors in Christ,

The Sarajevo assassination triggered the First World War 109 years ago, involving 33 countries, affecting a population of 1.5 billion, and causing more than 30 million casualties. Less than 20 years later, the Second World War broke out, involving 84 countries and regions and more than 2 billion people. It also resulted in more than 100 million military and civilian casualties. Humans use weapons made by themselves to kill one another. The two catastrophes are so huge regarding their scales, destruction, casualties and impact that they have left indelible scars in human history.

Nowadays, when our hearts are touched by the news of the war between Israel and Gaza, we also still think of the Russia-Ukraine war that has not yet ceased fire. It turns out that different wars, big or small, are brewing in various parts of the world and have even already happened. The wars are raging around the world. Whenever I see the news concerned, I automatically think of the prophecy of the Lord Jesus.

Besides being worried about innocent people, having indignation over the evil and counting the signs of the end, with what else can we, as Christians, respond to this era? Responding to these wars, there are no simple rights, wrongs and solutions, but we cannot ignore them.

The gospel will be preached throughout the world before the end of it comes. Please participate in and support the gospel ministry, and save souls for the Lord's sake in the war at the end of the world because this is the Lord's command and pleasure. Do not let your love grow cold either. Please pray with us.

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Sunday



The Prodigal Son Returns

“When my son studied in the grade six of elementary school, he became weary of studying. I had tried every means to guide his education, but he still dropped out of school. After that he had a part-time job and experienced the hardship of his job. He had to go to work before dawn and suffered a lot. After a while, he decided to return to school to continue studying. From then on, he studied very seriously and didn’t need us to remind him. It really seemed like he had changed into another person. Thanks to God’s grace. He has been admitted to a ‘second tier’ university. I’m grateful to the radio program host for comforting and guiding me when my child has problems. Moreover, neither of my two children believes in the Lord. I’m a little anxious and hope that they will return to the Lord Jesus soon.”

(Sister Chen)

⌘ It is very thankful that the sister’s son has not continued to act unscrupulously and that he has been back to the path of studying again. May God continue to lead her and help her two children know the truth and the Lord.

Financial Reform

The Central Financial Work Conference was held in Beijing at the end of October to arrange relevant financial work for the future period. It suggested efforts should be made to deepen the supply-side structural reform. Li Bin, Director-General of the Macroeconomic Policy Bureau of People’s Bank of China introduced the following items of the reform: (1) tightening the macro-economic control; (2) advancing financial institutions reform; (3) promoting financial development; (4) expanding financial openness; (5) upholding the marketization and legalization of the reform approach. Continuous improvement of the financial environment and enhancement of the quality and sustainability of financial supplies are important.

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⌘ May God give the government officials wisdom and strength to introduce policies to reform, improve and stabilize the financial system, and enhance the monitoring and serving levels so as to provide strong support for the healthy development of the society and economy.

Monday



Relationship Recovery

“My mother loves quiet and behaved children. My elder sister is one of that type. My mother said I was a wild child and was criticized a lot. Both my elder sister and I are Christians but are in such a deadlock situation. I have been struggling and want to repair our relationship. We are living together but never talk with each other. Continue to live in this stressful environment, I will probably have mental health illness. I invited her to pray with me but she refused. She doesn’t talk with me in the church. I don’t know what to do. Please pray for me.”

(Sister Yue)

⌘ God knows what is happening between the two sisters. Sister Yue wants to repair her relationship with her elder sister. However, it takes two people to maintain and build upon a relationship. May God give sister Yue wisdom to communicate with her elder sister.

Medical Insurance Rumor

The National Healthcare Security Bureau (NHSB) issued a statement to dispel a rumor about the article. The NHSB clarified that upon the launch of the reform on General Support Mechanism for Covering Outpatient Medical Bills under the Basic Medical Insurance for Urban Employees in various areas, individual accounts for medical insurance of urban employees would remain unchanged in three aspects according to the requirements of “Guiding Opinions of the General Office of the State Council on Establishing and Improving a General Support Mechanism for Covering Outpatient Medical Bills under the Basic Medical Insurance for Urban Employees”. The aspects include: refund of the premium balance of personal accounts will remain unchanged; the proportion and flow of personal premium payment of urban employees will remain unchanged and the full amount of the premium will be transferred to their personal accounts; the policy of the waiver of premium for retired employees will remain unchanged.

(“China News Net”, October 27, 2023)

⌘ Pray that the medical insurance system can reduce the stress on the social protection system and also the public are able to pay medical bills and receive timely treatment.

Tuesday



Spiritual Partners

“I enjoy reading the Bible alone in a quiet environment, but am afraid of praying in front of people. That is why I don’t join the cell group. I want to have a spiritual partner with whom I can learn to pray together and overcome the fear. I have no one to share my emotions with in the church nor walk with me. My husband doesn’t like reading the Bible or praying, and only attends the Sunday services. Serving in the church, he believes in worldly values and has thrown tantrums on me. Feeling lonely on the spiritual path, I keep praying for my husband but don’t know God’s will. To me, praying is very difficult and requires deeper understanding. Hope that one day I know how to pray. It is amazing to pray for others!”

(Brother Chen)

⌘ May God prepare a spiritual partner for sister Chen so that they can support each other. Pray that her husband’s life will change and will walk with sister Chen in Christ’s love.

Recess Restrictions

According to many parents of primary school students in the Mainland, many schools require the students not to leave their classrooms during the 10-minute breaks between classes. Students are also forbidden to jump, run around or speak loudly, otherwise scores will be deducted when they are caught. The conflict among students, parents and teachers has not yet been resolved. Some parents are very concerned about their children’s safety and will hold schools accountable if there are accidents. Some schools take the above measures to avoid safety incidents that will disrupt and disturb teaching and learning. However, some parents do not agree and opine that adult should also take responsibility and should not place restrictions on students’ behavior during break periods due to their concerns about the children’s safety.

(“China News Net”, October 30, 2023)

⌘ May God help teachers and parents work together to create a suitable school environment for students to release their academic stress through class breaks. Pray that students can learn communication and self-discipline skills, and feel a sense of belonging at school.

Wednesday



Neighbor Relations

“My child has always been emotional. After returning to home, my child cries and doesn’t want to live at home. He is addicted to games. Please pray for my child. May God help him study with peace around him at home. We have problems with our upstairs neighbor who have kept making noise for more than one year. It is because we were being noisy catching a bat one night last year. We explained and apologized. However, they didn’t listen and made even louder noise after my child returned. I always sleep with earplugs throughout this year. My husband wants to sell the flat and buy another one elsewhere but is reluctant to do so as it has been only a couple of years since we bought this flat. My husband has been unemployed for one year. May God have mercy on us and help us during this hard time.”

(Sister Xu)

⌘ May God give sister Xu wisdom to handle the problems with her neighbor and help her build a friendly neighbor relation. May God change her son and help him quit gaming.

Murder Solved

22 years to the day that the murder happened, it was solved by the Police of Maojian District, Shiyan City of Hubei through the use of modern technologies. The case happened in 2001. Without CCTV, crime weapon and witness at the crime scene, old technologies baffled the investigation. New leads have been uncovered this year upon completion of the three-year compilation of a biological sampling database by local police. After multiple comparisons, a suspect was targeted for investigation. His biological samples and related features were collected, analyzed and investigated. Finally, the suspect accepted that he had committed the crime.



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⌘ Pray that criminals can be identified through police investigation and leads developed with advanced technologies, and people are protected from victimization. Pray that criminals will repent and not escape punishment, and have a chance to change to a good person.