

Thursday



Workplace Relationships

"I have poor interpersonal relationship at work and find it difficult to adapt to the environment. It's very painful and I feel oppressed and targeted. I also disagree with some of their practices, so I'm considering changing my job. There is a company that is currently recruiting. The competition is intense though, especially I don't have any significant edge. I feel tangled and struggling. Over the past eight years of work, none of my colleagues have become believers. Because of different values, my relationship with them has worsened. I simply prefer to work in a quiet environment and do not require social engagements. I can't fit into their circle. Only when I listen to the programs of Radio Liangyou do I find solace. I pray to the Lord to help me change when I am not in line with His will."

(Brother Jacob)

✚ May the Lord release Brother's pressure and give him wisdom to deal with other people, be a good witness, and influence those around him.

Smoke-Free Shanghai

Shanghai is one of the cities in China that started implementing "tobacco control measures". As early as 1994, relevant government regulations were established. On March 1, 2010, the "Shanghai Smoking Control Regulations in Public Places" came into effect, becoming the first provincial-level tobacco control law. Starting from March 1, 2017, Shanghai implemented a ban on smoking in indoor public places, indoor workplaces, and public transportation. On October 28 of the following year, electronic cigarettes were also included in the scope of the ban. Currently, there are over 10,000 volunteers in Shanghai engaged in tobacco control efforts, conducting publicity campaigns, inspections and dissuading smoking violations. Systems have also been established to enhance the effectiveness of law enforcement and regulation.

("China News Network", March 1, 2024)

✚ May God grant wisdom and courage to our leaders to continue promoting tobacco control legislation and measures, providing citizens with a healthier and cleaner living environment. May the Lord protect the law enforcement agencies and volunteers, enabling them to implement the regulations fairly and effectively.

Friday



Pruning for Better Growth

"Although I grew up in a Christian family, I was always confused about my faith. It wasn't until a few years ago when someone introduced me to Radio Liangyou. I was deeply attracted to the programs especially during times when I felt frustrated. Your programs always brought me comfort and gave me motivation and direction in my actions. I fully know that it is God who has used Radio Liangyou to change me, and I am grateful for the growth in my life. I no longer live according to my own will as before. I also lead disciples in a small group and visit other believers regularly. Serving may keep me busy, and I have a family and children to take care of, my heart is filled with great joy, which I couldn't have imagined before."

(Sister Lin)

✚ Grateful that Sister Lin is able to take root and grow in the Lord. May God continue to guide Sister Lin's service, so that her life becomes a blessing to many more.

Audio Bible

A team has brought the audio files of the New Testament in the Dali Bai dialect. As the Bai people do not have their own writing system, the phonetic writing system they used to translate the Bible is not widely known. As a result, believers were unable to read the Bible that the team had worked so hard to complete. In view of this, they thus went a step further and recorded an audio Bible, hoping that more Bai people would be able to hear the true gospel. Since the small population of many ethnic groups, and the lack of a written language, some workers now skip the written text and directly translate the Bible orally. It is reported that several teams are currently exploring and recording audio versions of the Bible to allow more ethnic groups to hear God's Word in their own languages.

✚ Pray that ethnic groups in remote areas can have a chance to hear the gospel. Pray for those who are quietly engaged in Bible translation for these minorities. Pray that the Lord will help these co-workers accurately translate the Bible despite the challenge of not having a written language. Pray that people can hear the gospel through these audio Bibles, be reconciled with God and receive redemption in Christ.

Saturday



Spread the Gospel

"I have been a faithful follower of Christ for several decades. Despite being visually impaired, God has guided me with peace throughout my life, both physically and personally. I like serving the Lord, and I got happiness serving others with the medical knowledge that I acquired. I take the opportunity to share the message of Jesus Christ with my patients during their consultation or treatment. Witnessing some of my patients accepting the Lord Jesus fills my heart with utmost joy. I have decided that even if I don't charge a penny for my service, I will keep on spreading the Gospel. I know that my doings can never repay the grace bestowed upon me, but I wish I could ease the financial barriers of people from hearing the Gospel. Although I would not possess the same stature as the Apostle Paul, being able to serve the Lord and others is truly a remarkable privilege for me."

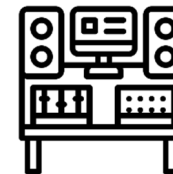
(A Brother)

✚ This Brother has a servant's heart and we believe that the Lord will remember him. We pray for God's presence and through this brother that more seeds of the gospel are sown on good soil and become followers of Christ.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Program Renewals:** Multiple programs have plans for revamping, and we seek the Lord's help in guiding the team's thinking, exploration, and establishing the direction of these programs. May God grant wisdom to our program team members to quickly adapt and engage in His work even in the face of limited manpower and resources. We earnestly hope that listeners can find help through the programs.

2 **Equipment Utilization:** Regarding the operation of the recording studio and equipment, various issues have arisen during live broadcasts and recordings. We seek God's protection, and the staff is currently working with the supplier to research possible solutions. We hope to handle the matter promptly, ensuring smooth live broadcasts and recordings, and relieving the concerns of our program team.



PRAYER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

"Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness to pray." (Luke 5:16)

Many years ago, I went on a study tour to Israel. Such personal experience in the wilderness had brought me lots of insights. When I gazed out over the desolate landscape, there was no lush vegetation but a barren scene of lifelessness in sight. How the Israelites wandered in this wilderness for forty years?

According to the OT scriptures, the Israelites' life in the wilderness was on one hand arduous and drifting, yet at the same time they experienced God's preservation and provision, receiving the Word and tasting the manna - an extremely unique collective memory in their national history.

In the NT, the wilderness remains important, with its narratives in the Gospel of Luke connecting two figures who each exhibit different aspects. First is John the Baptist, who abhorred the Israelites' rebellion against God. He went into seclusion, living in the wilderness, wearing a camel hair garment and eating locusts and wild honey - a complete rejection of secular culture.

Then comes the greater figure of Jesus. His conduct was more engaged with the world, going from town to town, attending banquets and dining with sinners. Yet when His fame spread and He was adored by people, He would withdraw to the wilderness to pray.

This is the example Jesus demonstrated. The Christian life is not about leaving the world behind, but to be "in the world, not of the world." Not being lost in the vanities of life, maintaining purity of heart, and having compassion to care about worldly affairs. Let us pray for the needs of the world in our spiritual wilderness, allowing us to draw ever closer to the Lord who Himself withdrew to the wilderness to pray.

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Sunday



Accompanying A Child

"I adopted my son from a welfare institution. He was only two and a half years old at that time. As he grows up gradually, I have found that he often lies and steals. I have educated him and communicated with him, but the effect is little. So I get angry and beat him. Currently he often uses his mobile phone for playing. When I ask for it, he scolds me. Being a teenager, he has a bit of social phobia. When he is scared, he wants to be accompanied by someone. He feels insecure. My husband and I have tried our best to love him. Although we serve in a seminary where we have taken some parenting courses, we still feel helpless while we face him. We hope that we will guide him patiently so as to help him establish a good relationship with the Lord Jesus."

(Sister Li)

✝ It is not easy to accompany a teenaged child in his process of growing up. Noting Sister Li's helplessness, we pray that God will give Sister Li and her husband wisdom and that they will touch their son's heart with love. Please also pray that their son will grow up healthily in all aspects.

AI For Medical Treatment

For most patients, time is essential to life. But in reality, some patients miss the golden time for their treatment because they are not diagnosed in time. Recently in a press interview, Dean of the School of Ophthalmology in the Capital Medical University, Wang Ningli, has introduced that Generative AI can be used to obtain information such as blood sugar, blood pressure and blood lipids through a photo of a person's eyes. In addition, AI can be used to assess health and improve the medical technology for people's health. In recent years, medical technology has improved the level of health services in whatever scopes such as diagnosis, clinical treatment and patients' rehabilitation. It has also met patients' time demand more.

("China News Net", March 5, 2024)

✝ May God give wisdom to medical scientists and guide them so that they will achieve more breakthroughs in their research. Ask God to enable doctors to accurately diagnose patients and formulate effective treatment plans so that more patients can receive timely treatment and recover as early as possible.

Monday



A Sister's Grief

"I have a very good relationship with my mother-in-law. Our relationship is as close as a relationship between the real mother and her daughter. However, my mother-in-law suffered from breast cancer and left me very early. She had believed in the Lord Jesus in the last period of her life. This is the only thing which has given me condolence. But I have been unable to get rid of the grief for ten years since her death. I have been a bit depressed. I have also thought of suicide. I am worried that I will do stupid things as sometimes I cannot control myself. Then my husband and son will be even more painful. Please pray for my health. My nerves are compressed due to lumbar disc herniation. Now it is very inconvenient for me to walk."

(Sister Zhou)

✝ Thank God for the intimate relationship between Sister Zhou and her mother-in-law. May God help Sister Zhou get over the grief and keep the hope that they will meet each other in the heaven in future. Also pray that the Lord will heal her body.

New Consumption Pattern

In 2023, China's final consumption expenditures drove the economic growth by 4.3%. Online retail sales reached RMB 15.42 trillion in 2023, a year-on-year increase of 11%. China has become the world's largest online retail market for 11 consecutive years. Online shopping, mobile payment, and integration of O2O businesses have become prominent features of the new consumption pattern. Chairman and CEO of CITIC Capital, Zhang Yichen, noted that the "consumption for self-pleasure" and the consumption of local "trendy products" are becoming more and more popular. He added, "new trends on consumer preferences are driving the rapid growth of consumption enterprises which have innovation advantages, channel resources and control of supply chain."

("People's Daily, Overseas Edition", March 10, 2024)

✝ Please ask God to keep people wise and restrained when they face various consumption choices. Pray that they will choose products and services which are valuable and sustainable. Ask the Lord to give them greater insight so that they can discern between true needs and false desires.

Tuesday



Don't Go Astray

"My younger aunt went to another city for the sake of work, and she has found a church where she is warmly received. She is now attending the seminary of this church and also got a pay from the church. This really surprised me. My aunt has sent a message to some members of her original church, saying that what has been preached in the original church is not pure and thorough. My father also serves in church. When he communicates with my younger aunt, he has found some messages which are not in line with the truth. We are not sure whether these are heresies. I have asked Liangyou Radio for advice. I have been advised to maintain the communication with my younger aunt first without blaming her; try to lead her back to the doctrines in the Bible. Please pray for my aunt."

(Sister Jiang)

✝ Please pray that God will give Sister Jiang's aunt a discerning mind and enable her to use the Bible to prove the messages she has heard. Also pray that the Lord will enable the believers to adhere to teachings of the truth.

Electric Car on Fire

The fire in Nanjing resulted in at least 15 deaths and 44 people injured. After the fire had broken out, thick smoke spread to the upper floors. In recent years, the data of fires involving electric vehicles have been increasing yearly. Since electric cars have come into being, deflagration accidents have been happening and causing losses of life and property. Following these fires, three major hidden safety risks mostly need to be addressed: too many electric bikes owned by people, aging of early residential buildings and poor management of high-rise residential buildings. The hidden safety hazards of electric bikes have not existed for just one or two days, but for a long time. The hazards should not be ignored really.

("Phoenix New Media", February 8, 2024)

✝ Please ask the Lord to alert those in the authority to face potential risks such as electric vehicles, old communities and high-rise residential buildings. Also pray that this will urge the government, enterprises and all sectors of the society to take effective measures to ensure the safety of people's lives and property.

Wednesday



Church Offering

"I am running a rental villa, and my income is not stable due to high and low seasons. But I am willing to donate to my church. I used to donate a tithe based on my gross profit. But the economy is not good at present. I also face some debts. Therefore, I think of giving a tithe on the basis of my net profit. My wife has disagreed with me, saying that we should go ahead with faith since the Lord Jesus would provide. During the epidemic, we had had no deficiency at all. We have also paid off a lot of debts. Regarding the matter of church offering, my wife and I both know that donating willingly can please God. But there are different views in terms of the basis on the gross profit or net profit."

(Brother Zhou)

✝ Thank God for the willingness of Brother Zhou and his wife to donate. This kind of donation attitude will be more remembered by the Lord especially in a situation of their debts. May the Lord continue to lead them along the journey ahead.

Green Energy

The renewable energy development of China has achieved remarkable results in 2023. The cumulative installed capacity of the new energy power generation exceeded the installed capacity of coal power for the first time. The installed capacity of solar power generation was approximately 610 million kilowatts last year, a year-on-year increase of 55.2%; the installed capacity of wind power was approximately 440 million kilowatts, an increase of 20.7%; while the installed capacity proportion of coal power fell below 40% for the first time. Green renewable energy is increasingly becoming the main force of power supply in China. The installed capacity of renewable energy newly added in China accounts for more than half of the proportion of the newly added capacity in the world.

("China Internet Information Center", March 8, 2024)

✝ China's electricity supply is more environmentally friendly now. It is hoped that people can reduce their dependence on traditional energy sources such as coal and that the use of renewable energy can continue to develop. Please pray that everyone will become a good housekeeper of the earth, save energy and reduce waste.