

Thursday



Family Harmony

"My wife once had a miscarriage. At that time, my mother came to take care of her. There was a big conflict between the two of them. I prayed for them earnestly. I also sent an email to the radio station seeking for help. Thanks to God's grace. My wife felt a complete relief in her heart. Her life was filled with the joy of care given by the Lord. All her bitterness had gone. She has thanked God for pulling her out of the condition of bitterness and resentment and having a very close relationship with my mother. We have been unwilling to let go of our lost child, but God Himself has comforted us. Through this incident my wife has realized the pride in her life. She is willing to let go of her ego and let God take control of herself. Our family relationship has become harmonious."

(Brother Liu)

⌘ Brother Liu's family has experienced hardships, but they have prevailed through the Lord. Joy blooms into beautiful flowers of life in the midst of sufferings. Thank God for the harmony of his family. Please pray that this family will bless more people.

Peak Season for Pneumonia

Winter is the peak season for pneumonia. Its symptoms include cough, shortness or difficulty of breath, fever, descending of appetite, etc. Failure to receive treatment or delay in treatment may lead to death. Pneumonia not only affects lung health, but may also cause serious complications, such as respiratory failure and sepsis, etc. Especially for children and the elderly, their condition would develop more quickly and they must go to hospital as soon as possible. In order to prevent pneumonia, people must first improve their own immunity, develop healthy living habits, do exercises appropriately, have a reasonable diet, and do their best to avoid smoking, drinking, and staying up late.

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⌘ May the Lord heal those suffering from pneumonia and protect them from being harmed by bacteria or viruses. It is hoped that people can develop good living habits, pay attention to dietary health, do exercises appropriately, improve their immunity and refrain from bad hobbies.

Friday



A Pastor's Heart

"The pastor in my church is relatively strict and likes to teach people a lesson with God's words. The Bible says that a sentence rightly given is like apples of gold in settings of silver and it is beneficial to people. Ask God to give the pastor this perspective. She probably wants to correct the mistakes of brothers and sisters; or she may have her own selfish motives. In any case, we need to focus on God instead of people. Ask God to help her and give her Words. I am grateful as the radio program hosts are all nice, very patient, loving and wise. All of you are very talented. The content of the programs can explain the Bible correctly with the truth being very pure. But our church lacks teachers and pastors like those of the radio station."

(Sister Zhang)

⌘ May God enlighten this church and guide the pastor so that she will become a faithful and good servant who can shepherd the "lambs" of God's family. Let churches on the Earth glorify the name of God and become an outlet for establishing the lives of Christians.

Oral Bible Translation

Oral bible translation is an important missionary work which translates the Bible by recording, usually without writing involved during the translation. This enables those tribes and ethnic groups without written language to gain effective access to God's Words and understand the salvation. Many ethnic minorities in China have already had their own written versions of the Bible, but there are still many ethnic groups with a small population that do not have their own Bible. Even if missionaries have completed the translation, they cannot read it because they cannot learn the characters. Printed copies of the Bible cannot be popularized either. The Bible of Bai people is one of these examples. The mission organizations then start the work of oral bible translation for the ethnic minorities. Such bible translation has been completed for many groups in Yunnan.

⌘ Please pray for the co-workers who are engaged in oral bible translation and also for the programs currently being planned to train more oral bible translators. Also pray that the Lord will call ethnic minority believers who have returned to the Lord to actively participate so that more people can hear about the salvation.

Saturday



Face Life Difficulties Toughly

"I was born blind. But the Lord Jesus has not abandoned me. I have believed in the Lord for more than 20 years. I have a massage parlor in partnership with a friend. My friend wants to make the business bigger. I personally want to learn different life skills so that I can be independent. I have prayed for God's guidance. I can now cook a variety of dishes. I have a unique comprehension of cooking and using heat. People who know me are surprised. I know this is God's grace. Since I have learned cooking and other life skills, I have felt the family warmth which I have never experienced before. In the light of my growth experience, I deeply understand that one should not have fear for difficulties, but should be brave to face them. Then one will find that he or she will grow up a lot."

(Brother Zhang)

⌘ Brother Zhang has not been overwhelmed by the sufferings of his life. But he has been actively learning to live independently. This is a positive attitude towards life after believing in the Lord. May the Lord help him have good testimonies in all aspects of life.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Broadcasting Theme:** The broadcasting theme of Radio Liangyou in 2025 is "Fasten in Christ, Fruitful in Life!". The entire growth series has gone through growing, taking root, and trimming, and has come to the stage of "being fruitful". "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5, NIV) "Be fruitful" is the purpose of spiritual growth. The scriptures also provide the secret of being fruitful – connection to Christ.

2 **Festive Specials:** Program teams are planning and producing Christmas and New Year specials, hoping to bring joy and blessings to listeners. Please pray that God will grant our staff wisdom and inspiration so that they can create programs with creativity and vitality based on the needs and interests of different audience groups. Also pray that they will let the audience feel the festive warmth, understand the true meaning of the festivals and experience God's great love.

PRAYER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

Recently, many students have visited and I have also got the opportunity to see them. Most are struggling in a difficult environment. Some face challenges related to the church's shortcomings: "We are a minority group. Revival of our church is hard. The older generation is illiterate and unwilling to be equipped. Our generation has no one to train us and we don't understand the Bible. Even if there is revival, we will stray from the truth. The pastor is very enthusiastic but suffers from epilepsy and sometimes he falls ill while preaching." Others face personal problems: "After graduation, I have been serving and constantly pursuing training. Although I am still serving, my spiritual life is exhausted. My initial zeal has been lost. I feel confused about my future."

Each story is filled with helplessness and deep feelings. They remind me of the poet's "autumn rain" and "spring rain". There are autumn rains to nourish the crops after sowing, but then there are winter snows which seem to cover up the vitality of the earth. Who would have thought that spring rain would bring new life? "Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools. They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion." (Psalm 84:5-7, NIV)

Many students are in the midst of difficulties, but God has led them to never give up. There are five or six hundreds, three or four hundreds or even dozens of students studying quietly in secluded places. They do not give up, so how can we not ensure that the courses are well-run? Many people are still waiting behind them!

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Sunday



Amazing Grace

“More than a decade ago when I was a theological student, I was robbed one night by four young men who stabbed me several times. On the operating table, I called out to God to save me if I could become a vessel fit for the Lord's use. I would rather rest in the Lord otherwise. God healed me so miraculously that even the doctor said it was a miracle. Then the four teenagers were arrested, and the oldest was only 17 years old. I told the judge in court that I was a Christian and did not want their lives to be ruined. Having no hatred for them, I hoped they would get a lenient sentence. After this incident, I have become very committed to youth ministry. I have established fellowships in different churches. We must believe that God will use us in a special way for the rest of our lives after going through the storm.”

(Brother Wong)

⌘ God led Brother Wong through the special experience. Brother Wong did not ignore God's calling and guidance. May God continue to bless Brother Wong in his work so that he can bring young people to God.

Recruitment Scams

Many graduates look forward to finding a stable job with good benefits. Criminals have seized the chance to cheat the anxious graduates and parents by setting a trap of “looking for a job”. Gansu police in Lanzhou recently uncovered a mega scam in employing university graduates through fake central state-owned enterprises and party and government institutions. The lawbreakers claimed to have a relationship with business units and special job offers can be given to the graduates. Physical examination, training, examination and contract-signing were arranged to convince the graduates to believe them and keep paying the intermediary fee. The graduates believed without doubt and only found out they had been deceived when they had never got a job.

(“CCTV News App”, November 8, 2024)

⌘ Pray for a change in the culture of traditional guanxi-style network-building in workplace. No one will believe in such “guanxi-style” scams if no one can get a job through network building. May the economy in China gradually improve, making it easier for graduates to find jobs.

Monday



Teaching Children

“My husband does not allow me to listen to the gospel in front of him and the children, and prevents the children from learning God's truth. My daily prayer is for raising the kids. Thanks to the Lord that my kids and I always have the opportunity to learn and share His truth together every day. A primary 6 student, my son starts to be influenced by evolution and atheism and sometimes questions me face-to-face. Since they have learned the fundamental truths at young age, they have a sound heart in the Bible, and will accept my brief explanation when they have doubts. We are going through a massive spiritual warfare. Kids will be exposed to more and more knowledge and false doctrine in the future. All I can do is to keep praying for them.”

(Sister Hao)

⌘ May the Lord give wisdom to Sister Hao to seize the opportunity to teach her children God's Truth. May the Lord be with them all while the children are growing up, so that they can walk in the Lord's way and never stray from it when they are old.

Cigarette Card Games

The game of cigarette cards has recently become popular in primary schools. Cigarette cards are cigarette labels cut from the packets and folded into cardboard-sized cards. Primary students take turns to tap the cards on the ground, and the one who can flip the other's card over wins. In order to get more cigarette cards, some children ask their parents to buy cigarettes online or even encourage their family members to smoke. Some even rummage through rubbish bins to find cigarette boxes. In the eyes of these children, the rarer the cigarette cards they have, the more dignified they look. Some parents are worried that their children's exposure to cigarette peripherals and familiarity with cigarette brands may get the children to start behaving adversely such as smoking at an early age.

(“Workers' Daily”, November 2, 2024)

⌘ Pray that God will give wisdom to regulatory authorities, schools and parents to combat the cigarette card game through a concerted effort. May the tobacco control authorities step up enforcement and gradually change the smoking culture in China, so that children can grow up in a smoke-free environment.

Tuesday



Preaching the Gospel

“My co-workers and I are evangelizing to different cultures in ethnic minority areas focusing on local university students. We go to nearby villages preaching the gospel to the students who return to home during summer holidays. Most of them are ethnic minorities, and it is not easy. Our preaching is not working satisfactorily. We then have collaborated with local churches. This has eased the problem. Our bittersweet encounter has enabled us to experience Paul's suffering and joy. We are happy because we are working for God. God guides people and prepares their hearts. Gospel seeds have been sown. Pray that the good news will be preached in the region to bless more people.”

(A Brother)

⌘ Thank God for the passion and hard work of the brother and his co-workers for evangelism. May God continue to use their stories to bless more people and change their lives.

Stabilization of Oil Prices

China's National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) has announced that based on recent oil prices in the international market and in accordance with the current pricing mechanism for refined oil products, the prices of domestic gasoline and diesel fuel have been reduced by RMB145 and RMB140 per tonne respectively, with effect from November 6 this year. The drop in oil prices has reduced travelling costs. Since 2024, China's retail oil prices have been adjusted 22 times, including nine upward adjustments, nine downward adjustments and four shelves. After the US election, some analysts suggest that there is a higher probability of a moderate interest rate cut by the US Federal Reserve, but the global economy is still facing challenges. Oil prices are under pressure, while U.S. reserve collection and the stable oil demand in China may bring benefits.

(“China News”, November 6, 2024)

⌘ Pray that the Lord will guide the decision-makers to ease the burden on people and enterprises by keeping oil prices steady. Pray for the global economic situation and the challenges of energy supply. May the Lord give people wisdom to bring lasting peace and prosperity.

Wednesday



Be strong in the Lord

“My husband's business lost a lot of money due to the epidemic a few years ago. He was depressed and did not want to pray. I was so worried about his growth in God. But thank God that I listened to a program on Radio Liangyou during that period learning ways to accompany, help, encourage and comfort my husband. Slowly, he became strong again and started looking for a job. We go to church every Sunday and read the Bible together. Our child has kept praying for his/her father for years, encouraging him to trust in Jesus. Our family has truly experienced God's amazing grace with tears. We are leading a harmonious life happily despite of financial problems because we live in the peace of God.”

(Sister Qin)

⌘ Sister Qin did not give up in times of difficulty, but relied on the Lord helping her husband. They experienced this wonderful guidance from God. May God look after this family.

Child Trafficking

The Guiyang Intermediate People's Court on Friday pronounced death sentence to Yu Huaying who was found guilty of child trafficking and abduction after a retrial. She was stripped of her political rights for life and all her personal assets were confiscated. The verdict was the same as the previous one with some omitted details in the original ruling referring to six more children who were abducted and trafficked, taking the total number of victims to 17. Child abduction cases have seen a decline due to improved social security in recent years. However, there are also new methods to commit crime by making use of training and the internet. Government departments may crack down on the problem and predict the crime trend through advanced technology strengthening departmental co-operation, as well as raise public awareness about child safety.

(“People's Daily”, November 7, 2024)

⌘ May the Lord comfort the parents and children who have been traumatized, and give the government wisdom and strength to continue to combat the crime and prevent tragedies from happening. Pray that different sectors of society will work together for the children who deserve our love and respect.