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OMF (Overseas Missionary Fellowship, formerly China Inland Mission) has a monthly update and daily prayer list regarding the church in China called GCM.

This month's highlight is the heart and experiences of ministry workers (pastors) in China: "Always be a Servant of God." These are without legal protection and bear many difficulties outside of the Three-self system. Many have lost income, their children are out of school, they have been evicted and forced to return to their hometowns, unable to find work or a place to live. Despite their situations, their calling to minister has not changed as God does not change. They continue to be faithful and flexible. The church believes that because Christ left us an example, the church can indeed continue following in His footsteps. There are 30 days of requests; we invite you to read through them and pray as you feel led through this month.

One day (April 17); the request is to pray for couples in ministry who have served together at their churches for many years but who now have to do secular jobs in different locations. May God guard their hearts and minds that even when busy and tired, they will continue to support each other through prayer.

To read the entire article and daily prayer suggestions in English and simplified Chinese, see the following pages.

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Always to be a Servant of God

(1 Peter 2:13-21)

In the past two decades, with the development of Christianity and the planting of churches, there have been a large number of workers in China who have been called and dedicated to serve full-time in different churches and systems. Many have received solid theological education, opportunities to serve the body, and were ordained. Compared with pastors who were ordained after graduating from seminaries organized by the "Three-Self" state system during the same period, these pastors are not inferior in terms of education and pastoring skills, nor in terms of theological thoughtfulness. This has become one of the main driving forces for the development of Christianity in China. The emergence of pastors outside of the state funded Three-self system is an important symbol of the development of Christianity in contemporary China.

However, because they are not in the Three-self system, they do not have any legal protection and often bear the brunt of sanctions and become scapegoats, whenever a movement to cull illegal religious activity is ordered. The pandemic in the past three years has also caused many to lose their source of income as many churches closed. Their families are in trouble: their children are out of school, families evicted from the city where they have been serving and forced to return to their hometowns, they have no medical insurance or social security, and even finding a place to live is difficult. Let's take a look at these three ministers' experiences:

A minister used the scene in Chapter 2 of the Book of Jonah as an example, explaining how he had been swallowed by the fish of society in the past few years, but was not digested by the fish:

He recalled how he left the church that had been forced to disband. Later, in order to maintain a living with his wife and daughter in his hometown, he went out alone, looking for any job so he could "make a living". But when the night falls and all was quiet, he couldn't help but prayed to God who called him. He said that he now understood Jonah's mood when he was praying in the belly of the fish. He found that when he left the church, when he left those whom he shepherded, and struggled to make a living outside of the church, he was just like Jonah crying out to God "from the depths of hell" (Jonah 2:2).

But he also knew who he was, because his calling never faded. From day one, he knew that he was called by God to serve Him full-time. With his wife, they have served for many years and grew with brothers and sisters in the church. However, as situation changed, though he did not try to "escape" like Jonah, he experienced how "The waters closed in over me to take my life" (v5), so he kept saying "I remembered the LORD" (v7). He also mentions that he will not "forsake the Lord who loves and loves himself" (v8), but always remembers to "fulfill the vows he made" (v9).

For the mainland Chinese Church, it is in a special period historically. God is the God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. The minister said: "isn't the current experience just a preparation so as to help us walk difficult paths in the future?" He expressed that Jonah's days in the belly of the fish were limited, and what difficulties he and all the ministers experienced must also be limited. He believes that God still has his good plan for the Chinese Church.

Another scholar/pastor said that he originally thought that the physical church would often become the target of various movements and would be difficult to develop steadily. The internet opened a door for the pastor's voice to be communicated to the flock. However, recent experiences made him realize that the attacks of the evil one do not distinguish between physical or virtual networks, but they corrode the pastors' thoughts through various channels and platforms.

Therefore, in addition to daily devotions, he focused his energy on translating Christian classics. He found that translating them can then accumulate a theological treasure trove for the future Chinese Church. It is also an opportunity for him to ponder every day, to have a deeper understanding of himself and the era he lives in, and to better judge various changes. Although he can only care for his wife and children at home now, and cannot maintain an active church life, but he knows God is powerful. While the growth of Christianity is still in its infancy, this gave him a chance to concentrate on being a theological thinker. It also enabled him to work

together with scholars from different places "with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel" (Philippians 1:27), and together seek appropriate theological solutions for the development of the gospel in China.

A pastor with a migrant worker's background said that when he was still a migrant worker, one day he was suddenly reminded that "fields are white for harvest" and he needed to "send workers to harvest" (John 4:35-36). So he immediately rushed to do so. He went back to his home church to participate in the co-worker's (minister) class, and after graduation, went to the area where the migrant workers were concentrated to establish a gospel station, gradually established a church and continue to plant churches. Finally, they sent out workers to engage in cross-cultural work that has experienced many setbacks in the past twenty years. He has personally witnessed how God put the gospel among Chinese migrant workers, established churches, that reproduced more new churches.

Today, the Migrant Worker Church has disappeared, and the ministers trained over the years have scattered to find suitable jobs to make a living. But like other pastors, although he no longer has the platform—the church, each of their calling has not changed because God does not change. Except for some who found suitable jobs around the church where they were serving and stayed on, they continued to serve the remaining brothers and sisters in small groups and tried to evangelize in a different way, sending cross-cultural workers to serve God in a new location with "self-propagating and self-supporting" methods. This ex-migrant worker church pastor said that leaving the migrant worker environment he was most familiar with and going to a new situation where he needed to learn language and culture from scratch was undoubtedly a major challenge in his life. Building on his own experience, he said that as a cross-cultural worker, "self-propagating" and "self-supporting" are necessary basic skills, but one should not become a "self-governing" worker, but needing a group of believers backing by prayer. It is even more necessary to have a check and balance system, and the "field supervisor" will give supervision and coordination, so as not to fall into temptation. And in season and out of season, always be a faithful servant, "worthy of the calling to which he was called" (Ephesians 4:1).

Since the 1980s, China has experienced a remarkable period of the Gospel spreading, churches being planted, and evangelism seems to be everywhere. Although there have been heresies and interference by public powers during this period, Christianity has been developing steadily. One of the most important reasons is that there have been a large number of local ministers in the past two decades. Many of them are well-trained, have a clear calling, and are thoroughly committed. They have made many contributions in areas such as seeking the indigenization of the church and discussing the role of the Chinese Church in the universal Church. But in recent years, with huge changes in society, the above-mentioned events seem to have quietly left people's minds, and the three years of the pandemic have brought the society to a standstill, making it even more difficult to see the presence of the physical church.

However, the examples of the above three ministers showed us that although twenty years have passed quickly, God has called, prepared and trained a group of pastors. They can be said to be the first generation of pastors and Christian scholars cultivated in China since the 1950s outside of the official system. Their appearance not only laid the foundation for the future development of Christianity in China, but also have them undergo unique training through huge societal changes; circumstances that will undoubtedly impact their future services.

The Apostle Peter warned the church: "Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution...For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God... For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps." (1 Peter 2:13-21)

As the Chinese Church firmly believes that because Christ has left us an example, the Church can indeed continue following in His footsteps.



Prayer Points

1 In April, flowers are blooming everywhere in China, and in the south the rainy season has started. We give thanks for God's protection and that China has begun to move into the post-Covid season. Yet we continue to remember those who are still suffer from post-Covid after-effects.

2 Today is Palm Sunday. Let us pray for churches in China who commemorate Passion Week.

3 In post-Covid China, the Open churches across the country are gradually resuming their Sunday activities. Sunday Schools and other child-orientated activities, however, are not resuming, nor are various fellowship group activities encouraged. This is likely to lead to another wave of house church activity. Pray for brothers and sisters who are willing to open their home for meetings and for challenges ahead of them.

4 This year House churches one after another have resumed their Sunday services. It is understood that some of them have suffered varying degrees of harassment. Pray for church coworkers and for their members

5 Today is Ching-Ming Festival, the traditional day for grave-sweeping. Many Christians and their families come under pressure from their families to participate in traditional rituals at this time. May God grant them wisdom to be a good testimony for Christ.

6 Although China is now a very modern society, new Believers in Christ still face opposition and pressure from traditional cultural practices and other factors. Some have come to faith during the pandemic but have not been baptized yet. Pray they will be able to do so soon.

7 Today is Good Friday. Let us remember Christ's passion along with Christians in China who are in the midst of various trials because of their faith.

8 Today is the Saturday after Good Friday, a day that Christians draw near the Lord. Let us join Christians in China to pour our hearts before Him.

9 Today is Easter Sunday, when we remember Jesus' resurrection. It is a day of celebration and giving thanks to God, for giving us His only

begotten Son to save us from sin. Pray especially for those who will be baptized today. May God bless them richly as they begin to follow Him, and may they experience His faithfulness and guidance.

10 May God set more Christians free spiritually, so they can experience the beauty of His loving presence.

11 National Bureau of Statistics figures show that for the first time in 60 years, the number of employed people in townships and smaller cities has dropped. This reduction hits export-orientated townships especially hard. This unemployment and loss of jobs also hits younger people especially as they are the main workforce. For a middle-aged person who has been able to stay and work in his hometown, now 20 years later, to be forced to leave home alone to find even menial labor – this is a great challenge to his own health as well as to his wife and children. May God have mercy.

12 It is reported that the number of employed persons in townships and smaller cities in 2022 was 8.42 million fewer than in the previous year. Nevertheless, the number of people needing employment in the coastal zones is even greater now, due to the impact of migrant workers returning from elsewhere. Pray for the multitudes who are seeking work, especially those migrants who have returned to their hometowns.

13 According to Shanghai citizens, the post-Covid unemployment situation for young people seems to have worsened and this has caused social concerns. Let us pray that China will be able to move on smoothly through this post-Covid period, so that society will return to pre-pandemic stability and prosperity.

14 Spring is here. In the past, some more wealthy families would usually start planning overseas vacations around this time. However, due to recent changes, not everyone can travel freely this year. Pray for Christians who are planning to join church activities overseas.

15 Today is Saturday. Remember all the Christian families and pray that they'll be able to enjoy a family outing this weekend. Pray both parents and children may experience God's care and love.

16 Today is Sunday. Pray for Christians who are away from home working. Many of them may not be able to enjoy Sabbath but have to continue to work. May the Lord hear their spoken and unspoken prayers.

17 Pray for couples in ministry who have served together at their churches for many years, but who now have to do secular jobs in different locations. May God guard their hearts and minds, that even when busy and tired, they will continue to support each other through prayer.

18 Pray for a rural preacher, L. In God's mercy his wife has recovered from a very serious ailment and is now on the mend. May God's healing hand continue to be upon her.

19 Another preacher, H, requests prayer for his son who recently graduated from college. Pray that the son will continue to grow spiritually and prepare himself to serve in response to God's call.

20 Preacher C asks for prayer for their marriage relationship. Their need for employment forces them to be working in different places but they constantly keep each other in prayer. Even so, in reality there are many temptations and challenges. May they experience God's help to overcome victoriously.

21 Pray for a lady preacher W. Within the past few years, she lost her beloved husband and their only son, leaving behind a new born granddaughter and herself. May God strengthen her in her church ministry and in looking after her granddaughter.

22 Over the past few years and for various reasons, some churches have experienced splits and hurts. The preachers often blame themselves. Pray for them, that they may still believe that God is sovereign in His Church, and that they may experience God's healing and may continue on even better in ministry.

23 Pray for teachers and students who, in God's keeping care, continue to bear witness on campuses. One Christian instructor, upon discovering some fellow believers among the students, immediately formed a very low-key, invitation-only fellowship group. May God preserve such campus fellowships, that they may be able to strengthen each other and share the Gospel as they walk Heavenward.

24 Preacher J left his home town and moved to the city after he got married for the sake of his new family. Now, though, he increasingly feels that he should move his family back to his rural hometown and to his former church. He wants to rejoin other co-workers to revive the church there.. Pray for the way ahead for this family.

25 During the pandemic many faithful workers served wholeheartedly in urban churches. Pray for them and their families as they were under much stress and paid an unimaginably high cost in order to serve. May the Lord reward them and continue to bless them in the days to come that they may be more than overcomers.

26 Let us pray for pastor's wives. May God have mercy on them and grant them divine strength to serve together with their husbands in this complex social and church situation. May they lean on the Lord daily for strength.

27 High school and junior high students who are about to move to the next stage of their education are now in the most pressured period before their final examinations. Pray especially for the Christian students among them to experience God's presence with them even as young people and trust that He has the best plan ahead for their lives.

28 Pray for Christian women teaching graduating classes in the high schools. These sisters tell us that they are praying for their students to get through the exam season smoothly. But they cannot share that they as Christians are praying for their students. They ask us to pray that God would grant them suitable opportunities to share the Good News with these students who are living through the immense pressures of final exams.

29 Some older Christian folk share that after the pandemic they're suffering from some of Covid's after-effects and also have to face many changes in society at large. They feel overwhelmed by all these things and are very unsettled. May God have mercy and grant these old folk a blessed and peaceful old age.

30 Tomorrow is "International Labor Day". Let us remember God's laborers in this land, whether they are pastors or serving in other roles. May they all experience God's work in this season.

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总要做神的仆人



(彼前 2:13-21)

• 在过去近二十年中，随着民间基督教的发展和新教会的不断建立，中国出现了大批蒙恩召献身，在不同的教会和教会系统全时间事奉的传道人。不少奉献者不仅受过良好的神学教育，也经过事奉岗位的历练，然后按着一定的程序按立为牧师。若与同期“三自”系统在各地举办的神学院和函授课程毕业后被按立的牧师们相比，这些民间牧师在学养、事奉态度和技能等方面，不仅一点不逊色，在神学思考、教牧实践等方面更十分出色，成为中国基督教发展的主要动力之一。民间牧师群体的出现，正是当代中国基督教发展的重要标志。

但是，正因为他们是民间的，不仅没有任何法律的保障，而且随着时局的变化，往往又首当其冲，成为正统意识形态所不容的异议人士，不论在生活还是事奉上，常常会遇到许多莫名的压制和打击。过去三年疫情效应的叠加，使得他们当中许多人不仅失去了固定的收入来源，他们的家庭也陷入困境：孩子失学；自己从已经扎根多年的城市被逐离，返回原籍；医保和社保全无，甚至连家庭安置都很困难。

有一位传道人以《约拿书》第二章，约拿在鱼腹中的光景为例，说明自己过去这些年是如何被社会这条大鱼吞噬，却最终没有在那巨大的“鱼腹”中被消化掉的人生经历：

他回忆到自己当初是如何离开已经被迫解散了的教会，之后为了维持妻女在老家的生活，孤身一人去到外地，寻找任何可以“糊口”的工作机会。但每当夜深人静时，又情不自禁地在呼召他的上帝面前祷告。他说现在很能体会约拿在鱼腹中祷告时的心情，因为他自己就是这样祷告的。他发现，当他离开教会，离开所牧养的弟兄姊妹，在一个充满尔虞我诈的底层社会中艰难谋生的时候，简直就像约拿那样“从阴间的深处”向神呼求（约拿书 2:2）。但他又知道自己是谁，因为曾经的呼召从未淡去过。从第一天就知道，自己是上帝在这个时代拣选起来全时间服事祂、服事教会的人。他们夫妇已经同心事奉多年，一起在教会与弟兄姊妹们一同成长。但随着大环境的变化，虽然没有像约拿那样地“逃离”，却亲身体会了“诸水环绕我，几乎淹没我”（v5）的人生滋味，因此在心中不住发出“我想念耶和华”的声音（v7）。他还特别提到，自己不会“离弃怜爱自己的主”（v8），却时时记得要“偿还所许的愿”（v9）。

对于当代基督教会而言，目前正是一个特殊的历史时期，但上帝乃是自有永有，是昨日、今日，直到永远的神。这位传道人表示，如今的历练，岂不是为了更好地走未来更远、也许更加艰难的服事的路吗？他表示，约拿在鱼腹的日子是有限的，自己和这个时代所有蒙召的传道人所经历的也必定是有限的。相信神依然对中国教会会有自己美好的心意。

另一位学者型牧者说，自己原本以为，虽然实体教会往往会成为社会运动的目标，难以稳定的发展，但网上开了一扇门，让牧者的心声可以通过网络传达给神的群羊。但这些年的发展却让他觉悟到，恶者的攻击并不分实体或虚拟网络，而是藉着各种渠道和平台侵蚀到牧者的思想和意念之中。因此，除了每天固定的灵修，他把主要的精力集中在阅读和翻译基督教经典的方向。他发现，翻译经典可以为未来的中国教会累积神学宝库，更是自己每天潜心思考，更深地认识自己和自己所处的时代，更好地判断种种社会变迁的机会。虽然作为牧者，当前的自己只能在家中牧养和陪伴自己的妻子和孩子，无法维持相对固定的教会肢体生活，但神是大能的，在当代中国基督教还在起步阶段，就给他机会，潜心做一个神学思想家，能与其他同样受过严格训练的各地学者们，从不同的角度为“兴旺福音”而“齐心协力”（腓 1:27），一起为福音在中国的发展寻求适当的神学之路。

一位原民工背景的牧师说到，自己当初就是在外出打工的时候，忽然被“庄稼熟了”，需要“打发工人去收割”（约 4:35-36）的经文所提醒，立刻赶回家乡参加教会的工人（传道人）学习班，结业后再到民工最集中的地区建立福音站，逐步建立教会和不断植堂，最后走上差派宣教士从事跨文化宣教的道路。他说，近二十年来，虽然经历过许多的挫折，却亲眼目睹上帝是如何在中国民工群体中遍撒福音种子，建立教会，再到建立宣教型教会的全过程。如今，民工教会已经从地面消失了，这些年来培养起来的传道人也都四散，自谋生计，但他和其他教会牧者一样，虽然失去了公开的事奉平台——教会，但各自所领受的呼召并没有改变，因为上帝没有改变。除了一些能在教会所在地找到合适的工作并继续留下来，以小组和其他形式继续服事留在当地的弟兄姊妹，并以与以往十分不同的方式努力传福音，他与其他人都成为受教会差派的跨文化宣教士，以“自传、自养”的方式去到全新的社会环境中服事神。他说，离开自己最为熟悉的民工环境，去到一个需要从头学习语言和文化的新处境，无疑是他事奉人生中所面对重大的挑

战。结合自身的经历，他表示作为一个跨文化的宣教士，“自传”和“自养”是必要的基本功，但不应该成为“自治”主义者，而是要有一班的弟兄姊妹作为祷告的后盾，更需要有一定的制度，由“工场主任”予以适当的督责和协调，以免使自己落入试探之中。而且不论得时不得时，总要做一个忠心的传道人，“与所蒙的恩召相称”（弗 4:1）。

自上世纪八零年代以来，中国经历过一场令人瞩目的福音广传、教会四起、宣教乍现的时期，虽然期间也曾异端肆扰，公权力干预频繁，但基督教却一直在稳步发展。其中一个重要的原因，就是因为过去二十年来出现了大量的本土传道人。他们当中许多人训练有素，呼召清楚，委身彻底，在寻求教会的本土化发展，以及探讨中国教会在普世教会中的角色和应发挥的作用等领域，都已做出了许多有益的探索。但最近几年，随着社会发生巨大的变化，上述盛况似乎已悄悄地离开了人们的视线，而连续三年的疫情，社会停顿，实体的教会更是难觅其踪。但上述三位传道人的实例却使我们看到，虽然二十年的时间弹指一挥间，上帝却在这么短的时间中，呼召、准备和训练出了一批成熟的教会牧者和传道人。他们可谓是自五零年代以来，中国本土培养出来的第一代民间牧师和基督教学者。他们的出现，不仅对中国基督教的未来发展奠定了基础，而且这些年来外来冲击，也使得他们经受了独特的属灵和社会处境所带来的训练。

使徒彼得曾这样告诫当时的教会：“你们为主的缘故，要顺服人的一切制度，……因为神的旨意原是要你们行善，可以堵住那糊涂无知人的口。你们虽是自由的，却不可藉着自由遮盖恶毒，总要作神的仆人。……你们若因犯罪受责打，能忍耐，有什么可夸的呢？但你们若因行善受苦，能忍耐，这在神看是可喜爱的。你们蒙召原是为为此；因基督也为你们受过苦，给你们留下榜样，叫你们跟随祂的脚踪行。”（彼前 2:13-21）

中国教会确信，正因为基督已经为我们留下了榜样，教会就有能力继续跟随祂的脚踪行。

代祷事项

1 进入四月，中国各地已春暖花开，南方也开始梅雨季节。感谢主的保守和看顾，宏观上，中国已经开始进入后疫情时期。请为迄今依然受到新冠后遗症困扰的人祷告。

2 今天是棕树主日，请为所有举办救主受难周年纪念活动的中国教会祷告。

3 自疫情告一段落，中国各地的公开教堂也逐步恢复部分主日活动，但没有主日学和任何与信仰有关的孩童活动，也不鼓励设立不同的团契。客观上，这会导致另一波家庭教会四起的社会现象。请为有意开放家庭，建立固定和移动聚会点的肢体，以及他们将要面对的挑战祷告。

4 自今年以来，陆续有家庭教会恢复例常的主日聚会，但也传出不少教会受到不同程度的干扰。请为教会同工和弟兄姊妹们祷告。

5 今天是清明节。每当此时，不少基督徒和他们的家庭都会受到不同来自传统文化和家族惯例的信仰压力。求主给这些受压的基督徒及家庭智慧，能为主做美好的见证。

6 虽然中国社会在很多方面已经走向现代化，但当一个人立志信耶稣时，却依然会受到来自传统文化和其他方面的抵触和诸多压力。请为在疫情以来，听闻福音而立志信主的人，尤其是因为疫情而延误受洗时间的人，能尽快受洗而祷告。

7 今天是耶稣受难节，请与中国各地正处在各种信仰试炼中的基督徒一同祷告，纪念救主耶稣基督的受难。

8 今天是受难节后的周六，也是基督徒在安息中亲近主的日子。请与众中国基督徒一同在主面前倾心祷告。

9 今天是救主从死里复活的日子，是普天同颂、感恩上帝赐下独生爱子、救人脱离灭亡的大日子。

请特别为今日，在不同教会中受洗的基督徒祷告，求主祝福他们，在未来跟随主的道路上，更多经历上帝的信实和带领。

10 求主让更多的中国基督徒今天能在灵里获得释放，经历有主同在的美好。

11 据国家统计局发布的数字表明，中国城镇就业人口 60 年来首次出现减少。一些以出口贸易为主的城镇就业问题更加严重。由于城镇就业人口以中青年为主，因此失业对他们的冲击更加明显。一个过去一直在家乡城镇工作的中年人，不得不在二十年后，再次独自一人远离家乡去做基础劳工。对他自己的健康，以及妻儿家小都是一个巨大的挑战。求主怜悯。

12 据报道，2022 年城镇就业人员，要比 2021 年减少 842 万，受到沿海城市民工退潮的影响，需要在城镇中找寻工作机会的人更多。请为众多寻找工作的人，尤其是返乡民工的再就业问题祷告。

13 据上海市民反映，疫情开放后，年轻人的失业情况更加严峻，已呈现出社会问题。祷告中国能平稳度过这个后疫情阶段，社会各方面能尽早回到疫情前相对稳定和繁荣的状态。

14 春天已经来到，往年此时，一些经济条件较好的家庭会计划海外旅行。受制于各方面条件和要求的变化，今年普通中国人出境自由行并不乐观。请为一些计划赴海外参与教会活动的基督徒祷告。

15 今天是周末，求主特别纪念各地的基督徒家庭，能在美好的周末郊游、亲子活动中，大人小孩一同领受上帝的眷爱和看顾。

16 今天是主日，请特别纪念那些外出打工的基督徒，他们大多数人不能因为信仰而享有主日，需要持续工作。求主垂听他们在今天有声和无声的祷告。

17 请为一些原同心在教会配搭服事，如今却不得不分别在不同地点打工的传道夫妇祷告。求主保守他们的心怀意念，能在各自繁忙与劳累中彼此常常用祷告相互托住。

18 请继续为 L 姓的农村传道人祷告，蒙主怜悯，他妻子已经从重病中被挽回，如今逐步康复中。求主继续医治。

19 一位 H 姓的农村传道人请大家为他大学毕业不久的儿子祷告，能在信仰上更有追求和长进，预备自己在上帝呼召的岗位上服事主。

20 一位 C 姓的农村传道人请大家为他们夫妻关系祷告。虽然为了打工不得不天各一方，双方也常常彼此记念，但现实中却要面对许多的试探和挑战。请为这位传道人能靠主得胜代求。

21 请为一位 W 姓的女传道人祷告，过去几年中先后失去了挚爱的丈夫和唯一的儿子，只留下她和初生的孙女。这位传道人如今还坚持在自己的服事岗位上，求主加添她服事教会和照顾孙女的力量。

22 请记念那些最近几年因各种原因造成教会分裂或破碎而自责的传道人。让他们相信上帝依然在教会中执掌王权，也让他们能经历主的医治，更好地走前面继续服事的道路。

23 请记念那些蒙神保守，在校园中为主做见证的老师学生。有一个学校的基督徒老师发现有基督徒学生后，立刻低调成立了不公开的团契。求主保守这样的校园团契，能在复杂的校园环境中彼此建立，同走天路，传扬福音。

24 一位 J 姓的传道人表示，自己结婚以后，为了家庭离开家乡，来到城市生活，但如今越来越有感动，要举家迁回农村老家，重回当年的教会，

与其他同工，一起为兴旺老家的教会而努力。请为这个家庭前面事奉的道路祷告。

25 请记念那些疫情期间，依然在教会忠心服事主的同工，以及他们的家庭。为了能持续在已经转变形态的教会继续服事，他们付出了很多外界难以想象的代价，并承受许多压力。求主亲自报答并祝福他们在接下来的年日中，继续靠主得胜有余。

26 请记念在不同地区和不同教会参与服事的师母们，求主怜悯并加添她们属天的力量，在复杂的社会和教会环境中，持续与丈夫同行，天天靠主继续服事的道路。

27 今年应届的高中和初中生们已经进入毕业和升学考试最紧张的预备期，请特别为其中基督徒孩子们祷告，让这些青年学生在年轻的时候就能经历主的同在，并相信主已经为他们预备了最好的人生道路。

28 请为在高中和初中毕业班工作的基督徒老师们祷告。有老师反映，她们正在为班级中的孩子们能安然度过这个考试期祷告，但又不能公开以自己的基督徒身份为学生们祷告。她们要求代祷：上帝能给她们合适的机会，向这些生活在巨大考试压力下的学生们传福音。

29 据一些退休的基督徒老人反映，疫情以后，除了有不同程度的新冠后遗症，还要面对新的社会环境的变化，使得他们觉得难以应付，因此感到不安。求主怜悯，带领这些老人们能有一个蒙恩和平静的晚年生活。

30 明天是“国际劳动节”，记念所有上帝在那片土地上的工人，不论他们是牧者还是在其他服事岗位上，都能一同经历上帝在这时代的作为。