

PRAYER POWERLINES

"SOLID, LASTING MISSIONARY WORK IS DONE ON OUR KNEES." - J.O. FRASER

"Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always," (1 Chronicles 16:11).

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SUNDAYS • God's heart for the Tai Yuan people

Join believers who are uniting in prayer on behalf of the Tai Yuan, a minority group spread across four Southeast Asian nations. Pray that God's people would understand the depth of his heart for this group and join him in seeing opportunities for making his love known to them.

MONDAYS • Tai Yuan believers growing in faith

Pray that Tai Yuan believers would be encouraged in their walk with Christ and would grow in steadfastness and faith. Also pray that believers would develop a close relationship with the Lord and that the joy of the Lord may indeed be their strength.

TUESDAYS • Sharing the gospel with extended family

Pray for local believers to persevere in their witness among relatives. Pray for local believers to have wisdom to know how to honor their parents in the context of different beliefs. Pray that God's goodness and power would be understood more fully by believers and also their family and friends.

WEDNESDAYS • Transforming lives and communities

Pray for righteousness to pervade all levels of Tai Yuan society, especially in industry. Pray for creative solutions for those who struggle day to day in poverty. Pray for the hope and transformation available in Jesus to reach people in all levels of society. Pray for believers to live out the truth and love of Jesus vibrantly.

THURSDAYS • Building relationships and understanding

Among the Tai Yuan, the gospel is not only preached in words, but lived out as an expression of the power of Christ. Intentional relationship building, radical hospitality and living incarnation among the Tai Yuan go a long way in drawing them a step closer to recognizing that Christ is the Lord of all. Pray for eyes to be opened to see that Jesus is Lord of all.

FRIDAYS • Opening eyes and hearts

Many of the Tai Yuan enjoy their lives. Yet there seems to be a wall keeping the Tai Yuan from coming to Christ. There are likely many factors: cultural, societal, and yes, spiritual. The barriers are very real, and only through prayer will we see God begin to take those walls down. Ask God to open the eyes and hearts of the Tai Yuan people just as the eyes of Paul were opened to see Christ.

SATURDAYS • Pray for more workers

Praise God for over a dozen applicants participating in the U.S. Candidate Course in June. These applicants need much wisdom discerning God's call on their lives. Pray for the Candidate staff as they guide applicants through the training, answering dozens of questions, and making decisions regarding approval and acceptance as new appointees.



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God works through praying people

Thank you for joining us as we intercede on behalf of the Tai Yuan people.

Who are the Tai Yuan?

The Tai Yuan are part of the larger Tai ethnic people group family with related languages, spread across four Southeast Asian nations. In Thailand, where they number over six million, they are known as the *Northern Thai* or as the *Khon Mueang* as they call themselves. They are mainly Buddhist with underlying animistic beliefs and practices and have been resistant to the Gospel for many generations.

Despite the Tai Yuan church beginning over 150 years ago, less than 1% of the Tai Yuan are Christian today. Some Tai Yuan leaders have found that a fruitful way to minister is for local believers to establish Christian groups in their communities that will then positively influence society.



God at Work

Praise God for stories like this one, demonstrating answers to prayer. Auntie Siriphon is a 65-year-old Tai Yuan lady who has two daughters and one son. Sometime after she had her children, she shaved her hair and went into the temple to be a nun to flee from a difficult family situation. She spent twenty years in the temple, seeking to find the way of redemption.

Every day, she participated in the religious life of the temple, chanting and meditating, until one day, her son got arrested for illegally working abroad. She was deeply disappointed; why was her labor of twenty years in the temple unable to bless her child? She decided to leave the temple and return to society, living closer to where her son relocated so she could help him through difficult times.

As her son's situation gradually improved and his new career started to take off, she returned to her hometown to work in a massage shop. The store next to the massage shop was selling pesticides, and the owner was a local Christian. Auntie Siriphon liked the owner of this store very much; she thought he was very nice and different from everyone else in the village. He invited Auntie Siriphon to come to the church services. When Auntie Siriphon heard the gospel, she decided to follow Jesus. She said that she had encountered true life and found the way of redemption.

Our God is almighty, calling people to himself. Pray that Tai Yuan people will seek truth and that they will be found by the heavenly Father. Pray for boldness in Tai Yuan followers of Jesus to tell their neighbors that they are children of God.



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