

2024

# 10 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE TAI YUAN PEOPLE



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## INTRODUCTION

We are thrilled to have you journey with us March 1-10, as we spend the next ten days focused on prayer for the Tai Yuan. Thank you for taking time to intercede on behalf of the Tai Yuan – nearly 8 million people, one of the largest unreached people groups in the world. Predominantly Buddhist, the Tai Yuan have stayed unreached for many generations. We are asking God for breakthrough and salvation to come to these beautiful people.



**When Jesus saw the crowds of people there, he went up on a hill and sat down. His followers came and sat next to him. Then Jesus began teaching the people.**

(Matthew 5:1-2, ESV)

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## DAY 1

- Pray for the Tai Yuan people to not look to their history or wealth as a source of pride.
- Pray for an interest in and a vision of life beyond this present earth.
- Pray for young Tai Yuan Christians to see that humility is of greater value than worldly values of wealth and power.

**Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**  
(Matthew 5:3, ESV)



**Blessed are those  
who mourn, for they  
shall be comforted.**

(Matthew 5:4, ESV)

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## DAY 2

- Pray for the many Tai Yuan children who don't get the attention and love they need due to broken families or parents working elsewhere.
- Pray for young people who see all this brokenness and don't know how to make it better. Some young people are discouraged about getting married, because they don't have good role models.
- There are demographic issues that cause high pressure on the younger generation: Thailand has the highest suicide rate of young people in Southeast Asia. Pray for young people to search for and to find comfort and hope in God.
- Pray for elderly Tai Yuan people who often don't really have a pension. Pray especially for those who don't have family to support them and therefore live in poverty.



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## DAY 3



**Blessed are the meek, for they  
shall inherit the earth.**

(Matthew 5:5, ESV)

- Pray for Tai Yuan Christians to have humble hearts and act humbly in order to be good witnesses for Christ amongst their family and friends.
- Pray for Tai Yuan Christians to know and understand that meekness doesn't mean weakness or tolerating what is wrong, but that it is strength under control, and that God will reward the meek with the inheritance of His Kingdom.
- Pray that God will open the eyes of non-Christians among the Tai Yuan to see the meekness of Christ through the lives of Christians.



**Blessed are those who  
hunger and thirst for  
righteousness, for they  
shall be satisfied.**

(Matthew 5:6, ESV)

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## DAY 4

- Pray for the Tai Yuan to long and seek after truth. Pray that they wouldn't blindly go with the traditions and customs of their ancestors, but would seek for what is eternally true.
- Pray that the lie, commonly believed in Thailand, that Christianity is only for foreigners would be shown to be false, dismantled and brought to nothing. May the Tai Yuan see that the righteousness which comes from Jesus is for all the nations, including themselves.
- Pray for a complete filling of righteousness that comes from Jesus, that Tai Yuan Christians would not feel the need to add to their salvation by merit making, but would fully trust in Christ's merit for them on the cross.



**Blessed  
are the  
merciful,  
for they  
shall  
receive  
mercy.**

(Matthew 5:7,  
ESV)

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## DAY 5

- Thank God for the value placed upon being merciful that already exists in Tai Yuan culture. Pray for God's mercy to flow in the context of cultural and relational demands and expectations, and for mercy to triumph over the fatalism that believes that what you receives in this life is simply what you deserve due to misdeeds in this or previous lives.
- The Buddhist maxim *Do good to receive good* is a key motivator driving people to do acts of mercy and kindness in the hopes of receiving blessings in this life and good karma for the next. Pray that Tai Yuan people would come to know God as the source of mercy freely given through Jesus, and that they would be freed from the burden of earning spiritual favour, so that their merciful acts may flow from gratitude for God's mercy to them.
- Debt and the demands of creditors hold many in bondage and relations where there is little mercy. Pray for God's mercy to touch and transform the lives of those caught in cycles of debt and the tangle of desperation, survival, and greed that drives it. Pray for mercy to triumph in many ways.





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## DAY 6

- Pray for the nearly 8 million Tai Yuan who don't yet believe in Jesus to be made pure in heart by Christ's cleansing blood.
- Pray that many Tai Yuan would be convicted by the Holy Spirit of their sin and lack of purity of heart, and that they would see God the Father in the face of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the small Tai Yuan church to be cleansed by the blood of Jesus where sin has crept in. Pray for repentance and purity of heart for entire churches.
- Pray especially for the endemic sins of pride as well as sexual immorality to be broken in the church.

**Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see God.**

(Matthew 5:8, ESV)

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## DAY 7



**Blessed are the  
peacemakers,  
for they shall  
be called sons  
of God.**

(Matthew 5:9, ESV)

- Pray that Tai Yuan would experience God's equipping to find peace while also speaking truth to each other. The Matthew 18 approach of admonishing and resolving conflict within the church is very counter-cultural but is an important element of church health.
- Pray that God will bring unity and peace to the churches across North Thailand, and that the Tai Yuan will be an arm of the church across Thailand that seeks peace amongst their brothers and sisters.
- Pray against gossip, which is rife in so many churches, and that God would bring His healing peace, leading others to graciously show mercy just as God has shown us all mercy.
- Pray for wisdom from the Holy Spirit to reveal healthy, Biblical ways of fostering peace within Tai Yuan families, churches, and entire cities despite differences of opinion, long-term resentment, and sin which plagues churches world-wide.



**Blessed are those  
who are persecuted  
for righteousness'  
sake, for theirs is the  
kingdom of heaven.**

(Matthew 5:10, ESV)

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## DAY 8

- Pray for open doors to the gospel among Buddhist family members of Tai Yuan Christians. Even though there are communities where Christians have a good reputation, there often is silent persecution in the form of opposition towards Christians events with other believers and participating in Christian worship.
- Pray that Christian communities will be allowed to have their own separate cemeteries in cases where they are not allowed to use the communal cemeteries. Many villages and village heads oppose Christians using or purchasing land for Christian cemeteries.
- At most schools, students are expected to participate in Buddhist ceremonies as part of school life. Pray for wisdom for Christian families in how to navigate this issue.




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## DAY 9

► Pray for Tai Yuan believers whose relatives criticize them when they believe in Jesus, that these believers may stand firm in their faith and continue to have loving actions and gentle answers in response.

► Pray for those Tai Yuan people who insult and look down on the Christian faith, that God will restrain them and give them a change of heart.



**Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.**

(Matthew 5:11-12, ESV)



**You are the salt of the earth.  
You are the light of the  
world. A city set on a hill  
cannot be hidden.**

(Matthew 5:13a,14, ESV)

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## DAY 10

- Pray that Christians in the Tai Yuan church will be salt and light in their communities and beyond, and that they may be free from hidden sin, passivity and laziness.
- Pray that Christian leaders and church members will maintain the vision of participating in the Great Commission, and be a light in their villages, cities, districts, and in the mountainous provinces.
- Pray that Tai Yuan people will open their hearts to receive Jesus Christ as their Savior.
- Pray that Tai Yuan people find true happiness in receiving Jesus Christ.
- Pray that God will protect those who go out and preach Jesus Christ.

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## PRAYING ON

Thank you for your faithful prayer for the Tai Yuan people for the last ten days. If you want to pray for the work among the Tai Yuan on a regular basis, please join our "Faithful 500" prayer group. When you sign up, you will receive weekly prayer points from the Tai Yuan team. Also if you have any feedback or ideas to make things even better next time, please be in touch!

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**In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.**

(Matthew 5:16, ESV)