

2025

# 10 DAYS OF PRAYER

FOR THE TAI YUAN PEOPLE



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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2025 10 Days of Prayer for the Tai Yuan” from April 1-10! We come in expectant anticipation of what the Lord is going to accomplish as we spend the next ten days focused on prayer for the Tai Yuan. Consisting of nearly 8 million people, the Tai Yuan are one of the largest unreached people groups in the world. This predominantly Buddhist people has stayed unreached for many generations. We are asking God for breakthrough and salvation to come to these people who are precious in His sight. May they come to know salvation through the Lamb who was slain for the sins of the world, including theirs. May they experience the authority and power of the One who sits on the throne as King of kings and Lord of lords acting on their behalf. May they be tended gently by the Good Shepherd, full of grace and compassion, who leads each one to drink His living water that flows to eternal life, and wipes every tear from the eyes of His children in every situation and struggle. May His glory and grace draw many Tai Yuan to life in Him!



**For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes**

(Revelation 7:17, ESV)



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## OUTREACH DAY 1

One afternoon, a group of believers travelled to a new church plant. The purpose was to encourage two of the lay leaders. Using the Great Commission passage to share God's heart, the group asked the lay leaders, "If Jesus was to visit this village today, how would He feel?" The lay leaders replied, "Jesus would be sad, because we have only tried to live as good examples for our neighborhoods to see, but we have only gone out to share the Gospel once."

"Would you like to go out and share the Gospel this afternoon?" asked the visiting group. After some thought, the lay leaders said, "Yes."

As they walked through the village, they talked to an older lady and a young couple. The older lady said she recently encountered many problems and felt lonely, but because of the visit, she felt God's love and wanted to return to church again. The young couple, hearing the Good News of Jesus for the first time, eagerly accepted Christ. The group of believers all went home rejoicing, eager to share the Good News again on another day.

► Pray that Tai Yuan believers would not be satisfied with just living a life of being "salt and light" in their villages but will also proclaim the Gospel with words.

► Pray that the Great Shepherd will guide the Tai Yuan churches to know how to disciple new believers and do follow-up with those who are interested in the Gospel.

► As churches begin to go out to share the Gospel, disunity and various problems follow. Pray for protection and unity over the churches.

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## WORK DAY 2



- ▶ Pray for Naam's faith to continue to grow, and that she would lead others in her family to experience God's provision and care in equal measure.
- ▶ Pray that as Tai Yuan seekers pray for God's provision and see God's authority through answered prayer they would come to believe and trust Him.

Our house helper has been with our family part-time since 2018. At the time we were looking for a helper, she was looking for new work. Just that week, she had stumbled into a church down the road from her house, having recently becoming disillusioned with Buddhism which she found "boring" and ineffective. Her father was a believer in Jesus and her mother a strong Buddhist, but Naam had rejected God when her father abandoned her family for a new woman when she was a teenager. However, the same week she walked into a local Christian church, she prayed for new work.

The very next day, she had an encounter with one of her customers, a Thai friend of ours who shared with her our need, and Naam has been with us ever since. This experience—and God's perfect timing—confirmed to her God's care and provision for her and she's been walking faithfully with Him since then. Naam shared the great encouragement of seeing God's hand in providing work and spiritual discipleship at the same time.

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## CHURCH DAY 3

Bee grew up in a Christian family and in the local church. He loves the Lord, and as he grew up he was very active in church. After graduating from university he received a job offer as a coffee shop manager. The only disadvantage of this job was that he had to work from Tuesday to Sunday every week and could no longer attend church. He took the job, as he could still listen to sermons and worship on YouTube. After a few years Bee realized that his faith had become increasingly weak and he often felt depressed. One day, a new friend invited him to a church that meets on Thursday evenings. After initially hesitating, Bee began attending the evening church and has experienced how God brought new joy and strength into his life by having a church and Christian community to strengthen him in his faith.

- ▶ Pray for young working professionals, many of whom need to work on Sundays too, which makes it hard for them to attend church. Pray for existing churches to find ways to support and engage with these people.
- ▶ Pray that young workers will have a heart for learning more about God even if they cannot attend church weekly, and that they can be a good testimony in their workplaces.
- ▶ Many young people struggle with depression. Pray for God's healing and wisdom in work-life balance.

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## RESTORATION DAY 4

For many Tai Yuan young people, life feels like an unending cycle of waking, working or studying, and going back to sleep. To break the monotony, many turn to socializing over food and drinking beer or whiskey — often, a lot... Alcohol frequently becomes a way to numb the pain of daily life. The rise of digital technology has also made available many ways to seek distraction from the pain of life, but often at the cost of healthy relationships. But Jesus wants to bring restoration, as it says in the book of Revelation: *He will guide them to springs of living water.*

- Pray for young Tai Yuan people to find freedom from reliance on substances or distractions to numb their pain, and the courage to seek and engage in healing, life-giving relationships and activities.
- Pray that young people would encounter Christ, the true source of joy, hope, and meaning, and drink deeply from the springs of Living Water. May they come to know the abundant life that only He gives.



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## HALF-BELIEVING DAY 5

A young Tai Yuan woman works in the city, forgoing university due to life's demands. She shoulders responsibilities far beyond her years, caring for her younger sister, father, stepmother, and now her biological mother, who recently moved in as well.

In high school, she encountered Christianity and considered becoming a believer. However, fearing conflict with her mother, she set aside her faith journey. Years later, she worked with Christians whose love, joy, and peace left a deep impression on her. She noticed a striking contrast between their lives and the lives of those without faith.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, moments of prayer brought her a sense of God's presence. Simultaneously, she embraced self-improvement through life coaching, drawing from books, podcasts, and videos to strengthen her mindset.

Now, she describes herself as "half-believing" in God, recognizing His possible existence yet relying primarily on her own determination to shape her life.

- Pray for the younger generation, who often place their trust in self-reliance, to have personal, life-changing encounters with God.
- Pray for Christians to be loving and wise witnesses, effectively reflecting Christ in their relationships with non-believers.
- Pray for this young woman and her family to come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.



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### RESPONSES DAY 6

"I'm willing to accept Jesus, but only half-half. I have other gods I worship also."

"I'm interested in the story of Jesus, but I can't change religions because my son won't let me."

"I can't follow Jesus. That's the religion of the foreigner and I'm a Thai person."

These responses reflect some of the major obstacles in the hearts of the Tai Yuan. Each of these responses came from Tai Yuan in the Maetha district of Lamphun Province. Satan has blinded the eyes of unbelievers so that they cannot see the truth and believe. Only the Lord can work regeneration into the hearts of the Tai Yuan. Only the Word working by the Spirit can tear down the lies of the enemy that have been built up in the Tai Yuan for generations and generations. The Lord is willing and able to lead them to springs of living water.

- ▶ Pray for missionaries and local Christians to faithfully proclaim the Gospel in the face of the enemy's lies.
- ▶ Pray for God to tear down the arguments and high things which exalt themselves against the knowledge of God.
- ▶ Pray that existing Tai Yuan Christians would bring every thought captive to obey Christ.



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## COHESION DAY 7

- ▶ Please pray for whole families and extended families and communities to come to know Jesus and salvation in Him.
- ▶ Pray for those who are drawn to Jesus, but face fear of how following Him will separate them from family and community. Pray they would find courage to embrace Jesus and live in step with the Spirit among their people.
- ▶ Pray for believers to discover how to live out their faith in a distinctively Tai Yuan way.

A Tai Yuan lady, in her seventies, dressed comfortably but tastefully, sat on a teak wood bench looking at the orchids she tended in her retirement. To provide for her family, she had worked as a teacher at a local school founded by protestant missionaries decades before. “It was a wonderful place to work. The atmosphere was so positive. I really loved my job — such a privilege to teach children and be given such a significant role in shaping their lives and characters.”

As she continued to reflect on her working environment at the Christian school, she shared how teachers participated in the chapel services and teachings from the Bible and Christian life. “I considered becoming a Christian. I liked what the Christians taught and how they lived — my heart was drawn to it. I could almost believe, but I didn’t want to cut my children off from their family and community by turning our backs on our Buddhist heritage. So I continued to practice Buddhism.”

The value of family cohesion and community is very strong in Tai Yuan culture and is strongly integrated in Buddhist practices. A common saying is, “To be Thai is to be Buddhist.”



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## DEBT DAY 8

- ▶ Pray for those struggling to make a living, for breakthrough in their situations, for living wages, and for hope.
- ▶ Pray for wisdom in managing finances.
- ▶ Pray for righteousness to be restored in the systems that keep driving the cycle of poverty and financial oppression.
- ▶ Pray that the pull of greed and over-consumption would be broken.

Three motorcycles drew up to the front of a road-side restaurant and parked separately, strategically blocking every path to the road. Getting off his bike, one rider swaggered up to the cook and said, "We've come for our money."

"I don't know what you are talking about," said the cook. "I just moved here with my family and started renting this restaurant last week. We bought the furniture from the previous renter. This is all mine."

The man looked at her skeptically. "Are you sure?"

"Yes," said the restaurateur. "You can talk to the landlord. You must be looking for the previous renter. The landlord mentioned she defaulted on all her payments and fled."

The man took one look around slowly and then said, "If you ever see her again, tell her she needs to pay up or we'll shoot her."

"That said, they got on their bikes and drove off."

Debt is a big issue in Thailand. Not every situation is as dramatic as this one, but credit is easy to come by and the means to repay is difficult to come by, so debt quickly becomes crippling. In the face of debt pressure, desperation drives many to depression, suicide, violence or fleeing the province.

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## CARE DAY 9

An older Tai Yuan lady now in her sixties went to South Thailand when she was in her twenties. While she was there, she married and started a family. Eventually her husband died, and she herself became paralyzed. Through her many difficulties, she came to know Jesus.

After being paralyzed, she moved back to Northern Thailand. Although two of her children live near her, they are unable to care for her. While she was surviving on a small government pension for those with disabilities, she met one of our local teammates who had gone to her village to share the Gospel.

Though this lady became a Christian many years before, she hadn't walked with the Lord for many years. She was so touched at the love and care of the Good Shepherd to bring her back to Him through our local co-worker. She is now a fervent evangelist and loves to share her testimony with neighbors and friends.

► This lady is just one of many older Tai Yuan who have no one to care for them. Many don't have the gift of being a Christian and the care of the Father or the local church. Pray for them to meet the Shepherd Who longs to care for them.

► Pray for more Christians, and the Tai Yuan church as a whole, to love those who are older and lonely and need care.

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## ABANDONED DAY 10

A twelve year old Tai Yuan boy was abandoned by both of his parents after their divorce. He went to live with his elderly grandparents, who took care of him physically, but weren't able to provide for his emotional needs. Eventually his grandfather died and his grandmother was diagnosed with dementia. This young boy became increasingly closed off to the world, as he was often bullied and had little support at home.

Three of our co-workers went to his village one day and shared the Gospel with his family. This twelve year old boy was immediately interested in the unconditional love they talked about. Over time, and with much love and care by the local Christians, this young boy came to faith. He is now a growing Christian who joyfully follows Jesus.

Unfortunately, this is a common situation in rural Tai Yuan families that due to financial pressures, families are often separated and broken. Children are left in the village without their parents to care for them.

- Pray for Tai Yuan families who are broken and separated, to receive the healing that only the Holy Spirit can give.
- Pray for change in Tai Yuan society, particularly when it comes to dealing with finances and family separation.
- Pray for the elderly and children in villages to hear the Gospel and for transformation to come on a community and societal level.

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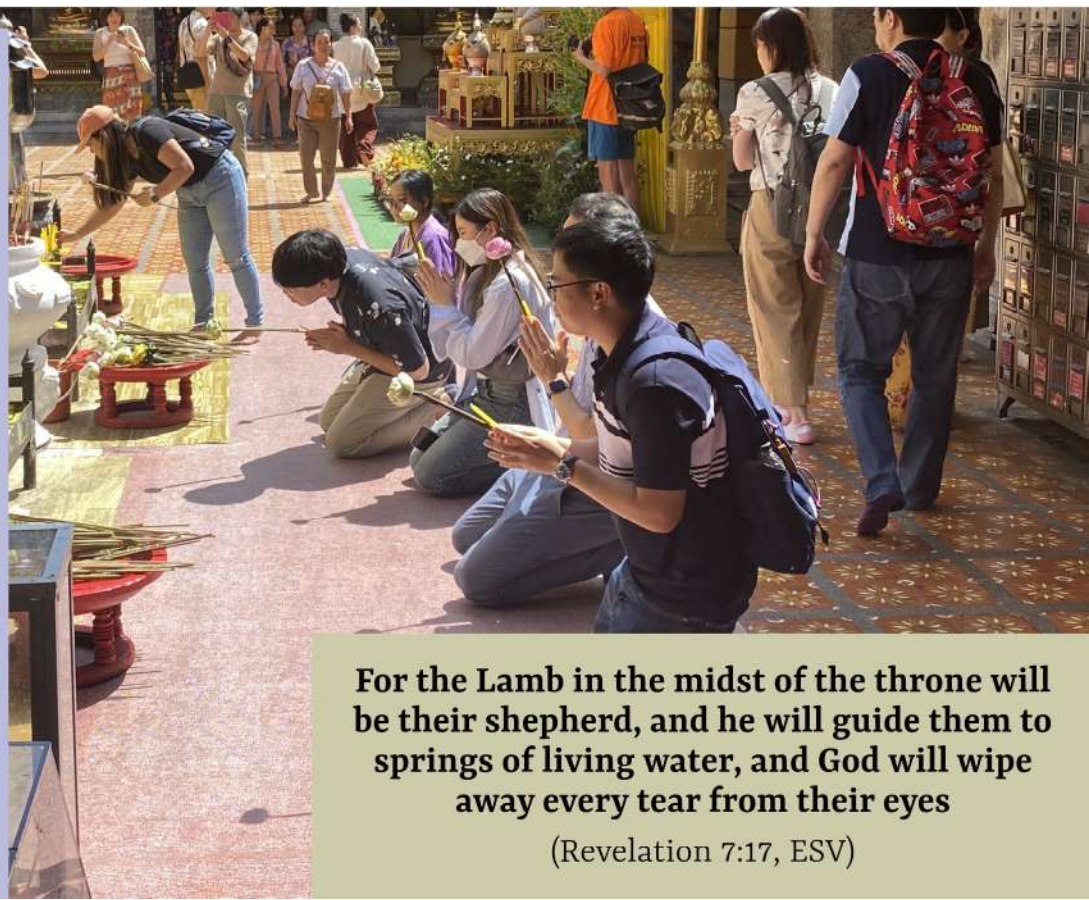


### PRAYING ON

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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