



30-Day Prayer Guide for Baozhong Township's Taiwanese Working Class People (Yunlin County, Taiwan)

Daily Scripture Reading and Prayer Focus

Day 1 — Luke 1:11-20

An angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and overcome with fear. But the angel said to him: Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. There will be joy and delight for you, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord and will never drink wine or beer. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit while still in his mother's womb. He will turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God. And he will go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to make ready for the Lord a prepared people. "How can I know this?" Zechariah asked the angel. "For I am an old man, and my wife is well along in years." The angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and tell you this good news. Now listen! You will become silent and unable to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their proper time."

Just like Zechariah, after many disappointments, it is easy to begin to believe the blessing will never come. Pray that those who are sharing the gospel with working class Taiwanese people in Baozhong Township will believe it is the Lord's desire to save all nations including the Taiwanese. Pray that those with a burden for the Taiwanese working class people will not give up hope that there will be a harvest.

Day 2 — Luke 1:21-25

Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, amazed that he stayed so long in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them. Then they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept making signs to them and remained speechless. When the days of his ministry were completed, he went back home. After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived and kept herself in seclusion for five months. She said, "The Lord has done this for me. He has looked with favor in these days to take away my disgrace among the people."

Pray that when the Spirit of God moves and things begin to happen, the Christian workers will remember where the blessing has come from and praise Him.

Taiwanese working class in Baozhong Township, like other people, were all created by God to worship Him. Only God can reveal Himself to people. Only God can save people. Only God can give them courage to make a different choice than those around them. When they do believe, God deserves all the credit and praise.

Day 3 — Luke 1:38

"I am the Lord's slave," said Mary. "May it be done to me according to your Word." Then the angel left her.

Christian workers and Christian believers need to join God in what He is doing, not ask God to join them in what they are doing. Pray that each one will submit to our Father with humility and awe.

Pray that He would use many different people to fulfill his plans to bring salvation to the Taiwanese working class people residing in Baozhong Township.

Day 4 — Luke 1:76-79

And child, you will be called a prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways, to give His people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins. Because of our God's merciful compassion, the Dawn from on high will visit us to shine on those who live in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Pray that God will use Christian believers to prepare the way for the Lord to enter the hearts of the Taiwanese working class people living in Baozhong.

Like John the Baptist Christian workers need the filling and empowering of the Holy Spirit to accomplish this. Pray that God's Spirit will help those sharing the gospel to have both boldness and wisdom as they testify for Christ.

Day 5 — Luke 2:15

When the angels had left them and returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go straight to Bethlehem and see what has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

Pray that the Taiwanese working class people in Baozhong Township will desire to come and see what the Lord has done. Pray for God to reveal Himself and His salvation to many residents so they will have curiosity to seek the One who can truly save them.

Day 6 — Luke 2:17

After seeing (them), they reported the message they were told about this child.

Pray that the individual residents of Baozhong Township will hear, receive, and spread the word about Jesus.

Pray for believers in the cities to have many opportunities to share the gospel when they return to the countryside to visit family and friends.

Day 7 — Luke 2:20

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had seen and heard, just as they had been told.

Pray that the Taiwanese people from Yunlin County, particularly those from Baozhong Township, will return to their own people and neighborhoods glorifying and praising God. Pray that God will use their presence and the praise of their mouths to bring glory to Jesus as He pushes back the darkness to bring salvation to many people.

Day 8 — Luke 3:6

"And everyone will see the salvation of God."

Pray that all mankind will see God's salvation. Praise God that His salvation is available to all who call on the name of Jesus to be saved. Pray that the Taiwanese working class in Baozhong Township will not delay in receiving God's salvation.

Day 9 — Luke 3:16

John answered them all, "I baptize you with water, but One is coming who is more powerful than I. I am not worthy to untie the strap of His sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Pray that the residents of Baozhong Township will be willing to listen to those sharing the gospel with them. Pray that they will not only respect the messenger, but also seek to experience a relationship with Jesus who is more powerful and can baptize them with the Holy Spirit.

Day 10 — Luke 4:14

Then Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread throughout the entire vicinity.

Pray that the news about Jesus would spread throughout the whole countryside around Baozhong Township. Pray that it will be thought about and talked about by all the people.

Day 11 — Luke 4:38-39

After He left the synagogue, He entered Simon's house. Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Him about her. So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up immediately and began to serve them.

Pray that as the residents of Baozhong Township are healed they will get up and begin to serve Jesus immediately. Pray that their spiritual eyes will be opened so that they are fully aware that such a blessing is given to them through Jesus and only through Jesus.

Day 12 — Luke 5:4-5

When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and let down your nets for a catch." "Master," Simon replied, "we've worked hard all night long and caught nothing! But at Your word, I'll let down the nets."

Pray that those who are Jesus-followers will be obedient and "put out into deep water" whenever the Lord calls them to do so.

Day 13 — Luke 5:6-8

When they did this, they caught a great number of fish, and their nets began to tear. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them; they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, because I'm a sinful man, Lord!"

Pray that when the harvest comes the churches of Baozhong Township will be overwhelmed with humility in the face of God's awesome blessing.

Day 14 — Luke 5:16

Yet He often withdrew to deserted places and prayed.

Pray that Christian believers in Baozhong will develop the habit of withdrawing from the crowds to talk with God and listen to God's voice.

Day 15 — Luke 5:26

Then everyone was astounded, and they were giving glory to God. And they were filled with awe and said, "We have seen incredible things today!"

Pray that the people living in Baozhong will be amazed at God's works and praise Him alone.

Day 16 — Luke 5:27-28

After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax office, and He said to him, "Follow Me!" So, leaving everything behind, he got up and began to follow Him.

Pray that regardless of their occupation, as the residents of Baozhong Township are called that they will get up and follow Jesus leaving behind everything that binds them.

Day 17 — Luke 5:34-35

Jesus said to them, "You can't make the wedding guests fast while the groom is with them, can you? But the days will come when the groom will be taken away from them — then they will fast in those days."

Pray that God's people will fast and pray for the people of Baozhong Township to be saved.

Day 18 — Luke 6:9-11

Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you: is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?" After looking around at them all, He told him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored. They, however, were filled with rage and started discussing with one another what they might do to Jesus.

Pray that both Christian believers and the residents of Baozhong Township will be repentant instead of angry when their sinful attitudes are pointed out.

Day 19 — Luke 6:35-36

But love your enemies, do (what is) good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is gracious to the ungrateful and evil. Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

Pray that the Christian workers and Christian believers will love the people of Baozhong Township no matter how they are treated in return.

Day 20 — Luke 7:18-23

Then John's disciples told him about all these things. So John summoned two of his disciples and sent them to the Lord, asking, "Are You the One who is to come, or should we look for someone else?" When the men reached Him, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to ask You, 'Are You the One who is to come, or should we look for someone else?'" At that time Jesus healed many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and He granted sight to many blind people. He replied to them, "Go and report to John the things you have seen and heard: The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with skin diseases are healed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news preached to them. And anyone who is not offended because of Me is blessed."

When the Lord comes in a way people are not expecting, pray believers in Baozhong Township will not fall away in unbelief.

Day 21 — Luke 7:30

But since the Pharisees and experts in the law had not been baptized by him, they rejected the plan of God for themselves.

Pray that the religious leaders in the Baozhong Township area would not reject God's purposes for them.

Day 22 — Luke 7:41-48

"A creditor had two debtors. One owed 500 denarii, and the other 50. Since they could not pay it back, he graciously forgave them both. So, which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one he forgave more." "You have judged correctly," He told him. Turning to the woman, He said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for My feet, but she, with her tears, has washed My feet and wiped them with her hair. You gave Me no kiss, but she hasn't stopped kissing My feet since I came in. You didn't anoint My head with oil, but she has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; that's why she loved much. But the one who is forgiven little, loves little." Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

Pray that the working class people in Baozhong Township will have a right heart before Jesus and "love much." All the knowledge they can learn about Jesus is worthless if it does not produce a right heart.

Day 23 — Luke 8:15

But the seed in the good ground — these are the ones who, having heard the word with an honest and good heart, hold on to it and by enduring, bear fruit.

Pray that the working class people of Baozhong Township, whether they are believers or considering believing in Jesus, would with good hearts hear, retain, persevere, and produce a harvest.

Day 24 — Luke 9:24

For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of Me will save it.

Pray both the ministry team and the Taiwanese working class living in Baozhong Township will learn to give up their lives for Jesus so that each one can find true life.

Day 25 — Luke 9:62

But Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Pray that new Christians among the residents of Baozhong Township will not turn back and return to trust in the Taoist gods, their ancestors, and their own efforts.

Day 26 — Luke 10:2

He told them: “The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”

Pray that God will send workers to share the good news of the gospel with the farmers, the shopkeepers, the foreign brides, the elderly, and every other segment of Baozhong Township’s society.

Pray that God will send workers from the church in Baozhong Township back into the harvest field. Pray that they will have a burden for the salvation of those living near them as well as those living farther away.

Day 27 — Luke 10:13

“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes!”

Pray that the residents of Baozhong Township will respond to the Lord’s miracles in true repentance.

Day 28 — Luke 10:27

He answered: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.

Pray that the Jesus-followers in Baozhong Township will love the Lord with all their heart soul strength and mind.

Day 29 — Luke 10:30-37

Jesus took up (the question) and said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him, beat him up, and fled, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down that road. When he saw him, he passed by on the other side. In the same way, a Levite, when he arrived at the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan on his journey came up to him, and when he saw (the man), he had compassion. He went over to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him. When I come back I’ll reimburse you for what extra you spend.’ Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” “The one who showed mercy to him,” he said. Then Jesus told him, “Go and do the same.”

Pray that Christian believers will go out of their way to show mercy to the various residents of Baozhong Township. The elderly, those with physical handicaps, the poor, and many others need to experience the love of Jesus.

Day 30 — Luke 10:39

She had a sister named Mary, who also sat at the Lord’s feet and was listening to what He said.

Pray that we (whomever we are) would turn from our busyness and sit at the feet of Jesus.

Jesus came into the world more than 2,000 years ago to reveal God’s plan to bring all people into a right relationship with Himself. But the task is not complete until every nation and every people of every language have heard. (Matthew 24:14)

Ask Jesus what part He desires you to play in completing the unfinished task of loving the lost.

Find out more about the efforts being made to share the gospel with working class Taiwanese residents of Baozhong Township by visiting: www.hiddenintaiwan.org Your participation is welcome!

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