

*Full text of Jinhua's letter to her husband*

August 25, 2026

Dear Mr. Sun:

Happy birthday!

Another year has come around to your birthday. In the past, we could gather and celebrate your birthday together joyfully. Since you were taken away three years ago, we can only celebrate your birthday quietly from a distance. In my heart, I pray for you again and again, entrusting all my longing and blessings to our Heavenly Father. I ask Him to protect your health, soothe all your suffering, and strengthen your faith.

Whenever I sit down to write you a letter, I try to keep my words calm and reassuring, because I want you to set your heart at ease. I always want to appear strong so that you do not have to worry about the family. I will hold down the fort for you.

But after reading the letter you sent this time, I could no longer hold back the sadness and heartache in my heart.

When I heard that you had suddenly lost consciousness for a moment, my heart skipped a beat, and I could not calm down for a long while. I cannot share even a fraction of your suffering. I do not know how much physical pain you have silently endured on your own, or how many nights you've spent overwhelmed by unspoken grievances and helplessness.

Whenever I think of your increasingly stooped back and your pale and frail appearance, sadness overwhelms me.

Outsiders only see your perseverance, but I am the only one who truly understands the silent endurance behind it.

Every time I leave after seeing you, it takes me a long time to pull myself together afterward. My heart aches and longs for you. A storm of emotions swells in my chest, yet I cannot put them into words or let them go. We are husband and wife whose hearts are connected. Every hardship you experience, I feel as though I am experiencing it with you; every bit of pain you endure also weighs heavily on my heart.

Through all these days, I have never stopped praying for you. I earnestly ask the Lord to watch over your health and remove your weakness and illness. When you are physically and emotionally exhausted and have no strength left, may the Lord reach out His hand to support and uphold you. May He strengthen your faith, comfort your heart, and remain by you in every moment when you are without companionship.

*Walking Through Suffering* says:

“God never causes a person to suffer without purpose. He allows us to pass through valleys, through tears, and through the refining of the body—not to abandon us, but to refine us. Suffering may crush human weakness, but it refines faith; though circumstances may seem dark, God’s grace is always sufficient. Many hardships that we cannot understand in the moment will eventually become our most precious testimony. Those days and nights when we gritted our teeth and persevered, those sufferings we endured in silence, will ultimately be transformed by the Lord’s hand into blessings of glory.”

Dear Mr. Sun, I want to tell you that no matter how difficult the road ahead may be, I will always wait for you, stand by you, and be with you.

On your birthday today, my greatest wish is that our Heavenly Father will hear my humble prayer, have mercy on your weakness, bear your burdens, heal your illness, open a way forward for you, and keep His grace.

Jinhua