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PREFACE

In a world that is constantly changing, where distractions are many and our minds are often overwhelmed, the importance of grounding ourselves in mindfulness and wisdom becomes ever more critical

With heartfelt sincerity, I offer this book as a gift to those seeking inner peace, clarity and spiritual growth. This book connects the Buddha's timeless wisdom with contemporary living, providing practical advice that fits into our daily life and supports us in cultivating a calm and balanced mind

The motivation for this book arose from the many individuals I have been guiding and supporting in their meditation journey. This book reflects those experiences, shaped by the teachings of the Buddha and the wisdom of our lineage.

There are two main goals for this book. The first is to unveil the true essence and understanding of meditation that is both approachable and easy to adopt, whether you are just starting or have been practising for years. Grounded in Buddhist teachings, this book is to simplify meditation, making it accessible and practical for anyone in search of inner tranquillity.

Second, it is to promote the growth of mindfulness, compassion and wisdom. These are the qualities that are important not only for spiritual advancement but also for managing the challenges of modern life.

May this book serve as a source of inspiration and direction on your spiritual journey. May it assist you in reconnecting with your true self and living with constant mindfulness and compassion. In doing so, may we all play a part in creating more peace, understanding and kindness in the world.

Venerable Kwang Sheng

在这个瞬息万变、干扰纷繁的世界里,我们经常被各种外在因素影响,使得身心负载过重。我们该如何让自己回归于正念与智慧,这个课题显得愈发重要。

我怀着真挚的心意,将这本书献给那些想要追求内心平和、洞察自我与觉醒智慧的人们。这本书将佛陀的永恒智慧与当代生活紧密结合,提供实用的建议,帮助我们在日常生活中培养平静和谐的心境。

撰写这本书的动力,源自于我多年来对无数静坐参与者的引导与支持。这本书的内容深受佛陀教诲与智慧的启发,同时反映了静坐参与者们的实践经验。

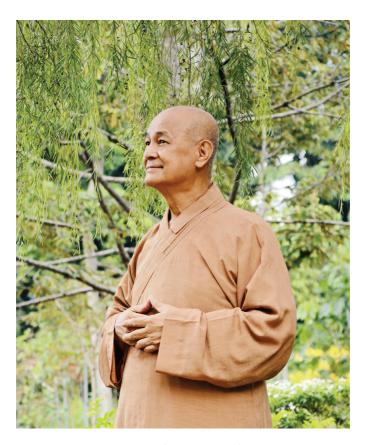
此书有两大主旨。其一,揭示静坐的真正本质与理解,使其既易于接近,又便于融入生活。无论您是初学者或是修行多年的实践者,都能通过本书找到适合自己的方法。以佛法为根基,书中的内容旨在简化静坐的概念,让每一位渴望内

心平和的人,都能轻松掌握并实践静坐。

其二,旨在于弘扬正念、慈悲与智慧的力量。这些核心价值不仅在彻证觉悟的道路上至关重要,也帮助我们能够更好地应对现代生活的种种挑战。

愿此书成为您修行路上的启迪与方向,帮助您重新探寻自我,时刻保持正念与慈悲。愿我们能共同为这个世界带来更多的平和、理解与善意。

广声大和尚



Venerable Sik Kwang Sheng 释广声法师

Venerable Kwang Sheng has been dedicated to the practice of Buddhism since his early years. He was ordained under Venerable Master Hong Choon in 1980. Over the years, to deepen his spiritual cultivation, he embarked on extensive travels across Myanmar, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Japan, and South Korea for further study and practice. He spent four years in an intensive meditation retreat at Songgwangsa Temple in South Korea, strengthening his spiritual foundation and commitment to the path of meditation.

In 1995, Venerable Kwang Sheng was appointed as the supervisor of Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery. Recognising the importance of promoting Buddhism, he established the Dharma Propagation Department in 1998, spearheading various Buddhist events and activities. On 5 June 2004, he was formally installed as the sixth abbot of the monastery, continuing his dedicated mission to propagate the Dharma while walking the Bodhisattva path in service to the Buddhist community.

Believing in the importance of education and the need to nurture the next generation of Buddhist leaders, he founded the Buddhist College of Singapore (BCS) in 2005 and served as its Rector. In recognition of his visionary contributions, he was awarded an honorary Doctorate in Educational Administration by Thailand's Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University in 2011.

Additionally, Venerable Kwang Sheng served as the President of the Singapore Buddhist Federation (SBF) from July 2006 to June 2014. In tribute to his remarkable achievements in promoting Buddhism and fostering inter-religious harmony, he was awarded the Public Service Star (BBM) by the President of Singapore in September 2018.

Having walked the monastic path for decades, Venerable Kwang Sheng views meditation as a practice and a way of life. He believes it is the foundation for inner transformation, leading to awakening and peace. Thus, since the early stages of his spiritual journey, he embraced a daily meditation practice, recognising it as a vital method to tame the mind and foster wisdom.

Over the years, fuelled by a profound interest in meditation, Venerable Kwang Sheng dedicated himself to exploring and studying diverse meditation practices. He firmly believes that through consistent practice, anyone can experience transformative benefits cultivating a calmer, more positive and compassionate mind. Since 1995, he has shared the profound impact of meditation by conducting over a hundred meditation courses of six to eight lessons each at Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery, helping countless individuals on their meditative journeys.

Recognising the growing public interest in meditation, Venerable Kwang Sheng saw the need for a dedicated, tranquil space to support deeper practice. In 2020, he established the Prajna Meditation Hall, a five-storey purpose-built facility designed to offer meditators a serene, comfortable and distraction-free environment, ideal for cultivating mindfulness and inner peace.

本寺方丈

广声法师虔心佛教。1980年,于德高望重的宏船老和尚座下披剃出家。随后数年,到缅甸、泰国、斯里兰卡、日本及韩国遍参知识,问学访道,曾连续四年在南韩松广寺潜修禅法。

1995年,广声法师开始担任光明山普觉禅寺监院。因深感推广佛教弘法事业的重要性,他于1998年创办弘法部,举办各类佛教法会、课程与活动。2004年6月5日,广声法师肩负弘扬佛法的使命,正式升座成为第六任方丈,继续践行菩萨道,利乐众友情。

秉持着以教育培养人才的理念,广声法师于2005年创办新加坡佛学院(BCS),亲自出任院长一职。2011年,广声法师更荣获了佛学院秉属大学——泰国摩诃朱拉隆功大学颁发的教育行政荣誉博士学位。

2OO6年7月至2O14年6月, 广声法师出任新加坡佛教总会主席。2O18年9月, 为表彰他在弘扬佛教及促进宗教和谐方面的卓越成就, 他荣膺新加坡总统颁赐的公共服务星章 (BBM)。

广声法师踏上出家修行之路已有数十载,他将静坐视为一种实践,更是一种生活方式。他认为静坐能够引领身心迈向禅定与觉悟。因此,自他修行的早期阶段,便开始坚持每日静坐,并将其视为调伏心性、培植智慧的重要方法。

多年来,广声法师对静坐抱有深厚的热忱与兴趣。他致力于探索与学习各种静坐方法。他坚信,只要通过持续修习,每个人都能在静坐中体悟其益处——培养更平静、更正向、更慈悲的心念。自1995年以来,广声法师在光明山普觉禅寺开设了上百场的静坐课程,每场课程约六至八堂课,为无数参与者的静心之旅提供了帮助或启迪。

鉴于公众对静坐日益增长的兴趣,广声法师意识到需要有一个独立且宁静的空间,接引大家更深入地学习静坐。2O2O年,广声法师创办了般若禅堂——一个五层楼高的定制建筑,旨在为禅修者提供宁静、舒适且无干扰的修行环境,是培养正念与寻找内心平静的理想之处。

Gems of Wisdom

Here is a collection of Venerable Kwang Sheng's insightful teachings crafted to make meditation both accessible and enjoyable for all. These easy-to-understand tips and relatable analogies are designed to simplify meditation, making it a natural part of your daily life.

Through this practical and lighthearted wisdom, you will uncover fresh and engaging perspectives on meditation.

- "Imagine your mind as a flowing stream.
 Thoughts are like leaves floating down this stream constantly coming and going.
 Meditation is not about stopping these leaves from floating but about being aware of them without getting caught up in their flow."
- "Once you are comfortable with the basics of meditation, through consistent practice, meditation becomes a way of life. Embracing 'the art of living' is 'the art of meditation' – it brings inner peace and clarity amidst life's chaos."
- 3. "To make meditation a regular part of your life, nurture the practice as a daily habit, much like drinking water or going to the toilet. Regular practice helps integrate mindfulness into your daily routine."
- 4. "Learning meditation is akin to riding a bicycle: it starts with initial guidance and support, but true mastery comes from finding your balance through dedication and practice over time."

- 5. "Once you have mastered the meditation basics, it is like playing piano pieces you have memorised: you can fit it into your schedule and lifestyle, practising it anywhere, anytime."
- 6. "Just as you regularly work out to build muscles and improve your physical fitness, meditation serves as a 'gym for your mind', training your mental faculties with consistent practice."
- 7. "A TCM proverb states, 'When everything flows, there is no pain.' Pain often arises from blocked or stagnant energy in the body. While acupuncture and exercise can improve blood flow, meditation helps to unclutter the mind and promote relaxation and energy flow. With regular practice, you may notice a more relaxed and flexible body and mind."
- 8. "Meditation is like learning to swim. Initially, staying afloat or moving through water might seem daunting. However, with persistent practice, you become proficient and capable of swimming longer distances. Similarly, with regular meditation, your mind develops the ability to remain calm and focused, even during extended periods of stress."

A Path to Spiritual Cultivation

Meditation is a practice of focused attention and heightened awareness aimed at calming the mind and fostering mental clarity. It involves observing thoughts, emotions or physical sensations without attachment, leading to a deeper understanding of one's inner self and the nature of reality.

For many, meditation serves as a powerful tool for training the mind and enhancing mindfulness, emotional balance and inner peace. Yet, meditation transcends mere well-being; it is at the heart of spiritual cultivation and a key pillar of the Buddhist monastic path. Japanese Zen Master Dōgen Zenji (1200–1253) emphasised its significance, asserting that meditation is the backbone of Buddhism. Without meditation, Buddhism could not have existed.

Meditation and Neuroplasticity: Rewiring the Mind

Meditation trains the mind to break free from harmful, ingrained thought patterns, fostering healthier and more compassionate perspectives toward oneself and the world. This mental shift aligns with the Buddha's teaching on the Four Noble Truths, guiding individuals from suffering to wisdom. With consistent practice, meditation enables individuals to recognise and transcend suffering, deepening their insight and nurturing greater wisdom.

In recent years, scientific research has begun to validate what meditators have long known: regular meditation can profoundly influence the brain. Neuroplasticity, the brain's ability to reorganise itself by forming new neural connections, explains how our brain can reshape mental structures and alter habitual patterns of thought. Applied to meditation, this concept suggests that, over time, the mind can be rewired for greater clarity, focus, positivity, and inner peace.

Our physical body and mind are intricately connected, and meditation benefits them by nurturing this strong link between mental and physical well-being. For instance, meditation effectively reduces stress, which has a direct positive impact on physical health. With dedicated meditation practice, individuals can reframe their thought patterns, build resilience to stress, and cultivate emotional balance, all of which contribute to enhanced overall health.

This transformation, grounded in both spiritual practice and scientific insight, enables individuals

to cultivate a deeper and more meaningful connection with themselves and the world around them.

Overcoming Challenges in Meditation

Meditation is about embracing the journey of the practice rather than striving for a final destination. The aim is maintain consistency. Along the way, obstacles like restlessness and distractions may arise, but it is crucial to meet these challenges with patience and self-compassion.

In meditation, it is important to recognise and acknowledge thoughts or distractions without judgement. Rather than resisting them, simply observe and allow them to pass. This gentle acceptance helps the mind naturally return to a state of calm and clarity.

A consistent mindfulness practice allows us to appreciate the small joys in life while cultivating kindness and compassion toward ourselves during challenging times by recognising their impermanence. With continued effort, meditation becomes a natural and enriching part of daily life, offering greater peace and balance.

The Importance of Guided Practice

In the digital age, many people use online resources such as videos, websites, apps, and books to learn meditation. While these tools can be beneficial, true progress often requires guidance from an experienced practitioner. Learning from someone with deep expertise helps navigate the subtle complexities of meditation and address obstacles that arise. Although online resources provide useful information, they cannot replace the wisdom and personalised instruction of a seasoned meditation master.

For those seeking to learn or deepen their meditation practice, seeking guidance from a seasoned instructor is highly recommended.

An experienced teacher can help you avoid

common pitfalls and deepen your understanding of the mind's workings, offering valuable feedback and support to advance your practice.

The Joy of Meditation and Group Practice

Meditation fosters a unique sense of happiness and enlightenment. Research conducted in Korea has shown that meditation profoundly affects brain activity, particularly in regions associated with joy, optimism and creativity. This enhanced mental state results from a deepened meditation practice and fosters a more positive outlook on life

Participating in group meditation can significantly develop your practice. Engaging with others, sharing experiences and gaining insights in a group setting can deepen your understanding and reinforce your commitment to meditation. As you develop greater discipline, you might choose to maintain a regular practice on your own, aiming for a twenty to thirty-minute duration each day. If you find this time challenging,

consider breaking it into shorter sessions. For instance, practising for ten to fifteen minutes three times a day can also be highly effective.

In Zen practice, the concept of "non-achievement" emphasises the importance of being fully present during the meditation journey rather than striving for a specific outcome. True accomplishment lies in embracing the process itself. This perspective alleviates the pressure of expecting particular results and allows you to enjoy the practice more deeply.

Dispelling Common Misunderstandings

Explore and gain a deeper understanding as we address and correct some prevalent myths about meditation, offering a more accurate and straightforward view of its true nature.

Meditation must be practised in complete silence.

While a tranquil environment can aid in reducing distractions, meditation can be practised in various settings. Ambient sounds, chanting or guided meditations can also enhance the practice. The essence lies in finding what harmonises best with your practice.

2. You must be sitting in a specific posture to meditate, like the lotus position.

While sitting in a comfortable position is beneficial, it does not have to be the lotus posture. You can meditate while sitting on a chair, lying down, standing, or even walking. The key is to maintain a posture that is both comfortable and alert.

3. Meditation requires hours of practice to be effective.

Even a few minutes of daily meditation can yield significant benefits. The key is regular,

consistent practice. Starting with short sessions and gradually increasing the duration as you become more comfortable can help integrate meditation into your daily routine.

4. You must meditate at the same time every day.

While consistency can be helpful, flexibility is also important. You can meditate whenever it fits into your schedule. The most important aspect is making meditation a regular part of your routine, regardless of the specific time.

5. Meditation means being completely still and motionless.

Meditation can be practised in various postures and activities, including walking or mindful movement. The key is to maintain a mindful awareness, whether sitting still or engaging in gentle movements.

6. A mantra is necessary for meditation.

While some practices use mantras, many forms of meditation do not require them. You can meditate using various focal points, such as your breath, a visual object or body sensations.

7. The goal of meditation is to clear your mind entirely.

Meditation in Buddhism is not about emptying the mind but rather about observing thoughts and feelings without attachment or judgement. The goal is to develop mindful awareness and a greater sense of presence, allowing you to fully experience the present moment.

8. Meditation will fix all mental health issues.

While meditation can support mental health, it should complement other treatments and therapies, not replace them. It is one tool among many for promoting mental and emotional well-being.

Meditation is a quick fix for all problems.

Meditation is not a quick fix but a supportive practice that contributes to long-term mental and emotional health. It can help you manage stress, improve focus and develop a greater sense of well-being, but it should be seen as one tool among many for overall health.

10. Meditation is too difficult to learn.

Meditation can be simple and accessible to everyone. Starting with short sessions, even just a few minutes daily can help you build a routine. There are many resources available, such as guided meditations, apps and books, to assist beginners in learning different techniques.

11. My mind is too busy to meditate.

It is natural to have a busy mind, especially when beginning meditation. The practice

itself helps you gradually calm and focus your thoughts. By consistently returning to your point of focus, whether it is your breath, a mantra or a visual object, you can train your mind to become more settled over time.

12. Busy people cannot meditate.

Meditation can be integrated into a busy lifestyle with short, mindful moments throughout the day. Even brief periods of meditation can provide significant benefits, making it accessible to everyone.

Reflections from Students

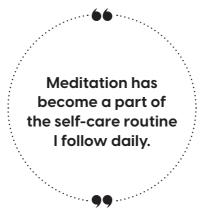
Venerable Kwang Sheng's meditation teachings have profoundly transformed the lives of his students, enhancing their mental clarity, emotional resilience, physical health, and interpersonal relationships.

Reflections from his students' meditation journeys reveal the extensive benefits they have gained.

Here are some of their personal insights.

Roger IT Consultant | 2 years of meditation Early 40s

Meditation Reshaped My Approach to Life's Challenges



Meditation became a pivotal part of my life especially when I faced challenges with sleep and anxiety due to a demanding work environment. Despite trying various methods like regular exercise and breathing techniques, I still struggled to find peace. It was only after I integrated meditation and yoga into my daily routine that I noticed significant improvements. I now experience clarity, concentration and calmness in my daily life. I wake up feeling refreshed, and my general well-being has improved.

Meditation has changed my life emotionally. It has helped me become more mindful of my thoughts and feelings, allowing me to control them without becoming overwhelmed. I have learnt to be composed and that has helped me navigate challenging situations with my family and at work. I am more patient and can act after thoughtful contemplation rather than in the spur of the moment.

It is a blessing for me to attend the weekly meditation classes at Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery. My practice has grown deeper as a result of the calm environment and Venerable Kwang Sheng's teachings, which have strengthened the beneficial effects meditation has had on my life.



Tai See Manager | 3½ years of meditation Late 4Os

Awareness and Happiness Through Mindfulness Meditation

I find it much
easier to manage
stress and emotions
through the
meditation techniques
I have learnt.

My journey with meditation began during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021 when stress levels were at an all-time high. Initially, I was curious about how meditation could help, but I soon found myself eagerly looking forward to each session, guided by Venerable Kwang Sheng. The peaceful atmosphere of the Prajna Meditation Hall provided a serene ambience, which allowed me to immerse myself fully in the practice.

Meditation taught me to maintain mindfulness in various aspects of my life, including sitting, walking, and even going about my daily activities. I also learnt to accept every experience and remain in the moment. This practice has also significantly reduced my stress levels, improved my emotional regulation, and made me more empathetic towards others. I have also noticed a positive change in the way I communicate with others, particularly under high-pressure situations. Instead of reacting with annoyance, I now approach challenges with composure and understanding, which result in more harmonious relationships.

I am deeply grateful of the remarkable experience and thankful for the guidance, provided by Venerable Kwang Sheng, which have enabled me to develop a more mindful and compassionate way of living.



Seok Yee Full-time Mother, Part-time Professional 8 years of meditation | Early 40s

From Pre-pandemic to Present

Venerable Kwang Sheng's unwavering belief in the power of meditation and his patient guidance have been a constant source of inspiration and strength, helping me navigate the ups and downs of my meditation practice.

My meditation practice has been a journey of growth and resilience. It began years ago when I enrolled my eldest daughter in the Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery Dharma school. Over the years, the teachings in Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery (KMSPKS) deepened my understanding of Buddhism and introduced me to the benefits of regular meditation. One of the most memorable experiences was attending a 5-day Vipassana Meditation Retreat organised by KMSPKS in 2019. Venerable Sayadaw U Pyinnyarnanda conducted the session, which had a lasting impact on my mindfulness practice.

However, the pandemic brought unexpected challenges. Transitioning to online sessions helped initially, but over time, my motivation dwindled, leading to burnout from the mounting stresses of life and work, along with the lack of mindfulness. In 2023, meditation was no longer a part of me as I was consumed by worldly concerns and was unable to find my centre. It was not until mid-2024 that I rediscovered the

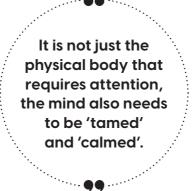
value of meditation, realising it could be the key to overcoming my struggles with anxiety, negativity and frustration.

Returning to weekly sessions and committing to a retreat have rekindled my practice, bringing back the inner calm I once knew. The positive effects on my relationships and overall wellbeing have been transformative, reminding me of the profound impact meditation can have on one's life



Beatrice Leow Management Staff | 2½ years of meditation Mid-5Os

Meditation for Clarity and Calmness



Balancing a high-pressure job with caring for a mother diagnosed with dementia was overwhelming. I experienced high anxiety, agitation and non-peaceful sleeps. Evening walks and exercise offered little relief, so I decided to give meditation a try.

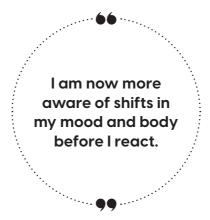
My mind became clearer and more peaceful as a result of the teachings Venerable Kwang Sheng at Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery, especially learning the discipline of observing thoughts without attachment. With increased awareness of my thoughts and emotions, as well as greater mindfulness of rising anxiety and agitation, I am able to approach situations and challenges with calmness and clarity.

I like the serene and calm aura during the meditation classes. Techniques like deep breathing have become essential tools for maintaining my composure.

I am grateful for the guidance I have received.
Indeed it has helped me cultivate a more balanced
and mindful approach to life's challenges.

Leong Wai Mun Safety Officer | 3 years of meditation 50 years old

Finding Relaxation Through Meditation



Before I started meditating, I was struggling with poor sleep and found it difficult to unwind after a long day. I tried various methods like reducing screen time, exercising in the evening, and stretching before bed, but nothing seemed to work. Seeking a deeper form of relaxation, I decided to give meditation a try.

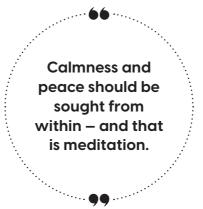
Since incorporating meditation into my routine, my sleep has improved significantly. I wake up feeling more invigorated, and my overall stress levels have decreased. Meditation has also helped me manage my emotions better, providing me with a calmer mindset to cope with stress and external triggers.

I have noticed a positive change in my temper, reacting less impulsively to situations that would have previously angered me. This shift in my emotional stability has been invaluable, especially in my professional life as a safety officer.

Meditation has not only improved my well-being
but has also given me the tools to navigate life
with greater ease and clarity.

JC Housewife | 10 years of meditation 50s

Overcoming Anxiety Through Meditation



For over 20 years, I struggled with generalised anxiety disorder, experiencing overwhelming fear, sadness and constant worry. My nights were sleepless and my days were clouded by anxiety. Panic attacks became a regular part of my life, even during public transport rides, causing breathlessness and severe acid reflux. Despite consulting psychiatrists and trying traditional treatments, the anxiety persisted.

One day, I chanced upon the meditation class at Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery, led by Venerable Kwang Sheng. Motivated by the prospect of having a calmer mind, my spouse and I enrolled for the class. We found great resonance in the Venerable's teachings regarding the fight-or-flight response and the meditation techniques of relaxing, breathing and maintaining awareness.

After a few lessons, I noticed improvements in my sleep, and with time, my panic attacks became less frequent. Meditation taught me

to ground myself in the present, helping me manage my emotions better. I am appreciative of Venerable Kwang Sheng for his guidance and the peaceful environment at Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery, which have been instrumental in my journey to inner peace.



TL Tan 10+ years of meditation

A Sense of Peace and Clarity in My Life



I am deeply grateful to Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery and Venerable Kwang Sheng for conducting the Relaxation Meditation and Mindfulness class over the past decade. Practising meditation for over ten years has brought a profound sense of calm and clarity to my life, which I carry with me daily.

Initially, I joined the class to support my wife, who was dealing with anxiety. However, I soon found my own path to personal growth. After just a few sessions, I became more focused and at peace, and this changed my perspective from one of passive participant to one of genuine engagement with the practice. Not only has meditation improved my sleep and helped me manage stress, it has also increased my self-awareness and emotional fortitude. I have learnt to embrace self-compassion, live more in the moment, and confront life's obstacles with empathy.

The calm surroundings of Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery encouraged reflection, and Venerable Kwang Sheng's helpful advice and guidance have been priceless. In order to have a positive impact on my life and beyond, I am determined to keep up with this practice and share mindfulness and compassion with as many people as I can.



Han Shin Ping
Associate | 10+ years of meditation
59 years old

A Family Transformation Through Meditation

Goodbye to restless nights and groggy mornings – meditation has truly transformed my sleep quality. Before discovering meditation, I struggled with poor sleep, frequent illnesses and a temperamental nature. After trying various unsuccessful methods to solve these problems, I turned to meditation as a last resort. The first three months of practice, consisting of weekly classes and daily 20-minute self-practice, brought noticeable improvements. My sleep quality improved, and the constant sense of fatigue lifted.

As my meditation practice deepened, it became a family affair. My husband, initially feeling skeptical, joined me after seeing the positive changes in me. When my son began his National Service and faced the physical and mental challenges that came with it, he too started attending classes, followed by his girlfriend. Meditation became a bonding experience for our family, allowing us to support each other in our practice and grow together.

For our family, Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery (KMSPKS) is unquestionably the best place to attend meditation classes because it caters to both younger generations and English speakers. Weekly meditation sessions at KMSPKS have grown to be a much-loved family get-together. The practice has not only improved our well-being but also strengthened our connections with one another.



Doreen Goh

Finding Life's Balance Through Dharma and Meditation

Mindfulness helps to rejuvenate my body and mind, positively impacting the rest of my day. I was a "kancheong spider" growing up; I was often anxious, overthinking, and prone to self-doubt. After having kids, these inclinations got worse as I balanced the responsibilities of my job and motherhood. My constant worry for their well-being resulted in stress, sleepless nights, and ultimately, a decline in health. My frustrations then became self-blame and I occupied myself just to keep my emotions at bay.

These detrimental feelings eventually harmed my health. I was diagnosed with severe anaemia and had multiple surgeries over a few years because of a weakened immune system.

Looking back, I am grateful that I discovered mindfulness meditation before these surgeries. It played a crucial role in helping me manage both physical and mental pain throughout my recuperation period. Although I initially struggled with my emotions during meditation, I persevered and gradually integrated Dharma teachings and mindfulness into my daily life.

For me, this mental exercise has been a source of balance and healing.

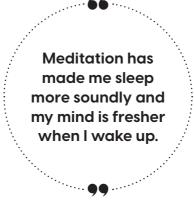
Starting each day with mindful practices like body scanning and mindful eating have rejuvenated my mind and body. Apart from my personal practice, I have found great benefits from attending group retreats. These sessions create a collective energy that strengthens empathy, loving-kindness and compassion towards myself and others.

As Venerable Kwang Sheng wisely shared in his classes, "mindfulness is not something to be sought externally, but something to be cultivated from within." He compared it to a game of badminton, saying that we should not just chase the shuttlecock, we should focus on understanding the patterns of the game and refining our skills. This perspective has helped me cultivate a deeper and more enduring sense of well-being.



Goh Kim Hong Technical Officer | 10+ years of meditation Early 60s

Improved Sleep and Mental Sharpness



Meditation has significantly improved my physical and mental well-being. I used to find it hard to fall asleep, but meditation has made it easier for me to do so and thus has improved my sleep quality.

Practising different forms of meditation

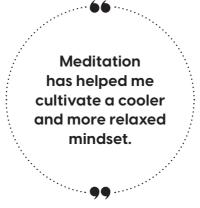
– walking, sitting and sleeping – has
enhanced my focus and emotional control.

It has sharpened my mind and increased
my effectiveness at work, and I have more
composure when handling challenges and
anger. Additionally, attending group meditation
sessions has also given me a tremendous source
of positive energy and connection.



Anonymous Medical Administrator | 2 years of meditation Late 5Os

Finding Calmness in a Fast-paced Life



I have a fast-paced disposition, and taking meditation classes for more than a year has helped me develop a more relaxed mindset. I now experience fewer nightmares and enjoy better sleep. The weekly one-and-a-half-hour classes, along with Venerable Kwang Sheng's teachings, provide me with a valuable opportunity to sit still and unwind – something I find it difficult to do at home.

Moreover, meditation has improved my relationship with my spouse. Our bond has strengthened as we have discovered new areas of mutual interest and improved our communication.



Mr and Mrs TS Lim IT Consultant & Full-time homemaker 1 year of meditation | Early 5Os

Enhancing Well-being and Resilience



Meditation has been instrumental in reducing stress, creating a state of relaxation and calmness that helps us cope with the demands of daily life. By addressing negative thoughts, meditation has also reduced anxiety, fostered a sense of calmness and strengthened our ability to overcome obstacles in life.

Through improved self-awareness, meditation allows us to respond more thoughtfully rather than react impulsively, providing better self-control over our impulses and reactions. It has helped increase our patience by fostering mindfulness and present-moment awareness, helping us to see situations from different angles and cultivating greater tolerance towards others.

Meditation has also significantly improved our ability to focus and concentrate, leading to an increased attention span and better mental clarity. It has also promoted better sleep, as the

relaxation of both mind and body contributes
to higher-quality rest. Overall, meditation has
enhanced various aspects of our life, from
emotional balance to improved sleep quality.

Anonymous Teacher | 2 years of meditation Early 40s

The Essential Nutrient for Inner Well-being

Meditation is like
vitamin C for the soul,
just as vitamin C is
essential for our
physical health,
meditation nurtures
our inner well-being.

Meditation has become a crucial part of my life, providing peace and self-awareness in today's fast-paced world. My journey began with a class at Palelai Temple and continued with the Relaxation and Mindfulness Meditation class at Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery. The guidance from Venerable Kwang Sheng has been invaluable, helping me to prepare my mind and body for meditation effectively.

Regular practice has brought clarity, reduced stress and improved my overall well-being – it calms my mind and heart. The practice allows me to disconnect from the noise of everyday life and to centre my thoughts. Meditating daily at home has integrated these benefits into my life, providing clarity, reducing stress and allowing me to approach challenges with a calmer perspective.



Anonymous Teacher | 3 years of meditation Late 4Os

Everyday Mindfulness

Meditation has taught me to withhold judgement and allow situations to unfold before forming an opinion.

Encouraged by a friend, I started my meditation journey several years ago at Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery. Even though I had never meditated before, I liked the Monastery's calm and serene surroundings.

A few years later, I joined a course at Awareness Place, which helped me comprehend meditation on a deeper level. I discovered various techniques, like sleeping, breathing and eating meditation.

The meditation hall at Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery remains a sanctuary for me. The variety of sessions throughout the year fits seamlessly into my busy life. Each session has a good blend of sitting and walking meditation that keeps me engaged and comfortable in my practice.

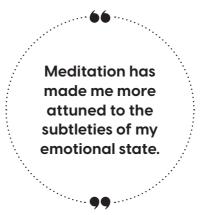
Meditation has enriched my daily life, enhancing my patience and emotional awareness. Simple practices, like observing my breath while waiting for the bus, have developed into effective strategies for handling emotions and frustrations. Even with my infrequent slip-ups, I feel that I can recover my composure more quickly.

Meditation has also enhanced my patience level, self-awareness and emotional control. It has taught me to be more mindful in everyday situations and it allows me to recognise and manage my feelings more effectively. I look forward to deepening my practice and continuing to embrace the peace and clarity it brings to my life.



Anonymous Homemaker | 4 years of meditation Late 40s

Navigating Menopause Through Meditation



In recent years, my commitment to meditation has deepened, particularly since Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery opened the new Prajna Meditation Hall. This practice has helped me tremendously in handling the mental and physical difficulties associated with menopause.

Menopause often brings physical discomfort and emotional turbulence. But through meditation, my awareness of these emotions has increased, allowing me to manage emotional swings better. I can pay attention to my emotions without acting on impulse.

Meditation has also helped me cope with the physical discomforts caused by menopause. Viewing these symptoms with detachment and focusing on mindful breathing has helped to ease some of my discomfort and reduce their negative effects on my well-being and emotions. My quality of life has greatly improved, making this transitional period more manageable.



Anonymous Teacher | Early 5Os

Finding Solace in Meditation

Meditation
offers a place where
I can return to the
simplicity of the
present moment
and find solace in
my breath.

I began meditating with my late father at Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery, hoping to use it as a particular time for us to spend together. We would practise together briefly and then discuss our experiences. However, as my work got more demanding, my practice grew irregular, but my father faithfully carried on without me.

I must admit, I often turned to meditation only when I felt unsettled or when negative emotions surfaced. In those moments, I needed some time alone, and I found that space through meditation. Since my father's passing, meditation has become part of my daily routine, providing me with solace and comfort in a quiet and reflective space.

For me, meditation has developed into much more than a means of relaxation. When incorporated into daily life, it is a discipline that significantly alters my perception of the world. It teaches me to slow down, pause and respond to life's obstacles with greater wisdom and compassion. Through this practice, I am also able to connect with others and myself on a deeper level, nurturing an inner peace that naturally extends outward.



Lim Teong Peng Life Coach | 1 year of meditation 42 years old

Clearer Thinking and Better Relationships

Meditation has taught me to step back during moments of distress. This practice has made me more flexible in my responses and decisions.

My meditation journey began over 20 years ago at Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery. But recently, I have been attending Venerable Kwang Sheng's classes, which have profoundly impacted my internal landscape. Initially, I struggled with distractions and negative thoughts, but as I learnt to embrace compassion and loving-kindness, I grew stronger and more self-aware.

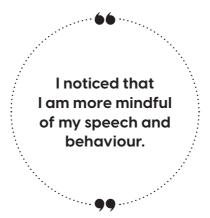
My ability to think clearly and handle stress has significantly increased. I no longer battle with negative thoughts since I understand that they do not always represent reality. By taking a more open and non-judgemental stance, I have improved my relationships with my friends and family. Meditation has helped me approach situations with greater understanding and openness.

Venerable Kwang Sheng's engaging teaching style, enriched with real-life insights and his personal experiences, has made each class both engaging and enjoyable.



Wong Su Ju Auditor | 1 year of meditation 51 years old

Managing Professional and Personal Success



My work can be quite stressful, and while I do not meditate daily, the practice has been invaluable in helping me find calm and manage my days more effectively. I once faced overwhelming feelings that nearly led me to depression. Remembering Venerable Kwang Sheng's teachings, I decided to take a day off to visit Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery and meditate. By focusing on my breath and being present, I found I could handle challenges, that once felt insurmountable, with a profound sense of calm.

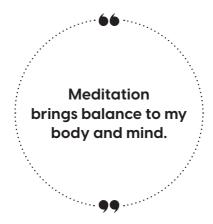
Venerable Kwang Sheng taught us to embrace our thoughts, a concept that took time to fully grasp. Understanding that situations are shaped by various factors and embracing them has greatly enhanced my ability to navigate them. Meditation has also heightened my self-awareness, improving my interactions with my family and enhancing my relationships at home and work.

Every Friday night, I eagerly anticipate Venerable Kwang Sheng's class, which offers a peaceful respite from the week's stresses. After spending two years learning from various teachers, I have found a deep connection with Venerable Kwang Sheng's patient and insightful style and plan to continue attending his classes for years to come.



Lee Cheau Ling Job seeker | 2 months of meditation 45 years old

Overcoming Insomnia and Stress



For over a decade, insomnia has been a persistent part of my life, leaving me restless and drained. This changed when I began attending an eight-session meditation course at Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery. Each session offered new insights and relaxation techniques that has transformed my sleep. I now fall asleep quickly and enjoy deep, restorative rest.

Before meditation, I often felt irritable and anxious. The practice has brought a profound sense of calm and clarity to my life. Mindfulness has been particularly impactful, teaching me to observe my thoughts and emotions without judgement. This has empowered me to manage stress more effectively and maintain inner peace.

Under Venerable Kwang Sheng's guidance, I can now meditate for 30 minutes during class and integrate mindfulness into my daily routine. Whether walking, eating or conversing, I am more present and aware of my body's sensations.

With continued practice, I believe I can gain a
deeper understanding of my thought patterns,
improve my focus and enhance my memory.

Anonymous Retiree | 89 years old

Healing and Harmony Through Meditation

I gained greater emotional balance and compassion, thanks to Venerable Kwang Sheng's guidance. I began my meditation practice over 20 years ago, well before Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery (KMSPKS) began offering its classes. One of the most profound discoveries during this time has been the unexpected improvement in my health. The breathlessness I used to experience during simple activities like walking and climbing stairs had completely vanished. This was especially evident when I visited Lantau Island in Hong Kong, I realised that my symptoms had completely disappeared.

Meditation has also helped me manage my emotions and improve interactions with my family. I find myself more reflective, tolerant and understanding, leading to greater compassion and stronger family bonds. I especially enjoy the meditation classes led by Venerable Kwang Sheng at KMSPKS. His guidance allows meditators to gradually master the art of meditation without feeling stressed, and the benefits are most significant with long-term commitment.

I am now nearly 90 years old, and I credit meditation with contributing to my longevity and sustaining my health. The positive energy of the new Prajna Meditation Hall enhances my practice at KMSPKS, making each session more fulfilling. I am truly grateful for this nurturing environment that supports my journey and allows me to continue reaping the profound benefits of meditation, both physically and emotionally.



Anonymous Semi-retired accountant 71 years old

Improved Sleep and Stress Management Through Meditation

Meditation has improved my stress management, emotional balance and sleep quality, bringing clarity and calm to my life.

My sister and I experienced meditation for the first time at Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery. My experience with meditation has changed my life since then, especially in the classes taught by Venerable Kwang Sheng.

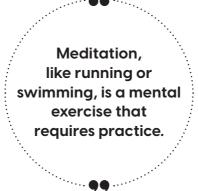
My capacity to control my emotions and deal with stress has greatly increased since I started meditation. Taking a little meditation break helps me to clear my mind and relax whenever I feel anxious or stressed.

Furthermore, meditation has improved my sleep, which was previously problematic. My sleep has significantly improved since I started meditating, enabling me to get a better night's sleep. I am appreciative of Venerable Kwang Sheng's guidance in the Relaxation and Mindfulness Meditation classes and grateful for the benefits that meditation has brought to my life.



Belle Chong Self-employed | 2 years of meditation 40+ years old

Learning About Acceptance and Awareness



During the pandemic, I ventured into futures trading. The immense pressure and the unpredictable gains and losses left my emotions in turmoil, leading to a prolonged state of anxiety and depression.

Everything changed when I discovered Venerable Kwang Sheng's meditation class. Initially, I thought meditation was closely tied to a religion, but I soon realised that it is a spiritual exercise that anyone can benefit from, just like any physical exercise.

While I would not say that I have undergone a complete transformation, I think I have experienced a "shift" in mindset. I once believed that making more money was the focus in life, but now I understand the importance of being contented. This shift in thinking not only improved my sleep quality, it has also improved my relationships — especially with my husband. I am no longer irritable and can face situations

with greater tolerance and openness. I have also learnt to appreciate and cherish the present moment.

I vaguely remember a student confiding in Venerable Kwang Sheng about his long-standing sadness and struggle to let go of the past. He advised that learning to accept our emotions is essential. Only through the power of "acceptance" can we embrace our feelings and let go of the past. By being aware of our emotions, we can observe them as they come and go, without letting them affect us.

Carol Koh Financial Controller | 1 year of meditation 60 years old

Overcoming Sadness and Restlessness



About eight years ago, following my husband's sudden stroke, I turned to meditation in search of peace of mind. While I attended several courses, discussions about "supernatural powers" left me feeling confused. Since I could not experience these so-called "miracles" like others, I began to doubt myself and stepped back.

After my husband passed away last year, I came across a meditation event while paying respects at Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery and decided to reconnect with meditation.

Gradually, I adjusted my mindset and started seeking inner healing. At first, I lacked a clear goal until Venerable Kwang Sheng encouraged me, saying, "Just sit; you will gradually feel it."

Since then, attending meditation classes on Fridays has become the highlight of my week.

Meditation has significantly improved my insomnia, enhanced my focus at work, and alleviated my restlessness. In the past, I would

easily lose my temper with my subordinates at work. Now, when emotions arise, I take a moment to calm myself before addressing issues, making my work more organised and efficient.

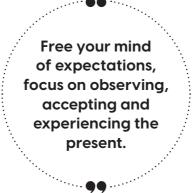
Through meditation, I have learnt to view challenges more objectively. Although I still experience sadness, I can now face it calmly and learn from it. Meditation has truly brought me inner peace. My relationship with family and colleagues have thus improved significantly.

I would also dedicate extra time for exercise, so that I am healthy in body and mind. Meditation has indeed allowed me to rediscover inner peace.



Fam Yen Eng Engineer | 9 months of meditation 47 years old

Friday: A Time to Recharge the Heart



During my university years, I joined a Theravada Buddhist meditation retreat. I struggled with breath meditation – trying to focus on my breathing only seemed to add more stress. Perhaps in my youth, I was not ready to find inner peace.

Everything changed when I encountered Venerable Kwang Sheng's teachings at Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery. He taught us that the key to meditation is not striving for perfection but in observing, accepting and being present with our mind. Gradually, I learnt to let go of my expectations and began to experience the present moment naturally.

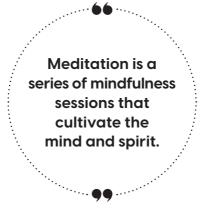
At first, meditating for long periods was a challenge due to my back pain. However, through consistent practice, I learnt to observe my pain from a "third-person's perspective". Although the discomfort did not vanish, it no longer bothered or frightened me, and my mind grew calmer.

The serene environment of the Prajna Meditation Hall allows me to relax completely. During meditation, I feel detached from the noise of the outside world, allowing me to focus solely on finding inner peace.



Lee An Hui Office Worker | 8 months of meditation 33 years old

From Curiosity to Commitment



Previously, I thought Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery was mainly a place for prayers. However, when I came across information about their meditation sessions, it sparked my curiosity. At first, I had always assumed that meditation required great patience and long periods of stillness. My friends had shared stories of "magical", outof-body sensations during their meditative states, which further intrigued my interest. So, I decided to sign up for the course, and it has been eight months since then.

Through the sessions, I realised meditation is not about chasing "magical" experiences; it is about cultivating mindfulness. After my recent surgery, I continued attending classes and noticed a significant improvement in my focus and sleep. I now find myself more aware of my emotional fluctuations, striving to maintain inner calm without the urge to argue or seek validation, resulting in a more stable and pleasant mood.

The meditation environment is top priority for me. Upon entering the Prajna Meditation Hall, I can feel an immediate sense of calmness as if my body naturally wanted to rest. Compared to meditating at home, the absence of distractions in the hall allows me to meditate more deeply and find inner peace.



Margaret Yap Executive Assistant | Just started meditation 50 years old

From Aversion to Comfort



Growing up, I often saw my mother meditate, but I did not really understand it. Whenever I tried it at home, I would feel hot, my limbs go numb, and my mind would be distracted. This led me to develop an aversion to meditation. Therefore, I decided to wait until the time felt right to try it again.

After the pandemic, I finally joined a meditation class, and it was a completely different experience. I learnt that distracting thoughts and feelings naturally come and go. Venerable Kwang Sheng's teachings also helped me realise that no matter how tough a situation seems, it will pass and there is no need to cling onto them.

Since starting meditation, my colleagues have noticed that I am more patient and calmer. My family has also observed that I have become more pleasant and accepting.

Unlike at home, the Prajna Mediation Hall offers
true tranquillity. Meditation has taught me to
accept distractions and find peace. This allows
me to let go of past regrets and feel more at ease.

Lee Chuay Noi HR Specialist | 5 years of meditation 46 years old

Connecting with my Body and Mind

It takes one to two hours to get to the Monastery, but the benefits I gain are immeasurable.

Twelve years ago, after converting to Buddhism, I visited Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery (KMSPKS) to pray for a good teacher and a good environment to start my meditation journey. Soon after, I got the chance to attend a one-day meditation retreat at KMSPKS, where I learnt that Venerable Kwang Sheng was offering meditation classes. That was when my meditation practice began.

I have always suffered from back pain and could not sit for long periods. Despite trying various treatments, including acupuncture, nothing worked. After starting meditation, it has helped relieve my back pain and improved my blood circulation. Venerable Kwang Sheng often told the class that meditation is like having a conversation with our body, and in doing so, I have come to understand my body's needs better.

After reading the works of other great meditation teachers, I further understood the principle of "energy flow" in meditation. Initially, sitting cross-

legged caused discomfort and numbness, but over time, this has greatly improved. Meditation has also enhanced my sleep quality, leaving me feeling energised.

Friends often ask me how I managed to persist for five years. I believe it is the inner peace that keeps me going. My weekly meditation sessions are a source of renewal, and even though it takes me one to two hours to reach the Monastery, the benefits are truly valuable.

I am thankful to Venerable Kwang Sheng and the team at the Prajna Meditation Hall for guiding me to find my inner peace through meditation.



New Geok Leng Office Worker | 6 months of meditation 59 years old

Reorganising Life's "Desktop"

Meditation is like a weekly 'desktop cleanup', helping me organise life's clutter and keep my priorities straight. I have always been interested in meditation but was unsure where to begin. When I came across a social media post about classes at Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery, I decided to give it a try.

I vividly remember the early struggles – cramped legs and wandering mind. But with practice, I became more comfortable and even noticed improvements in my headaches and hip pain. By the third session, bending down was not as difficult as before.

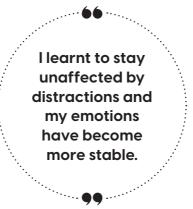
A few months ago, my daughter had a major surgery, and meditation helped me a lot. In the past, I would have been anxious, but meditation helped me stay calm and focused, making it easier to handle the situation with greater clarity.

I often think people are like computers, with emotions and thoughts scattered like disorganised files. Meditation feels like a weekly "desktop cleanup", helping me declutter and keep my priorities in order. It has also improved my communication with the elders in my family. Instead of getting upset during disagreements, I have become more patient, leading to more harmonious conversations.



Wu Qian Finance Manager | 8 months of meditation 46 years old

Navigating the Ebb and Flow of Emotions



I have always been interested about meditation, but I never found the right moment to pursue it. One day, while taking my son to the Dharma School at Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery, I saw a poster about their meditation classes and decided to give it a try. With all the buzz about meditation through articles, videos and even celebrities' sharing their experiences, my curiosity grew.

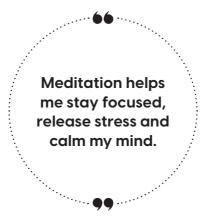
From the moment I stepped into the Prajna Meditation Hall, I felt a sense of calm. My Friday sessions soon became a much-needed break from the week's stress, helping me relax and regain my inner balance. Mediation has taught me to better manage my emotional and physical well-being.

Before I started meditating, work-related stress would often trigger sudden heart palpitations and emotional tension. Now, I can observe my emotions without being overwhelmed by them. It was difficult at first, but over time I find that

my emotions have improved. This practice has
also sparked a deeper interest in how Buddhist
teachings can be applied through meditation.

Acho Tan Manager | 3 months of meditation 50 years old

Managing Health and Emotions



For years, I struggled with insomnia, vivid dreams and nightmares, leading to poor sleep. After trying various methods to resolve these issues, I joined Vererable Kwang Sheng's meditation class. I was hoping that meditation would bring the peace and focus I needed, so I decided to give it a try.

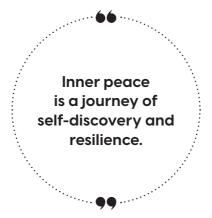
Since learning meditation, my sleep has improved significantly. Every night, I would meditate to relax my body, allowing me to fall asleep more easily. I have also experienced less hair loss and feel more relaxed. I also no longer got hung up over matters beyond my control. Anger and anxiety have also subsided, and I am now able to stay focused at work and practise mindfulness in my daily activities, even while eating.

In the past, work stress led to monthly episodes of depression and emotional outbursts. However, by observing my mood swings, I have learnt to focus on positive thoughts without being controlled by negativity. My family and colleagues have also noticed my positive attitude.



Qiu Xue Li Project Manager | 1 year of meditation 47 years old

Meditation is a Valuable Discipline



Before starting meditation, I struggled with insomnia and anxiety. I had tried everything from reading boring books to counting sheep but to no avail. The pressures of work and family left me drained, unhappy and searching for relief. That is when I decided to enrol myself in Buddhist studies and meditation classes at Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery, hoping to find some inner peace.

The classes complemented each other, helping me deepen my understanding of "letting go" and the concept of "cause and effect". Over this period of learning, my mindset has gradually changed. I am no longer easily swayed by emotions and can express myself more calmly when handling issues. I have come to realise that there is no absolute right or wrong — only differing perspectives. Meditation has shown me that everything will pass, and nothing is worth clinging to.

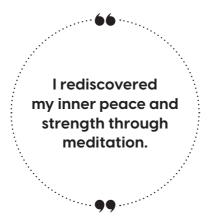
My relationships with family and colleagues have improved. My children have noticed that I no longer lose my temper easily. This shift has brought a more harmonious family atmosphere.

I have come to realise that change is possible. With dedicated practice, we can let go of our inner turmoil and rediscover peace and happiness within ourselves.



Huang Cai Xia Secretary | 3 months of meditation 52 years old

Emotional Management with Meditation



Last year, I lost my husband to cancer. We chose to have him cremated at Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery, and from that moment, I felt a deep connection to the monastery.

In search of inner peace, I began listening to Buddhist teachings on YouTube and keeping up with the Monastery's activities, eventually enrolling in a meditation course. Through meditation, along with attending Buddhist lectures and sutra readings, I gradually regained both my inner peace and strength.

Meditation has brought significant changes to my life. I am now 90% less angry and my fears and worries about the future have greatly reduced. While occasional worries still arise, I no longer dwell on things that have not happened. More importantly, I have gained the confidence to take on family responsibilities and care for my children independently. Meditation has also equipped me to better cope with the pressures of work and life.

I am still working through my grief over the loss of my husband. When feelings of sadness surface, I use breathing techniques to regulate my emotions and calm myself. I believe that with continued practice, my physical and mental well-being will keep improving, leading to a better life.



Anonymous

A Shift in Mindset and Outlook on Life



Before I started meditating, I never realised how simple it could be and how much it could change my life. Work stress often left me tense and anxious, unable to truly relax. At first, I struggled to focus and sit still during meditation, but Venerable Kwang Sheng's wisdom shifted my perspective: "When thoughts arise, do not cling to them as they are merely part of your mind. Embrace everything." This insight has helped me let go of the pressure to perform and achieve specific goals, allowing me to relax and accept myself.

Over time, I noticed that I became less bothered by external changes, and my thoughts were clearer. However, if I skip meditation for a few days, I will start to feel restless, and my mind becomes muddled again. Even my family has observed the difference, remarking that I am now more patient and able to listen to their concerns calmly, no longer easily swayed by my emotions.

Meditation has taught me to face life's challenges
rationally and calmly while maintaining an
optimistic outlook. This inner shift has not only
strengthened my relationships with my family but
also made me more adept at handling my work.



Anonymous Renovation Contractor | 2 years of meditation 60 years old

Awakening and Growth During Meditation

My mind is gradually clearer, and I realise that everything is shaped by the mind and transformed by perception.

Through meditation classes, I've learned to maintain composure in my daily life, leading to improved sleep and a greater ability to relax wherever I am. I've also become better at adjusting my mindset during challenging times, allowing me to face obstacles with more ease.

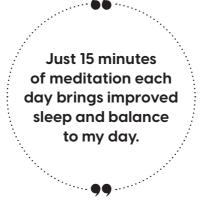
Under Venerable Kwang Sheng's guidance, I've gained insights into mindfulness, introspection, and meditation. I now approach life's challenges with a fresh perspective. When troubles arise, I no longer react with anger or complaints. Instead, I view situations through the lens of cause and effect, which helps me maintain a positive outlook.

Meditation has transformed my mindset and strengthened my family relationships. I approach their concerns with greater understanding, patience and love. Each time I meditate at the Prajna Meditation Hall, I feel rejuvenated by the positive energy of the space and the presence of my fellow meditators.



Wong Hee Jinn Lawyer | 2 years of meditation Late 20s

Finding a Sense of Ease Through Meditation



I first discovered the meditation classes at KMSPKS through my father, a practising member at the monastery. At that time, I had just started working professionally and felt compelled to adopt a practice that could help manage stress and improve my sleep quality.

The atmosphere of these classes, led by Venerable Kwang Sheng, was both relaxing and encouraging. The structured approach gave me autonomy in my meditation journey, and Venerable Kwang Sheng's reassurance that each person's experience is unique and that setbacks are normal was especially comforting.

Before practising meditation, I often found myself easily agitated. Now, dedicating just 15 minutes a day to meditation, I have seen significant improvements in my sleep quality and my ability to manage work-related anxieties. This brief period provides essential downtime, allowing me to reset for the next day. Most importantly, meditation has helped me put aside

intrusive thoughts and distractions, enabling me to focus on myself – a much-needed pause in an otherwise busy day.

Meditation has undoubtedly enhanced my coping strategies for day-to-day stressors, stabilised my mood, and given me the space to focus on things I often felt I had no time for. I am deeply grateful for the meditation classes and Venerable Kwang Sheng's thoughtful guidance throughout this journey.



智慧箴言

广声法师踏上出家修行之路已有数十载,他将静坐视为一种实践,更是一种生活方式。他认为静坐能够引领身心迈向禅定与觉悟。因此,自他修行的早期阶段,便开始坚持每日静坐,并将其视为调伏心性、培植智慧的重要方法。

这些轻松实用的智慧箴言,将帮助您发现静坐的全新见解与有趣视角。

- 1. "将你的心比作一条流动的小溪,让思绪如同漂浮在溪流上的叶子,随着水流飘荡。静坐的目的不是阻止叶子的飘动,而是意识到它们的存在,并不被它们的流动所牵绊。"
- 2. "一旦掌握静坐的基础,通过持续修习,它将成为你生活的一部分。学会拥抱'静坐的艺术'——让我们在生活的纷扰中,依然保持内心的平静与清澈。"
- 3. "让静坐成为你生活中的日常习惯,像喝水或上厕所一样,是自然而然的。规律的练习有助于将正念融入到你的日常生活中。"
- 4. "学习静坐就像学骑自行车:最初需要指导和帮助,但真正的诀窍在于投入时间和持续练习。如此,你将找到属于自己的平衡。"
- 5. "一旦掌握了静坐的基础,它就像演奏一首熟记于心的钢琴曲,随时随地都能练习,并融入你的生活节奏里。"

- 6. "就像你定期运动或锻炼肌肉,以维持健康体魄的形式一样。静坐也如同一间'心灵的健身房',通过持续练习,锻炼你的心理与思维能力。"
- 7. "中医有句古话:'通则不痛,痛则不通。'痛往往源于身体中堵塞或停滞的能量。针灸和运动可以促进血液流通。而静坐则有助于清理心灵的杂乱,促进放松和能量的流动。通过规律的练习,你将发现身体与心灵变得更加放松与灵活。"
- 8. "静坐就像学习游泳。一开始,保持漂浮或在水中前行可能很困难。但只要坚持练习,你就会变得熟练,也能够游得更远。同样的,只要持续练习静坐,你的心灵就能逐渐在压力下保持平静与专注。"

修心修慧之道

静坐是一种通过专注和高度觉知,以达到心境平和、提升心智、澄澈心镜的修行方式。它要求对思想、情绪或身体的感受进行觉察而不执著,从而加深对自我内在与现实本质的理解。

对许多人而言,静坐是锻炼心智、培植正念、安稳身心的强大工具。然而,静坐不仅仅是为了提升生活的幸福感,它更是证悟心性的重要途径,还是佛教僧侣修行道路上的关键支柱。日本禅宗大师——道元禅师(12OO-1253)曾强调禅坐的重要性,认为这是佛教核心价值的重要组成部分。可以说,静坐在佛教的修行体系中扮演着非常重要的角色。

静坐与神经可塑性: 重塑思考的力量

静坐让我们打破了固有思维模式的桎梏,培养 更健康、更具慈悲心的善思维。这种心态上的 转变,与佛陀的四圣谛教义相符,即引导个人从 痛苦走向解脫。通过持续修习,静坐可以帮助我 們认清并超越痛苦的根本,深化对自我内在的 见解,以智慧滋养身心灵。

近年来,科学研究证实了修行者们长期以来的认识:规律的静坐能够深刻影响大脑。神经可塑性,

其实是指大脑通过建立新的神经连接,重新组织自身的能力。这一原理让我们更清晰地理解静坐是如何重塑我们的思维结构,并改变固有的思维模式。若我们长时间修习静坐,我们的思维就可以被重新编程,进而培养出更积极、更灵活的思维模式。

身理与心理是密不可分的。静坐强化了身心之间的联系,为两者带来显著的益处。例如,静坐能够有效减轻压力,而压力的缓解對健康是有直接影响的。通过坚持静坐,个人可以重构思维模式,增强心理韧性,帮助情绪平衡之余,还能提升整体健康水平。

这种内在的转变不仅是心性上的开悟,更融合了科学见解,让人们能够与自己及周围的世界建立更深层、更有意义的联系。

克服静坐过程中的挑战

静坐的关键在于拥抱过程,而非带着"有所求" 的心态。其目的是保持过程中的一致性。在静 坐时,很大可能会出现情绪躁动或外界干扰等 阻碍,但最重要的是以耐心和自我觉察面对这 些挑战。

过程中,我们应该不带批判性地识别与接受那些杂乱纷飞的念头。与其抵抗它们,不如简单地观察,让它们自然流过。这种柔和的接受,将有助于心境回归宁静与存粹。

持续的正念练习让我们能够体会到生活中的小确幸。同时,我们也能明白无常生灭的意义,并在逆境中对自己怀有更多的慈悲与善意。当静坐逐渐融入日常生活,它将成为一种自然而充实的实践,并带来更深层的内心平和与稳定。

静坐引导的重要性

在数字化时代,许多人通过视频、网站、应用程序或书籍等线上资源学习静坐。虽然这些工具确实能提供帮助,但想要真正的参透精髓,往往还需要经验丰富的修行者从旁指导。向深谙其道的导师学习,可以有效应对静坐中潜藏着的

微妙、复杂的各种障碍。尽管线上资源提供了宝贵资讯,但它们始终无法替代资深静坐导师的智慧与个性化指导。

对于希望学习或深化静坐修习的人,寻求经验丰富的导师是极为重要的。一个有经验的导师不仅能帮助你避开常见的误区,还能巩固你对心念运作的理解,提供有价值的反馈与支持,助力开拓您的修心之旅。

静坐与共修的乐趣

静坐为人们带来一种独特的喜悦与禅定体验。 韩国的研究表明,静坐能够增强大脑活动,尤 其是与喜悦、乐观和创造力相关的区域。简而言 之,深入的静坐修行有助于提升心境,并让生活 态度变得更加积极乐观。

此外,静坐共修也能深化体验。与他人一同静坐,分享彼此的心得体会,并从团队中汲取不同的见解,不仅能帮助我们更深刻地理解静坐,还能增强我们对修行的决心与毅力。

随着自律的逐渐提升,您或许会选择每天独自进行二十到三十分钟的定期静坐。如果很难抽出较长的时间,不妨将练习分为几个时段。例如,每天三次,每次十到十五分钟,这样的练习方式同样能带来显著效果。

禅宗强调"无为"的理念,认为静坐时应完全活在当下,而不执著于追求某个具体的目标。真正的觉悟在于全然专注修行的过程,而非执著于某种结果。

揭示常见误解

在此章节中,我们将深入探讨并纠正一些关于静坐的常见误解,帮助您更准确、更清晰地理解静坐本质。

1. 必须在完全安静的环境下静坐。

虽然安静的环境有助于减少干扰,但静坐并不局限于绝对静默的空间。氛围音乐、念诵或引导式静坐等方式,同样可以提升您的体验。关键在于找到最适合您的静坐方式。

2. 静坐时必须采用特定姿势, 如莲花坐姿。

虽然保持舒适的姿势很重要,但不一定要以 莲花坐式进行。您可以坐在椅子上、躺下、站 着,甚至在行走时保持禅静。静坐的核心在 干保持一个既舒适又能觉察的姿势。

3. 静坐需要长时间的练习才能见效。

其实每天只需要进行几分钟的静坐,也能带来明显的好处。关键在于规律和持续的练习。从短时间开始,逐步延长时间,如此练习便能更容易地将静坐融入到日常生活。

4. 每天必须在固定的时间静坐。

虽然固定时间有助于养成习惯,但灵活的安排同样重要。您可以根据自己的日程安排静

坐。最重要的是,让静坐成为日常生活的一部分,而不拘泥于具体的时间。

5. 静坐时必须完全静止不动。

静坐可以在不同姿势和活动中进行,包括行 走或有意识的轻缓运动。无论是静止或移动, 保持正念的觉察才是最重要的。

6. 静坐需要持咒。

虽然有些静坐方式会持咒,但很多静坐形式 其实并不需要。您可以通过专注于呼吸、某个 物体或身体的感知来进行静坐。

7. 静坐的目标是彻底清空念想。

佛教中的静坐并非要完全清空想法,而是通过不执着、不评判地觉察思想和情感。目标在于培养正念觉知,更充分地体验当下的每一刻。

8. 静坐可以解决所有心理健康问题。

虽然静坐能够加强心理健康,但它应该与其 他的治疗方式相辅进行,而不是完全地替代 正规治疗。静坐只是促进心理与情感健康的众多工具之一。

9. 静坐是解决问题的快速方法。

静坐不是一种快速解决问题的方案, 而是一种长期辅助身心的实践。它有助于管理压力、提升专注力, 并增强身心健康。它应被视作维持整体身心健康的其中一种方式。

10. 静坐太难学了。

静坐其实可以很简单,人人都能轻松掌握。 初学者可以从每天几分钟的静坐开始,逐步培养成日常习惯。如今也有很多资源可以帮助初学者,好比引导式静坐、手机应用和书籍等,这些管道有助于大家学习不同的技巧。

11. 我的思绪太忙乱了, 无法静坐。

在开始静坐时,感到思绪慌乱是很正常的。 静坐本身是一个逐渐帮助心灵恢复平静和 集中思绪的过程。通过持续地将注意力回归 到某个焦点上,好比呼吸、物体或持咒,你会 慢慢训练自己的心灵,使其更加安宁。

12. 忙碌的人无法静坐

其实静坐也可以轻松融入到忙碌的生活中。 一天中抽出片刻进行静坐,比如深呼吸几次 或是进行简短的静坐练习,都能带来显著的 益处。因此,无论多忙,人人都可以实践静坐。

参与者的静修感悟

广声法师的静坐教导深刻地改变了许多参与者的生活。在他的引导下,参与者们的心智、情绪、健康与人际关系都得到了显著提升。大家的反思与醒悟,都揭示了静坐的诸多益处。

以下他们的个人感悟。

Roger 资讯技术顾问|静坐两年 四十多岁

静坐重塑了我 应对生活挑战 的方式



静坐在我的日常生活中,发挥了至关重要的作用,尤其是当我面对工作压力所带来的失眠和焦虑。尽管我尝试过各种方法,比如定期锻炼和呼吸技巧,却始终无法找到内心的宁静。直到我将静坐和瑜伽融入日常生活,我的失眠和焦虑才得到显著的改善。如今,我在日常生活中能够更加清晰、专注与平和的应对各种境况。早晨醒来时,我感到神清气爽,整体的健康状况也有了明显提升。

静坐也改变了我的日常情绪与想法。它让我更加 关注自己的思想和感受,让我不被情绪淹没,并 主导它们。我学会了保持冷静,这让我在应对家 庭和工作挑战时更加从容。我变得更有耐心,做 任何决定之前都会深思熟虑,而不是冲动行事。

我觉得非常幸运,能每个星期在光明山普觉禅寺参加静坐课程。在这殊胜、宁静的环境中,广声法师的教导让我受益匪浅。我确信静坐对我生活的产生了积极的影响。



Tai See 经理|静坐三年半 四十多岁

在静坐中重拾 觉知与幸福

通过学习静坐 技巧,我发现自己 能够更轻松地管理 压力和情绪。 我的静坐学习始于2O21年新冠疫情期间,那时我面临着前所未有的压力。最初,我只是好奇静坐对压力是否有所帮助。很快的,我便开始期待参与广声师父带领的静坐课程。禅堂内的宁静氛围提供了一个舒适空间,让我能够全身心地投入静坐。

静坐让我学会了在生活的各个方面保持正念, 无论是坐着、走路,还是进行任何的日常活动。 我也学会了接受每一刻的感受,专注于当下。 静坐大大降低了我的压力,提升了我的情绪调 节能力,让我对他人更富有慈悲心。我也注意到 自己在与他人沟通时,尤其是在高压情况下, 表现得更为稳定。过去的我经常因压力而恼怒, 现在我能够以冷静和理解的方式应对,从而与 他人建立更加和谐的关系。

我非常感激这一路走来的经历, 感恩广声师父的 引导, 让我有机会培植正念与慈悲的生活方式。



Seok Yee 全职妈妈兼专业人士 | 静坐八年 四十多岁

从疫情前到现在

广声法师的坚定 信念和耐心指导, 一直是我灵感 和力量的重要 来源,他帮助我在 静坐实践的起伏中 不断前行。 我的静坐之旅充满了成长与韧性。几年前,我为大女儿报名参加光明山普觉禅寺的佛学少儿班,这也是我开始学习静坐的契机。随着时间的推移,我在课程中慢慢地加深了对佛教的理解,也体验到了定期静坐的诸多好处。其中最难忘的经历是2019年参加了为期五天的内观静坐营,Venerable Sayadaw U Pyinnyarnanda的授课让我在正念实践中受益匪浅。

然而,疫情带来了意想不到的挑战。尽管最初的线上静坐课程对我有一定的帮助,但随着时间一天天过去,缺乏实际互动的缘故,让我感到有心无力,学习过程变得疲惫不堪。我也因为生活与工作上的压力,导致身心无法负荷。到2O23年,静坐已脱离我的生活,我被烦恼吞噬,无法找到内心的平衡。直到2O24年中旬,我才重新体会到静坐的好处,意识到它可能是我克服焦虑、消极情绪和挫折感的关键。

重新参加每周的静坐课程,并积极参加静坐营等,让我重新焕发活力,找回消失已久的平静。静坐对我的人际关系和身心健康产生了积极的影响,也深深提醒了我,静坐在生活的意义与影响。



Beatrice Leow 管理人员|静坐两年半 五十多岁

静坐教会我的 「心如镜明澈」



我在高压的工作环境,同时需要照顾患有老人 痴呆症的母亲。为此,我经常感到无比烦躁、 焦虑,甚至会为此失眠。夜间散步或运动锻炼对 我几乎毫无帮助,于是我决定尝试静坐。

通过光明山普觉禅寺的静坐课程教导,我的内心变得更加平稳与平静。特别是在学习了"不执着"的心态后,我开始学会认识自己的情绪与念头,甚至能够觉察焦虑与烦躁的由来。由此,我也能以平和的心态处理各种境况与挑战。

静坐课程的宁静氛围让我感到非常安心,像深呼吸这样的静坐技巧,已成为我保持平静心的 重要工具。

我非常感激师父的指导,帮助我能以正念、平和 的心态应对生活中的各种挑战。



Leong Wai Mun 安全职员|静坐三年 五十岁

通过静坐 学习放松

我现在能够 在情绪和反应 发生前觉察 自己的变化。 在学习静坐之前,我常常失眠,也很难在漫长的一天后放松自己。我尝试了各种方法,如减少使用手机、晚上运动锻炼和睡前拉伸等,但似乎都没有显著效果。为了寻求更深层次的身心放松,我决定尝试静坐。

自从将静坐变成了我的日常活动后,我的睡眠质量有了明显的改善。醒来时我会感觉到精力充沛,不像之前那样,总是压力重重。静坐还帮助我更好地管理情绪,让我能够以更平和的心态应对压力和外界的刺激。

我注意到自己的脾气,有了正向的变化。曾经那些容易让我生气的事情,再次遇到时反应也不再那么冲动。这种情绪稳定的变化对我的职业生涯(作为安全职员)尤为重要。

静坐不仅提升了我的整体身心健康,也让我在生活中更轻松、更清晰地应对各种挑战。



JC 全职主妇|静坐十年 五十多岁

在静坐中 克服焦虑

平静与安宁应源 于自心, 这才是 静坐的本质。 二十多年来,我一直与广泛性焦虑症斗争。我经历过强烈的恐惧、悲伤和持续性的担忧。我总在夜里失眠,白天被焦虑笼罩,甚至经常在公共交通内恐慌发作,导致呼吸急促和严重的胃酸倒流。尽管咨询了精神科医生,也尝试了传统治疗方法,但我的焦虑依然没有改善。

有一天,我偶然在光明山普觉禅寺参加了由方丈 广声师父授课的静坐课程。当时的我,内心感受 到了久违的平和,于是我和伴侣便决定报名参加 课程。广声师父在课堂上提到的"战斗或逃跑" 反应、放松、呼吸和保持觉知等静坐技巧,让我 们的内心产生了强烈的共鸣。

经过几节课后,我注意到自己的睡眠质量有所改善。时间久了,我恐慌发作的频率也减少了。静坐教会我专注于当下,帮助我更好地管理情绪。我非常感激广声师父的指导和光明山普觉禅寺的舒适环境,这些外在条件也对我内心的平静旅程起到了重要的推动作用。



TL Tan 静坐十多年

清醒、平静、从容 的人生之旅



我非常感激光明山普觉禅寺和广声师父,在过去十年里开办的「舒心 · 正念 · 静坐课程」。 这十多年来的静坐练习,为我的生活带来了平静与清醒,我也将这份从容,融入到我的日常生活里。

最初我参加这个课程,其实是为了支持正在应对焦虑的妻子。但我很快找到了属于自己的内心成长之路。仅仅几节课之后,我变得更加专注与平和,这让我从一名旁观者,变成了真正投入到静坐中的参与者。

静坐不仅改善了我的睡眠,也帮助我更好地应对压力,还提升了我的自我觉知和情感坚韧。我学会了拥抱与接受自我关爱,更多地活在当下,以同理心面对生活中的挑战。

光明山普觉禅寺宁静的环境让我更深入地反思。而广声师父的宝贵建议,也对我的修行帮助

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Han Shin Ping 职员 | 静坐十多年 五十九岁

静坐带来的 家庭转变

告别不眠的夜晚 与昏沉的黎明 一一静坐改善了 我的睡眠质量。 在尝试静坐之前,我一直饱受睡眠不足、频繁生病和脾气暴躁的困扰。试过了各种方法后,我最终选择通过静坐,进行最后的尝试。开始的三个月里,我每周上课,每天进行20分钟的自我练习,很快就看到了显著的效果。我的睡眠质量有了提升,持续的疲惫感也随之消失了。

随着我深入练习静坐,它逐渐成为了家人们关注的一部分。最初,我的丈夫抱持怀疑态度,但在看到我身上的明显变化后,他也开始加入。此外,当儿子开始服兵役,面对体力和精神上的双重挑战时,竟也开始尝试静坐,之后连他的女朋友也一同加入。静坐成为了我们一家人的共同体验,让我们彼此在精进的道路上互相支持、共同成长。

对于我们家而言,光明山普觉禅寺无疑是最理想的选择。这里不仅为年轻一代提供了适合的课程,也为英文教育背景的人们提供服务。每周到光明山普觉禅寺参与静坐,已成为了我们家的"传统"。静坐不仅提升了我们的身心健康,也加深了我与家人们的情谊。



Doreen Goh

通过佛法与静坐 重拾生活平衡

正念帮助我 焕发身心活力, 让我每日积极应对 生活挑战。 从小我就是个容易焦虑、胡思乱想,且经常自我怀疑的人。有了孩子之后,这种倾向愈加明显。我一边忙于工作,一边照顾孩子,不停地担心他们的健康状况,导致我自己压力倍增,夜不能寐,身体健康也逐渐恶化。那些挫败感逐渐转化为深深的自责,我也习惯性地利用忙碌来逃避情绪上的困扰。

这些负面情绪最终严重影响了我的健康。我被诊断出患有严重贫血,并在几年内因免疫系统的衰弱,接受了多次手术。

回顾过去,我十分感恩在手术前接触了正念静坐。静坐在我的康复期间,帮助我有效管理生理和心理上的痛苦。虽然最开始静坐时,我与内心的情绪抗争非常艰难,但我坚持了下来,并逐步将佛法和正念融入到日常生活中。这样的修习成了我保持身心平衡的关键,也是自我疗愈的力量源泉。

每天早晨,我通过练习正念,如觉察身体状态和正念饮食,开启新的一天。这些练习让我重新焕发身心活力。除了个人的静坐练习外,我也发现参加禅坐共修有着极大的益处。静坐课程中的集体能量,强化了我对自己及他人的同理心、慈悲心与爱心。

正如广声师父在课程中智慧地指出:"正念不是从外界寻求的,而是从内心培养的。"他将正念比作一场羽毛球比赛,提醒我们不要一味的只追逐球的方向,而要专注于理解比赛的节奏,精进自己的技巧。这种体悟帮助我培养了更深层次的意识,也更加关注到身心健康的重要性。



Goh Kim Hong 技术员|静坐十多年 六十多岁

睡眠质量与精神 敏锐度的提升

静坐让我睡得 更安稳,醒来时也 感到神清气爽。 静坐极大地改善了我的身心健康。过去,我常常难以入睡,但现在通过静坐,不仅能够更快入眠,睡眠质量也得到了显著提升。

我还练习了行禅、坐禅和卧禅等不同形式的禅修,这大大增强了我的专注力和情绪管理能力。静坐不仅让我思维更加敏锐,还提升了工作中的效率,使我在面对挑战和处理愤怒的情绪时更加冷静从容。此外,参加集体静坐活动也让我获得了许多正向能量,也从中感受到了与他人的深刻连结。



匿名 医疗管理员 | 静坐两年 五十多岁

在快节奏的生活中 寻觅宁静



我性格比较急躁,但经过一年多的静坐课程, 我逐渐学会了放松自己。现在,我的噩梦减少了, 睡眠质量也得到了显著提升。每周一小时半的课程,加上广声师父的教导,为我提供了一个宝贵的机会,能静下心来放松自己,这在家中是很难做到的。

此外, 静坐还改善了我与伴侣之间的关系。我们 发现了许多共同的兴趣, 沟通也变得更加顺畅, 彼此的关系也变得更加紧密。



Mr and Mrs TS Lim 资讯科技顾问与全职主妇|静坐一年 五十多岁

身心健康与心理 韧性的提升



静坐在减轻压力方面发挥了重要作用,它帮助我们进入一种放松与平静的心理状态,使我们更好地应对日常生活中的各种挑战。静坐不仅降低了我们的焦虑感与消极想法,也平静了我们的内心,这让我们在面对生活的困难时变得更加坚韧。

此外,静坐提高了自我觉察能力,让我们能够以 更理性的方式应对问题,而不是冲动反应。我们 可以更有效地控制自己的情绪和行为。通过培 养正念和专注当下,我们的耐心也有所提升。我们 能够从多个不同角度客观地看待事物,并增强对 他人的宽容心。

静坐还提升了我们的专注力与集中力,延长了注意力的持续时间,增强了思维的清晰度。同时,身心的充分放松也促进了睡眠质量的改善。总的来说,从情感平衡、睡眠质量,乃至生活的方方面面,静坐在这之中给予了很大的帮助。



匿名 教师|静坐两年 四十多岁

滋养身心的 重要养分

维生素C对我们的健康至关重要。而静坐正如灵魂中的维他命C,滋养着我们的身、心、灵。

静坐已经成为我生活中不可或缺的一部分,它在这个快节奏的世界里为我带来了平静与自我觉察。一开始我是在巴礼莱寺参与静坐课程,随后我才到光明山普觉禅寺参加正念静坐课程。广声师父的指导对我帮助极大,他让我能够更好地将身心投入到静坐当中。

通过定期练习静坐,我的内心变得更加清晰,压力得到了缓解,整体健康也有所改善。静坐让我的内心得以平静,情绪更加平和。它帮助我从日常生活的喧嚣中抽离出来,专注于当下。通过在家中练习,我逐渐地把这些益处融入到生活当中。静坐不仅让我在面对挑战时的思路更加清晰,也让我的内心更加安定、从容,以平和的心态应对各种情况。



匿名 教师□静坐三年 四十多岁

日常正念

在事情尚未 有结果之前, 暂不做批判, 允许事态的 自然发展。 几年前,在朋友的鼓励下,我开始参与光明山普 觉禅寺的静坐课程。虽然之前从未接触过静坐, 但我非常喜欢禅堂那份宁静祥和的氛围。

几年后,我报名参加了普觉坊的课程,这让我对静坐有了更深入的理解。我学习了多种静坐技巧,例如卧禅、呼吸禅和饮食禅等。

光明山普觉禅寺的禅堂始终是我心灵的避风港。 全年丰富的课程安排与我的繁忙生活完美契合。 每次的课程都结合了坐禅与行禅,让我在多样化的练习中既感到舒适,又保持了投入感。

静坐大大丰富了我的日常生活,增强了我的耐心和情绪觉察。像是在等公交时专注呼吸这样的小练习,逐渐成为我处理情绪波动和应对挫折的有效策略。即使偶有走神,我也能迅速恢复内心的平静。

此外, 静坐还提高了我的耐心、自我觉知和情绪控制能力。它教会了我在日常生活中保持正念, 帮助我更好地识别和管理自己的情绪。我期待进一步深入我的静坐练习, 并继续享受它带来的平静与稳定。



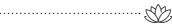
匿名 全职主妇|静坐四年 四十多岁

通过静坐平稳 度过更年期

静坐让我对 情绪的微妙变化 更加敏感。 近年来,随着光明山普觉禅寺新建的般若禅堂开放,我对静坐也变得更加的投入了。静坐在帮助我应对更年期带来的生理和心理挑战时,发挥了至关重要的作用。

更年期常常伴随着身体的不适和情绪波动,但通过静坐,我学会了更加敏锐地觉察自己的情绪波动,让我更从容地应对它们。现在,我能冷静地观察自己的情绪,不再轻易被它们牵着走。

此外, 静坐也帮助我缓解了许多身体上的不适。 以平和的心态看待这些更年期的症状, 并专注于 正念呼吸, 使整体健康和情绪受到的负面影响也 减少了。我的生活质量有所提升, 整个过渡期也 变得更加容易应对了。



匿名 教师 □ 五十多岁

在静坐中 寻求安宁

静坐让我 回归到当下的 简单时刻, 在呼吸中找到 内心的安宁。 之前,我常和父亲在光明山普觉禅寺参与静坐,这是我们特别的共处时光。我们会一起静坐,然后分享彼此的感受。然而,随着工作的日益繁忙,我的静坐变得不规律,但父亲却始终如一地坚持着。

我必须承认,往往只有在感到不安或负面情绪涌现时,我才会选择静坐。在那些时刻,我需要独处的时间,而静坐则恰好提供了这样一个自我空间。自从父亲离世后,静坐已成为我生活中的日常习惯,它为我提供了一个安静反思的心灵空间,让我找到内心的安慰。

对我而言,静坐不仅仅是一种放松的方式。当我将其融入日常生活时,它改变了我对世界的认知。静坐教会我放慢脚步、停下思考,以更大的智慧和慈悲去应对生活的挑战。通过静坐,我能够与自己和他人建立更深层的联系,培养内心的宁静,并将这种宁静自然而然地扩展到周围的世界。



Lim Teong Peng 生活教练|静坐一年 四十二岁

更清晰的思维 更好的人际关系

静坐教会了 我在困境中退后 一步理性思考, 也让我在处理 问题或做决策时 更加灵活。 我的静坐之旅始于二十多年前,在光明山普觉禅寺。最近,我参加了广声师父的课程,这些课程极大地改变了我的内心世界。一开始,我经常被负面的思维和情绪困扰,但随着我逐渐学会了接纳慈悲与友善,我变得更加坚韧,并且对自我有了更清晰的认知。

我的思维变得更加清晰,也能更好的缓解压力。 因为我明白,负面思维并不总是反映现实情况, 所以我不再与之抗争。通过以更加开放、不带评 判的态度面对,我改善了与朋友和家人的关系。 静坐帮助我以更深的理解和宽容心态来应对各 种情境。

广声师父富有吸引力的教学风格,结合了现实 生活的洞见和他个人的经验,让每堂课都生动 有趣,令人受益良多。



Wong Su Ju 审计员 | 静坐一年 五十一岁

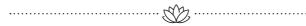
掌握职业与 个人成功



工作经常让我倍感压力。虽然我没有每天静坐,但一周一次的静坐却让我在生活中找到了内心的平静,并更有效地管理了自己的工作与生活。有一段时间,我情绪几乎失控,接近崩溃的边缘。想起广声师父的教导,我决定请一天假,前往光明山普觉禅寺静坐。通过专注呼吸和保持当下觉知,我逐渐学会以更平和的心态去面对那些曾经让我倍感压力的挑战。

广声师父教导我们要接纳自己的念头。我花了一些时间才完全理解这个意思。我这才理解到所有的情境,其实受到多种因素的影响。渐渐地,我明白了事情的发展往往是由因缘和合而成的。正是这种领悟,大大提升了我面对困难时的应对能力。静坐不仅增强了我的自我觉知,还改善了我与家人的互动,提升了我在家庭和职场中的人际关系。

每周五晚上,我都期待广声师父的课程,这让我在繁忙的工作周后找到一丝宁静与休憩。经过两年与不同老师的学习后,我与广声师父那耐心细致且富有智慧的教学方式产生了共鸣,我计划继续长期参加他的课程,希望能继续从中受益。



李巧鈴 求职者|静坐两个月 四十五岁

克服失眠与压力



十多年来,我的生活一直被失眠困扰着,我的身心也经常感到疲惫不堪。然而,自从我参加了光明山普觉禅寺的八节静坐课程后,情况发生了改变。每一节课都让我获得了新的领悟和放松技巧,这些收获也帮助我改善了睡眠状况。我现在能够很快入睡,真正体验到深层且恢复性的睡眠。

在静坐之前,我经常感到烦躁焦虑。静坐给我的生活带来了深刻的宁静与稳定。正念修习对我影响尤为深远,它教会了我如何不带评判地观察自己的思想与情绪。这让我更有效地应对压力,并保持中立的心态。

在广声师父的指导下,我现在能够在课上静坐30分钟,并将正念融入到我的日常生活中。无论是走路、吃饭还是交流,我都能更好地觉察身体的感受。随着持续的练习,我相信自己能更深入地理解自己的思维模式,提升专注力,并增强记忆力。



匿名 退休人士 □ 八十九岁

在静坐中找到 疗愈与和谐

在广声师父的 引导下, 我学 到了情绪平衡 与慈悲心。 我大约2O年前开始了静坐修行,那时光明山普 觉禅寺还没有开设静坐课程。参与静坐多年,我 感到最意外的是健康状况得到了改善,我发现长 期困扰我的呼吸急促问题消失了。曾经,轻微的 活动都会让我感到呼吸困难,特别是在工作压力 大的时候。最令我惊讶的是,当我去香港参观大 屿山 (Da Yu Shan) 时,这些症状竟全部消失了。

静坐也帮助我更好地管理情绪,并改善了我与家人的相处。我变得更加自省、宽容和理解,因而拥有了更多的慈悲心,也让家庭关系更加牢固。我非常享受广声师父的静坐课程。在他的引导下,学员能够逐步掌握静坐的技巧,而不会感到压力。长期坚持,益处尤为显著。

如今我已近9O岁了,我的长寿与健康还得归功于静坐禅修。光明山普觉禅寺新建的般若禅堂充满了正向能量,这也加深了我的静坐体验。我对这个充满支持的环境心存感激。这里让我能够继续参与静坐,并收获身心灵上的诸多益处。



匿名 半退休会计师 七十一岁

通过静坐改善睡眠 与压力管理

静坐改善了我 抗压性、情绪管理 和睡眠质量, 为我的生活带来 稳定与平静。 我和姐姐第一次在光明山普觉禅寺体验了静坐。从那时起,静坐彻底改变了我的生活,尤其是在广声师父教授的课程中,我受益匪浅。

自从开始静坐后,我控制情绪和应对压力的能力 大幅提升。每当感到焦虑或压力时,短暂的静坐 休息能帮助我清理思绪、放松身心。

此外, 静坐还改善了我之前一直存在的睡眠问题。 自从开始静坐后, 我的睡眠质量显著提升, 让我 能够体验更深层的睡眠。我非常感激广声师父 在正念静坐课程中的指导, 也感谢静坐为我的生 活带来了诸多益处。



佳伶 自雇人士|静坐两年 四十多岁

静坐教会我 接受与觉知

静坐就像跑步 或游泳一样,是每 个人都应该进行 的心灵锻炼。 疫情期间,我开始涉足期货交易,伴随着巨大的压力和波动无常的亏盈,心情也变得非常不稳定。我陷入了很长一段时间的焦虑与沮丧。就在我情绪低谷的时候,偶然接触到了师父的静坐班。一开始我认为静坐与宗教是密切相关的。但学习后才发现,静坐其实和普通运动一样,是每个人都应该进行的心灵锻炼。我不敢说自己有很大的改变。但我认为,我"转念"了。

以前总认为赚钱是生活的重心,现在才明白"爱你所拥有的一切"。除了睡眠质量得到改善,我的人际关系方面也有了变化,尤其是我与丈夫之间的相处,变得和谐许多。以前我很容易感到烦躁,现在遇到各种境遇,我可以更加包容和豁达地面对。我学会了感受与珍惜当下。

我依稀记得曾经有个学生,非常伤心地对广声师父说自己一直很难过,无法放下过往。师父告诉他,我们必须学会接受自己的悲伤。唯有通

过"接受"的力量,接纳自己的情绪,我们才能真正地释怀与放下。不论何种情绪,只要当下觉察到它的存在,那我们其实就能在"觉知"中感受到它的来去,而不受其影响。



许水偀 财务总管 | 静坐一年 六十多岁

静坐带我走出 伤感与浮躁

当内心变得 平和稳定,我们 才能临危不乱 地应对生活中 的挑战。 七八年前,因先生突发中风,我开始探索静坐,希望借此找到心灵的安宁。我曾参加过一些课程,然而课后的"神通"讨论让我感到困惑。因为我未能像他人一样体验到所谓的"神迹",一度怀疑自己是否出了问题。于是,我选择暂时远离。

直到一年前,先生离世,我在光明山普觉禅寺祭拜时偶然看到了活动资讯,我选择再次接触静坐。我慢慢调整心态,找回心灵上的疗愈。起初我不知道该抱持什么目标,直到师父的一句话点醒了我:"你就坐吧,慢慢你会感觉到的。"自此,每周五的静坐课成了我最期待的时刻。

静坐后,我的失眠得到明显改善,工作更加专注,情绪也不再浮躁。过去,我在职场中常缺乏耐心, 尤其对下属容易发脾气。现在遇到情绪波动时, 我会先冷静再处理问题,工作更有条理,效率也 更高。 静坐让我客观看待生活中的挑战。虽然偶尔仍感到难过,但我能够坦然面对情绪并从中学习。 与家人和同事的关系也更融洽。我现在还会抽空运动,更加重视身心健康。静坐确实让我重新看见了内心的自在。



范云英 工程师|静坐九个月 四十七岁

星期五是我的 心灵充电时光

不带有所求的 心态,专注于观察、 接纳和体验当下 的心境。 大学时期,我曾参与南传佛学组织的静坐营。当时接触的观息法让我觉得困难,面对纷乱思绪,强迫自己专注呼吸反而带来更多烦恼。或许是因为年纪尚小,我无法真正体验到内心的平静。

直到我来到光明山普觉禅寺,接触了广声法师的教学,我才重新认识静坐。师父告诉我们,静坐的关键在于观察、接纳,与当下的心境共处,而非技术上的追求。我逐渐放下"有所求"的心态,开始允许自己自然地体验当下的感受。

刚开始静坐时,我因背部疼痛难以久坐,这种疼痛干扰了我的静坐体验。通过不断练习,我学会用"第三人称视角"观察自己的疼痛,虽然无法消除它,但我不再因疼痛感到烦恼或恐惧,内心反而变得更加平静。

般若禅堂的环境也帮助我完全放松,静坐时我仿佛远离外界喧嚣,专注在这个宁静的空间,寻找内心的安宁。



李安惠 办公职员 | 静坐八个月 三十三岁

从好奇到坚持 的静坐体验



之前,我以为大家来到光明山普觉禅寺主要是为了拜拜。偶然间,我看到了静坐活动的资讯,出于好奇便决定尝试。一开始,我认为静坐需要极大的耐心,需要长时间静坐在同一地方。我还听朋友说过,他们在其他地方学习静坐时有一些"神奇"的现象,比如出窍或进入另一个空间,这让我对静坐产生了更大的兴趣。于是,我报名参加了课程,至今已有八个月。

学习过程中,我逐渐认识到静坐不是"神通",而是修心的正念课。前段时间我经历了一次手术,术后继续上课时,我发现专注力显著提高,睡眠也改善了。现在,我学会观察情绪的起伏,尽量保持内心平静,不再急于与人争辩或寻求认同,情绪变得更稳定愉快。

静坐的环境对我来说非常重要。第一次踏入禅堂时,我的内心就立马平静下来,甚至有想在这里闭眼小憩的冲动。尽管曾在家中尝试静坐,但干扰太多,无法与禅堂的宁静相比。在这里,我能更加专注,感受到内心的安宁。



叶瑞萍 执行助理|刚参与不久 五十岁

从恐惧静坐到 舒坦面对



还记得小时候,我的妈妈就开始参与静坐。那时的我对静坐并不理解,每次自己在家中尝试都会感到身体发热、四肢麻痹,自己总是会胡思乱想。这些不适让我对静坐产生了恐惧。于是我决定等因缘成熟后再尝试。

新冠疫情后,我终于有机会报名参加静坐课程。 这次体验与以往截然不同。以前,我总感到忙碌 和杂念纷扰,但静坐让我明白,杂念和感受是来 去自如的。师父的教导让我认识到,无论遇到多 么困难的事,不必过于执着。同事们也注意到我 的变化,觉得我不再那么急性子,处理问题时更 加冷静。家人也感受到我变得更加平和与包容。

禅堂的环境对我来说至关重要。在家中常有干扰,而在禅堂中,我能享受真正的宁静。静坐让我学会了如何接受内心的杂念,保持平和的心态。通过静坐,我逐渐放下了过往的执念,变得更加宁静自在。



李水莲 人事部专员 | 静坐五年 四十六岁

我学会与自己 的身心对话

虽然每次 过来都需一至 两小时路程,但我 得到的收获是 无法衡量的。 十二年前皈依后,我在寺院祈福。我希望找到一位好导师和道场,能让我学习静坐。后来,我偶然参加了光明山普觉禅寺的一日静坐营,才知道广声师父也有开班授课。从那时起,我便开始学习静坐,至今已五年了。

我一直有背痛的问题,不能久坐。曾做过核磁共振,尝试了中西医和针灸等治疗,但效果不佳。参与静坐后,它确实帮助我缓解了背痛问题,改善了血液循环。师父常说,静坐是与自己的身体对话,我也从中渐渐了解自己的身体状态。

阅读一些大德的书籍后,我对静坐中的"通气"有了更深的理解。尽管最初盘腿时会感到酸麻,但随着练习,这些不适逐渐缓解。静坐还改善了我的睡眠质量,让我充满活力。

朋友们常问我为什么能坚持五年。我相信是因为静坐带给我的内心宁静。每周来这里静坐就像为心灵充电,尽管需要一到两小时的路程,但收获远超于付出。

感恩师父,	感恩迫场。	感恩静坐让找找回了内	3 /L'\
的宁和。			

梁玉玲 办公职员 | 静坐六个月 五十九岁

静坐让我重新整理 生活的"桌面"

我就像一台 电脑,静坐帮我 定期整理归档, 让一切自然有序。 我自己也一直对静坐感兴趣,却不知从何开始。 直到我在光明山普觉禅寺的社交媒体上看到了有 关静坐课程的资讯,我才下定决心报名。

还记得我刚开始静坐时,遇到不少挑战。腿脚容易抽筋,思绪也很难集中。但随着练习,我逐渐感到舒适,甚至头痛和盘骨疼痛也有所缓解。第三堂课后,我发现下腰时也不再像以往那样吃力。

几个月前,女儿经历了一场大手术,静坐对我帮助 尤为明显。以前我肯定会焦虑不安,但现在,我能 够冷静、有条理地应对,内心平和了许多。

我觉得人就像一台电脑,情绪和思绪如同杂乱的 文件。过去,我总是手忙脚乱,不知如何处理。现 在,静坐就像每周为我"整理桌面",让生活更加 从容有序。

静坐还改善了我与家中长辈的沟通。以前常因意见不合而生气,但现在耐心增加,沟通更顺畅,家庭氛围也更和谐。



吴茜 金融主管|静坐八个月 四十六岁

觉察情绪的变化 与来去

我学会了 不再被杂念牵动, 情绪也更加 稳定了。 我对静坐一直感兴趣,但未找到合适的途径学习。直到儿子在光明山普觉禅寺上课时,我偶然看到了静坐活动的资讯,便决定报名。之前看过一些关于静坐的文章和视频,了解到它的益处,也因此充满了好奇。

第一次踏入禅堂时,宁静的环境让我平静下来。 每周五的静坐课让我释放压力,身心得到了放松。 在静坐中,我学会了照顾自己的情绪和身体。

工作压力曾让我心跳加速、情绪紧绷。但通过静坐,我逐渐学会观察情绪的变化,不再被牵动,焦虑和心悸也随之改善,内心更平和。尽管一开始杂念纷飞,但通过觉察,我不再被杂念牵动,情绪变得更加稳定。我对佛法在静坐中的应用也产生了浓厚兴趣,期待深入探索。



Acho Tan 经理|静坐三个月 五十岁

静坐教会我健康与 情绪管理

●● 静坐帮助 我练习专注, 释放压力, 平静内心。 多年来,我一直在与失眠作斗争,经常做生动的 梦或噩梦,睡眠质量差,无法好好地休息。为了 改善这种状况,我尝试过多种方法,包括服用 睡眠补充剂,但效果有限。我希望通过静坐找 到平静与专注,因而决定尝试这项练习。

自从学习静坐以后,我的睡眠质量有了显著改善。 每晚我会通过静坐放松身体各个部位,帮助我更快地入睡。此外,我的脱发问题也有所缓解。我 发现自己更能放松,不再对超出控制范围的事物 执着,情绪上的焦虑与愤怒也得到了有效缓解。 现在,我不仅在工作中能保持专注,还在日常生活中练习正念,连用餐时也会更加注意当下。

之前,每个月都会因为工作紧张的缘故,陷入抑郁与情绪失控。现在,当我学会观察情绪的来去,我更能够专注于积极的想法,不被坏情绪左右。家人和同事都注意到了我的改变。他们说,我变得更加积极、态度更好。



邱雪莉 项目经理|静坐一年 四十七岁

静坐是一种 珍贵的工具

它帮助我们 在压力重重的 生活中,找到内在 的平衡和安宁。 在我接触静坐之前,失眠和焦虑一直困扰着我。 我尝试过许多方法,比如看无聊的书或数绵羊, 但效果并不显著。长期以来,工作和家庭中的期望和压力让我感到不快乐,也驱使我寻找一种 方法来释放这些心理负担。就这样,我报名了光 明山的佛学课和静坐课程,希望通过这种方式 找到心灵的安宁。

佛学课和静坐相辅相成,帮助我深入理解"放下"和"因果"。通过这段时间的学习,我的心态逐渐发生了改变,不再轻易被情绪左右,处理问题时也能以更加平和的方式表达。我意识到,没有什么是绝对的对或错,只是立场不同而已。静坐让我明白,一切都会过去,没什么值得执着的。

在管理情绪方面,我学会了放松自己,内心的平静帮助我与家人、同事的关系也有所改善。我的孩子们注意到我不再像以前那样容易发脾气,

处理事情时更加冷静和温和。这些变化让家庭 氛围更加和谐。

我深刻体会到,人是可以改变的。只要愿意实践,我们都可以放下内心的执念,找回属于自己的平静与幸福。



黄彩霞 秘书|静坐三个月 五十二岁

学习静坐帮助 情绪管理



去年,我的人生经历了一次巨大的变故,我的先生 因癌症逝世。我们决定在光明山普觉禅寺为先生 火化,从那时起,我和光明山普觉禅寺结下了缘。

为了寻求心灵的平静,我开始在YouTube上听闻佛法,并留意光明山的活动,最终报名了静坐课程。除了静坐,我也参加了佛学讲座和佛经解读。从那时起,我逐渐找回了内心的平静与力量。

静坐的练习让我发生了很大的变化。以前我很容易动怒,现在这种情况减少了90%。我对未来的恐惧与忧虑也大大减少了,虽然偶尔还会感到担忧,但已经很少会纠结于未发生的事情。更重要的是,我开始建立自信,学会独立承担家庭的责任和照顾孩子。静坐还让我能够更好地应对工作和生活中的压力。

不过有一点,有待进步。我仍挂念和执着于先生的 离开。当悲伤的情绪来时,我会通过呼吸调节情绪, 慢慢让自己平静下来。我相信,随着持续的静坐修 习,我的身心状态会继续改善,生活也将更加美好。



匿名

静坐改变了我的 心态与生活

包容一切, 念头起时不要 在乎它,它只是 你思维的一部分, 包容一切。 在接触静坐之前,我从未想过原来静坐如此简单,且对我的生活起了很大的作用。由于工作压力大,我时常感到紧绷和焦虑,甚至不懂如何放松。刚开始跟随广声师父学习静坐时,我总是心神不定,无法久坐。但师父的一句话改变了我的看法:"念头起时不要在乎它,它只是你思维的一部分,包容一切。"这句话让我不再苛求静坐中的表现,也不再试图达到某种目标,反而在过程中学会了放松与接纳自己。

我察觉到自己在面对外界变化时不再那么容易受到干扰,思维也更加清晰。如果几天没有静坐,我会感到烦躁,思绪也会觉得混乱。家人也察觉到我的变化,认为我变得更有耐心,能够平静地倾听他们的烦恼,不再像以前那样容易被情绪左右。

静坐让我学会以更理智、平和的态度面对生活中的挑战,同时让我能够保持乐观的心态。这种内心的转变不仅让我与家人的关系更加融洽,也让我在工作中更加游刃有余。



匿名 装修承包商 | 静坐两年 六十岁

静坐中的觉悟 与成长

我的心境 越来越清净,也 逐渐明白了'唯心 所现,唯识所变' 的实相。 我在静坐班中,逐渐学会如何在日常生活中保持平静。这不仅改善了我的睡眠质量,让我更容易在任何时间、任何地点安静下来,更让我学会在心情不佳时快速调整心态。

通过师父的引导,我逐渐理解了正念、内观和禅定的意义,能够将这些佛法智慧运用于生活中。 当烦恼与挑战来临,我不再轻易发脾气,也不会抱怨命运的不公。相反,我学会了用因果关系去看待一切,将事情往好的方向思考。

静坐不仅帮助我个人心境的转变,还让我与家人的关系更加亲密。在与他们相处时,我能更好地理解和包容,带着平和与爱去关心他们。更重要的是,我感受到了光明山禅堂中那股强烈的正能量,每次在与大众一起静坐时,都感到身心舒畅,充满力量。



Wong Hee Jinn 律师|静坐两年 二十多岁

通过静坐找到 平衡与安宁

每天只需静坐 十五分钟,就能 改善睡眠,找到 生活中的平衡。 最初在父亲的推荐下,我接触到了光明山普觉禅寺的静坐课程。那时我刚刚开始职业生涯,生活节奏快、压力大,希望通过静坐来缓解压力,改善睡眠质量。

广声法师主持的静坐课氛围轻松自在,充满鼓励。 课程的安排让我在静坐之路上拥有了更多的自 主性,师父也时常提醒我们,每个人的静坐体验 都不尽相同,遇到瓶颈或挫折是正常的,这让我 感到十分安心。

在开始静坐之前,我常常因小事而感到烦躁焦虑。 现在,每天只需静坐十五分钟,我的睡眠质量就 有了显著改善,工作中的焦虑也得到了更好的调 节。这短短十五分钟成为了我每天的重置按钮, 让我在忙碌的生活中停下脚步,专注于自己,摆脱 纷扰与杂念。 静坐不仅让我更好地应对日常的压力,还帮助 我稳定情绪,给我空间去关注那些我以往总是 无暇顾及的事物。我非常感激师父的静坐课程, 以及广声法师在这段旅程中给予的悉心指导。



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Prajna Meditation Hall

As our world grows increasingly complex and challenging, meditation has become widely sought after for its mental and spiritual benefits. In Buddhism, meditation is a foundational practice that allows us to delve into our inner selves, reduce stress and cultivate mindfulness.

Addressing this rising interest, Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery (KMSPKS) inaugurated the Prajna Meditation Hall on 5 October 2020 under the guidance of Abbot Venerable Kwang Sheng.

Nestled in a tranquil part of the monastery where the Dharma Hall once stood, the Prajna Meditation Hall is a five-storey facility that can accommodate up to 500 individuals. Its design elegantly merges traditional Chinese temple aesthetics with modern elements, emphasising energy efficiency through naturally ventilated spaces. The inclusion of bamboo plants around the building further enhances its serene atmosphere, seamlessly integrating nature into the meditation experience.

The building's most distinctive feature is its gently curved roof, which, when illuminated at night, resembles a glowing lantern, contributing to the monastery's tranquil ambience.

In honouring its cultural heritage, the building incorporates artefacts from the original Dharma Hall. These include the Qi Lin ceiling board, a symbol of protection and auspiciousness, prominently displayed on levels two to four. On Level One, symbolic elements such as the

Dharma wheel, representing the teachings of the Buddha, and the white elephant, symbolising strength and wisdom, are featured.

Since its establishment, the Prajna Meditation Hall has emerged as a prominent venue for both international and local meditation retreats.

Among its notable international events, the Hall hosted Luang Por Sumedho, a revered teacher from the Thai Forest Tradition, in February 2023. His seven-day retreat attracted 100 participants. In June 2023, Chanmyay Sayadawgyi, a direct disciple of Mahasi Sayadaw from Myanmar, conducted another seven-day retreat.

The Hall remains a sought-after location for distinguished teachers, including Ajahn Amaro, Abbot of Amaravati, whose highly anticipated 2024 retreat had to be relocated to the Hall of No Form due to high demand, as well as Ajahn Karuniko, Luang Por Viradhammo, Ajahn Vajiro, and Ajahn Dton.

Locally, the Hall has supported a range of retreats, including Venerable Kwang Sheng's inaugural overnight Eight Precepts Meditation Retreat on Singapore's National Day, 9 August 2024. This event, which welcomed 150 participants, underscored the Hall's significant role in local meditation practice and its expanding range of offerings.

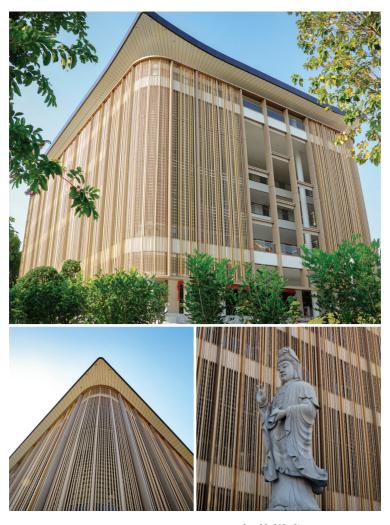
The Prajna Meditation Hall is more than just a meditation space; it is a sanctuary for spiritual practice and personal development. Its mission is to inspire Buddhists to deepen their meditation practice within a supportive and conducive environment. With its tranquil ambience and thoughtful design, the Hall provides an ideal setting for cultivating mindfulness, achieving inner peace, and embarking on a journey of self-discovery.

Since 2020, Venerable Kwang Sheng has led the "Relaxation and Mindfulness Meditation" sessions at the Hall. This programme creates a space for

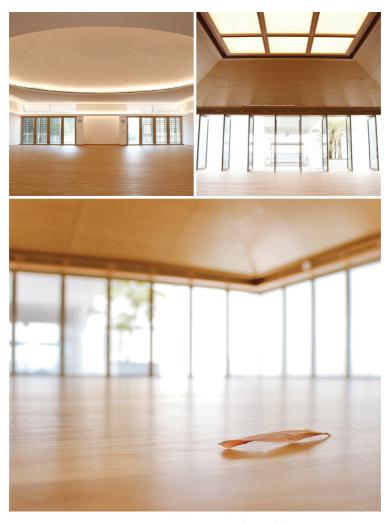
sharing experiences and knowledge, fostering meaningful interactions among meditators and positively influencing their daily lives.

To date, over 1,100 individuals have participated in Venerable Kwang Sheng's classes, reflecting their long-term commitment. Notably, over 40% of these students have engaged with the programme for more than three years, and out of which, over 37% have continued for over six runs. This high retention rate highlights the effectiveness and impact of his teachings.

If you are interested in exploring meditation or deepening your practice, please contact us at **6849 5346** or visit **kmspks.org** to learn more about our meditation programmes.



Prajna Meditation Hall 般若禅堂



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快节奏的现代生活导致人们压力重重,焦虑不安。而静坐作为一种平衡身心健康的管道,逐渐受到人们的推崇。佛教将静坐视为一门重要的修行法门,帮助人们深入自省、减轻压力、培植正念。为帮助更多人寻回本心的清净,光明山普觉禅寺于2O2O年1O月5日,在方丈广声法师的引领下,正式启用了般若禅堂。

般若禅堂是一座专为禅修设计的五层建筑,坐落在寺院内的宁静角落。这里原为前建筑一一藏经阁的所在地。翻新后的禅堂能同时容纳5OO人禅修。其建筑风格巧妙地借鉴了宗教元素,将传统中式寺院美学与现代设计相融合。建筑外观犹如茂密的竹林,营造出一片宁静祥和的氛围。禅堂在设计上强调环保节能,采用自然通风的空间和大堂,既节能又舒适。

建筑设计不仅考虑到现代功能性,还承载着丰富的文化传承理念。禅堂特别保留了藏经阁的部分珍贵文物与装饰图案,如二至四楼的麒麟图式,象征着吉祥与护佑。一楼则陈列着法轮与白象,分别代表着佛法的传承与智慧的力量。

夜幕降临时, 微微倾斜的屋顶与明亮的内部灯光呼应, 宛如一盏明灯, 指引我们走向成佛之道。

自禅堂启用以来,它不仅成为了静修的圣地,也 是举办国际与本地禅修活动的重要场所。 2O23年2月,泰国林居传统导师阿姜·苏美度(Luang Por Sumedho)曾在此举办为期七天的静坐营,吸引了上百名参与者。6月,缅甸的恰宓西亚多(Chanmyay Sayadawgyi)——马哈希禅师的弟子,也在此举办了另一场为期七天的静修活动。2O24年,阿姜·阿玛罗(Ajahn Amaro) Amaravati寺院方丈,因报名者众多,其静修活动不得不移至无相殿举行。其他知名禅师还包括Ajahn Karuniko、Luang Por Viradhammo、阿Ajahn Vajiro及Ajahn Dton,都在此举办过禅修活动。

本地的静修活动也同样丰富多彩。2O24年8月9日,新加坡国庆日,广声法师主持了首场八关 斋戒禅修活动,吸引了15O位参与者。般若禅堂 也逐步成为本地佛教徒的重要禅修空间,也为 未来更多的禅修活动奠定基础。

般若禅堂不仅是一个静坐的场所,更是一个心灵疗愈与自我成长的清净之地。其使命是为佛教徒提供一个包容与适宜的环境,帮助他们在宁静的氛围中深入禅修、培养正念与内心的平和。

自2O2O年起,广声法师在此开设「舒心·正念· 静坐班」,鼓励学员在课程中分享体验,互相 交流,并将这些正念正行融入到日常生活中,改 善生活品质。

截至目前,已有超过1,10O人参加了广声法师的课程,其中40%以上的学员已坚持静坐三年以上(五期),而超过37%的学员则已连续参与六期以上课程。广声法师的谆谆教导帮助了无数学员,参与者们的高度参与率正是最好的证明。

如果您对静坐心生向往, 亦或希望精进禅修, 欢迎您致电68495346或访问kmspks.org了解更多课程资讯。



Group Meditation Practice by Venerable Kwang Sheng 禅坐共修 (广声法师)

Meditation is a training that involves exploring one's inner world, discovering oneself, grasping the nature of life and developing wisdom. Through persistent, long-term practice, and after accumulating enough training hours quantitatively, our lives will transform qualitatively, with promising effects and benefits beyond words or thoughts.

Venerable Kwang Sheng

静坐是一种心的锻炼, 更是一叶通往智慧的舟筏,它引领我们 驶向内心深处,发现真正的自我, 了悟生死与当下。通过持之以恒的修习, 静心反思每个瞬间,我们的生活也将在 沉淀中绽放喜悦。

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