

# **Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International**

## **PRAYER GUIDE - April 2008**

01 - Today is called "April Fools Day". It reminds me of Psalm 53:1 which states, "The fool says in his heart, "There is no God". What a tragedy. Good Shepherd, make us instruments of your will so that we can minister to the "fools" around us.

02 - From April 2 to 5 the Georgia Cattlemen's Association has its trade show in Perry, Georgia. We pray, Chief Cornerstone that the FCF witness there be everything each person needs to make Jesus their Savior.

03 - The Royal Winter Fair in Brandon, Manitoba started on March 31<sup>st</sup> through tomorrow. Pray for Dave Loewen, our point man, and for the many volunteers who are sharing the Good News. Pray that many seeds of faith will be planted in the hearts of those who enter the booth and that these seeds would come to fruition.

04 - For many, farm prices are at an all time high and farmers and ranchers plus the businesses they patronize are enjoying profits like never before. Bread of Life, use this time of prosperity to grow your kingdom, provide for the less fortunate, finance revivals at home and abroad. But keep our focus on you, not our own abilities, as our provider. "And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus". Philippians 4:19

05 - While many farmers are prospering, others still struggle because of high input costs, increased rents, poor health, advancing age, weather difficulties, and other road blocks to prosperity. True Vine, we pray today especially for those facing financial difficulties. Pour your peace into those families, provide for their needs, and fill their hearts with gratitude for the things they do have.

06 - As always, some of us have health issues. Great Physician, we pray today especially for ES with bladder and intestinal problems, RB who has some broken bones, MJB, EO, and LF who have had strokes, and for GW who has prostate problems. Provide strength,

healing, and peace to each one and for their families.

07 - For five years the US has been at war, longer than our Civil War or our involvement in World War II. Light of the World, we pray for our troops who bravely carry on so that we and many others may have freedom. We also pray for our leaders, those who make the decisions for us as a nation. Lead and guide them in all that they do.

08 - In our little community, we have had several deaths recently. Accident, illness, and “old age” are some of the causes. Living Water, comfort those who have experienced loss, rejoice with those whose loved ones are now safely home with you, and remind each one of us that we are all “fatally flawed” and need our Savior Jesus Christ. Let us remember to tell others about our special Savior.

09 - “for better for worse, for richer for poorer, till death do us part”. Ever hear those words? Most of us who are married have said them. But, it seems as if they don’t mean much anymore. Prince of Peace, marriage in general, and many of our marriages in particular, are in trouble. Come renew and restore our marriages so that we, particularly the church, can be the salt and light you have called us to be.

10 - The Message Bible translates Psalm 34:9 as follows:

“Worship God if you want the best; worship opens doors to all His goodness”. Wow! I certainly want the best; I want open doors to all goodness. Thank you King of Kings for your manifold blessings --- for life, for vision, for provision, for family and friends, for my church, for the sun, for air to breathe, for food, clothing, and shelter, for all the intangibles, and, especially for a Savior who paid for my sins long before I was even born.

11 - Today through the 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a farm show, the Spring Expo, in Yorkton, Saskatchewan headed by Eldon Babcock. Please pray for strength and stamina for the workers and for many souls to come to Jesus.

12 - “ --- many even among the leaders believed in Him (Jesus).

But --- they would not confess their faith --- for they loved praise from men more than praise from God”, John 12: 42,43. Teacher don’t let that happen to me. I seek praise from God, not men, and I want to keep it that way.

13 - “At once they (Peter and Andrew) left their nets and followed Him”, Mark 1:18. When Jesus calls are we ready to act --- immediately? Chief Cornerstone, help me to be ready regardless of circumstances to answer your call now, not tomorrow or soon or when I am ready.

14 - “Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us”, Daniel 3:17. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were pretty confident, weren’t they? Lion of Judah, I’m not sure I have that kind of confidence. May I have “a measure of faith” to get me though all the trials that come my way from now on.

15 - “I tell you the truth, whatsoever, you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me”, Matthew 25:45. Have you ever passed up an opportunity to help someone out? I know I have. Jesus, open my eyes to see opportunities to help others (and you) and forgive me for the many times I’ve failed in the past. Thank you for new opportunities.

16 - “When she heard about Jesus, she cam up behind Him in the crowd”, Mark 5:27. Have you heard about Jesus? Is the crowd keeping you from reaching out to Him? Author and Finisher of our Faith, I have heard about you. I, too, am unclean. Allow me to reach out and touch you, receive your healing strength and power. Thank you, Jesus.

17 - The three day Southern Plains Farm Show starts today in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The FCF booth will be there, Light of the World, to witness to many lost and searching souls. We pray, Lord, that many names will be added to your “Lamb’s Book of Life”.

18 - “This one thing I do”, Philippians 3:13. St. Paul wasn’t a multi-talented person. He did one thing; he preached the gospel. How about you? Or me? Rose of Sharon, we need your help to focus on

the one or two things you've called us to do and to step aside so that others, with different callings, can do their thing to.

19 - The New Century Version of the Bible quotes 2 John 6, "Live a life of love". Yes, but, you don't know my sister-in-law or the boss' secretary, or the IRS auditor or ---. Maybe not, but God does. Wonderful Counselor, open my eyes to see others as Jesus sees them and loves them. They, too, are "whosoever".

20 - Today our Jewish friends celebrate the "Passover" when the "Angel of Death" passed over the Jewish homes where lamb's blood had been put on the doorposts while they were still slaves in Egypt. Jesus, too, celebrated Passover in what we Christians often call "the Last Supper". "This is my body given for you --- ", Luke 22:19. "This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is poured out for you", Luke 22:20. Thank you, Jesus for this new covenant.

21 - "I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last", John 15:16. Are you kidding, Master? Well, okay. What is my assignment? Yes, I want to be a fruit bearer.

22 - "All over the world, the gospel is bearing fruit", Colossians 1:16. Bright Morning Star, you have given us our directions. Preach the gospel, share the gospel, live the gospel; it will bear fruit.

23 - "For we wanted to come to you --- but Satan stopped us", Thessalonians 2:18. Old Mr. Roadblock himself always wants to get into the act. But, Head of the church, you are greater. Grant us the patience and willingness to stand firm in our faith and purpose. Together, we will overcome.

24 - "The man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob but Israel---", Genesis 32:38. Have you ever wondered what God's name for us is? Here are a few examples. You are "the head not the tail", Deuteronomy 28:3; "part of a chosen generation", 1 Peter 2:9; "more than a conqueror", Romans 8:37; "part of a royal priesthood", 1 Peter 2:29; "a peculiar treasure", Exodus 19:5: "the citizen of a holy nation", Exodus 19:6. Thank you, Lord.

25 - “Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you”, Luke 6:38. Do you mean, Prince of Peace, that I should pray for the terrorists whose aim it is to destroy the US? Yes, I believe you do. Father in Heaven reach down with your hand of blessing and touch the Islamofascists who wish to destroy us. Tear out their heart of hate and replace it with a tender heart of love and compassion.

26 - In Perth, Ontario today there is the Maple Fest headed by Garry Boyce. Please pray for wisdom and discernment and guidance by the Holy Spirit as many people come into the FCF-Canada booth to hear the gospel message. Pray for many souls to be saved.

27 - “Enlarge the place of your tent --- do not hold back; lengthen your cords; strengthen your stakes”, Isaiah 54:2. Are you in a rut? Is your life dull? God says, “Get out of Dodge”. Holy One, help us shake off the dust of complacency; show us your “new” plan for us; push us to a new plateau; sharpen our dull wits and skills.

28 - “ --- if it is a boy, kill him, but if it is a girl, let her live”, Exodus 1:16. Those were the instructions Pharaoh gave to the Hebrew midwives when they helped women give birth to their children. Satan has been attacking men since day one. Father in Heaven, we pray today for boys that they grow up to be the leaders we need in our homes, schools, businesses, and government.

29 - “The Lord --- granted him (Joseph) favor in the eyes of the prison warden”, Genesis 39:21. King of Kings, grant me favor today as I go about my daily affairs. I seek to serve you and I need your favor in all I do and say.

30 - “ --- it is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only”, Matthew 4:10. Author and Finisher of Our Faith, forgive us where we have fallen short of this command and fortify us to worship and serve a Risen Savior with all we have.

**Share Your Prayer Items with Others**

Continue to send in specific prayer requests either to the FCFI office or to Clark Phillips by the 13th or 14th of the month so they can be included in the Prayer Guide for the following month.

Urgent requests can be placed on the website prayer list page at any time, forward urgent, immediate attention prayer needs to Dennis Schlagel at the FCFI office, or send him an [email](#).

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