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## FCFI Prayer Guide - July 2017

1. *These are the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad and Asher, (1 Chronicles 2:1).* Jacob, grandson of Abraham, later called Israel by God, had 12 sons from whom the 12 tribes of Israel came. We pray as we go about our ordinary lives we can remember God uses those He chooses to great and extraordinary things. **Millville Carnival, Millville, PA, Doc DeVoe. 6-30 – 7-8**
2. *Because the Lord loves His people, He has made you their king, (2 Chronicles 2:11).* A high honor bestowed on Solomon by Hiram king of Tyre. We pray to lives such lives that others will see Jesus in us. **We praise God for the good rains we have been having in the South this year.**
3. *God moved the heart of Cyrus, king of Persia, (Ezra 1:1).* Cyrus was not a Jew but God worked through him to bring the exiled Jews back to their homeland. God can and will use the most unlikely people to do his kingdom work. We pray to be open to those whom God is using, even if they are not the ones we would have chosen. **Please pray for Walter. He had hernia surgery.**

4. *I answered them by saying, “The God of heaven will give us success.” (Nehemiah 2:20).* Spiritual renewal often begins with one person’s vision. Nehemiah had the vision and God supplied the success despite opposition and ridicule. We pray for a continuous vision to be used by God. Please pray for national leaders to have visions from God. July 4th is the day we celebrate our freedom as a nation. Our pledge says, “one nation under God”. We pray to remember that religious freedom needs to be guarded by those of us who call ourselves Christians. We have the responsibility to see that those who died to insure we can worship openly are honored as we carry the banner high and do not become complacent. **Please pray for Kenny’s family. He went home to be with the Lord recently.**
5. *And Esther won the favor of everyone who saw her, (Esther 2:15).* God placed Esther on the throne before His chosen people would face certain destruction. No one or nothing can thwart God’s plan. We pray to be open and bold to be used by God at any given time. **Please pray for Jim Wish. He has a large tumor on his kidney. Surgery is scheduled for June 27. Please pray that the surgery goes well and he recovers quickly and totally.**
6. *No one said a word to him because they saw how great his suffering was, (Job 2:13).* Job’s friends came to comfort him but saw he wasn’t able to receive anything from them because he was in such shock and grieving so deeply. We pray to be a channel of blessing to others in their time of need. We pray for guidance to know when to speak and when to just sit.
7. *He reached down from on high and took hold of me; He drew me out of deep waters, (Psalm 18:16).* David, helpless and weak, knew that God alone had rescued him when he was defenseless. We pray to remember in God’s care we are never helpless. **Please continue to pray for Bob as he heals from a motorcycle wreck.**

understand grace and mercy is such a way as to not beat people up with the Jesus Stick!!!

30. *When all the people were being baptized, (by John the Baptist) Jesus was baptized too, (Luke 3:21).* Why would Jesus, who is without sin, need to be baptized? Many explain in many ways. One thing we can all agree on is that Jesus didn’t go to the Temple to be identified with the religious group. He went to the river to be identified with those who were repenting of sin. We pray for true repentance from the heart and a lifestyle that shows that repentance.
31. *After this He went down to Capernaum with His mother and brothers and His disciples. There they stayed for a few days, (John 2:12).* We often think of Jesus traveling with only His disciples but Scripture shows us He had a great support group. We pray to be a support to those who are spreading the Gospel, through word, deed and ideas. We pray to be thankful for those who have answered God’s call to the ministry through the pulpit or through missions.

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#### Share Your Prayer Items with Others

Continue to send in specific prayer requests either to the FCFI office or to Mary Jones (email: mdjones11@att.net) by the 13th or 14th of the month so they can be included in the Prayer Guide for the following month.

#### Urgent Prayer Requests

Can be placed on the website prayer list page at any time, forward urgent, immediate attention prayer needs to Dennis Schlagel (email: fellowship@fci.org) at the FCFI office.  
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24. *Therefore, wait for me,” declares the Lord, “for the day I will stand up to testify, (Zephaniah 3:8).* Justice will prevail, in the last days, God will judge all people. We pray to not avenge ourselves...to wait patiently upon the Lord’s justice. **Troy Fair, Troy, PA, Doc DeVoe, July 24-29.**
25. *From this day on I will bless you, (Haggai 2:19).* God let the people know, through Haggai, that just doing “church stuff” would not clean up their sin, only repentance and obedience. We pray for our eyes to be open to sin and rebellion in our lives and that we will turn from our wicked ways.
26. *And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication, (Zechariah 12:10).* It is this Spirit (Holy Spirit) who convicts us of sin, reveals to us God’s righteousness and judgment, and helps us as we pray. We pray to understand the Holy Spirit is interceding for us as we reach out to God with our prayers.
27. *Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? (Malachi 2:10).* There should be no double-standard based on wealth or position. God loves us all!!!! We pray for all people to come to the knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We pray for each walking stick and each opportunity to share the Gospel.
28. *Produce fruit in keeping with repentance, (Matthew 3:8).* John the Baptist called people to more than words or ritual; he told them to change their behavior. God looks beyond our words to our hearts which leads to our actions. We pray to be people to walk the walk and not just talk the talk. **July 28-30 Annual Conference, York, PA, Dennis Schlagel, Bill Brown.**
29. *Then, Jesus asked them, “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” (Mark 3:4).* God’s law is to promote love for God and others. We should not use that same law to make inappropriate and harmful judgements. We pray to
  8. *Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well, (Proverbs 5:15).* Don’t let God’s best for you be wasted on the illusion of greener pastures somewhere else. We pray as couples to look toward each other and not outside the marriage for fulfillment. **Please pray for Alisha Palmer. She has a brain tumor. She is grand-niece of Herb and Mary Hait of FCFI.**
  9. *For a man may do his work with wisdom, knowledge, and skill and then he must leave all he owns to someone who has not worked for it, (Ecclesiastes 2:21).* Hard work and perseverance often pays off with big dividends but Solomon points out this too is all vain. He is not suggesting we sit around and do nothing. Rather, to remember spiritual joy is to be sought in order to enjoy material possessions. We pray for the joy of the Lord to be in our hearts as we go about our work lives. **Please continue to pray for Lillian. She has pancreatic cancer.**
  10. *I will search for the one my heart loves, (Song of Songs 3:2).* The woman was searching for the one she loved, even in the middle of the night. We do little things for those we love, those little things turn into the big things in the end. We pray to look for ways to show those we love that we will do things to ensure their safety and care for their needs. **Please pray for Bill as he works to insure we have a great conference this year.**
  11. *Should not a people inquire of their God, (Isaiah 8:19).* The people were looking to mediums and spiritists to tell them the future. Only the most high God holds the future in His hands. We pray for guidance from the only Source of hope and help. **WI Farm Technology Days, Algoma, WI, Mike Brehm. 7-11 – 7-13**
  12. *Is there no balm in Gilead, (Jeremiah 8:22)?* This is a rhetorical question. The obvious answer is yes...God. Gilead was famous for its healing medicine but the people were in rebellion against God and were in spiritual sickness. We pray know that God has a cure for our spiritual sickness, His name is Jesus. **Benton Rodeo, Benton, PA, Doc Devoe. 7-11 – 7-16**

13. *The Lord has done what He planned, He has fulfilled His Word,* (Lamentations 2:17). God's plan was set in place before the beginning of time as we know it. We pray to seek our place in and fulfill our place in God's kingdom work. **Lycoming County Fair, Hughsville, PA, Doc DeVoe, July 13-22.**
14. *You must speak My words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen,* (Ezekiel 2:7). God gave Ezekiel a difficult task, to spread His Word to a rebellious people. We pray we will be faithful in spreading the Good News, whether people accept or not. **Please pray for our farmers as our crops are about mid-point between planting and harvest.**
15. *Please test your servants for ten days, give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink,* (Daniel 1:12). Daniel and his friends were captives in a foreign land. Any rebellion meant death, so Daniel proposed to negotiate a ten- day trial. They were successful. We pray we will follow Daniel's lead and find ways to live by God's standards in a culture that does not honor God.
16. *I will give her back her vineyards, and will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope,* (Hosea 2:15). God uses even our negative experiences to create opportunities to turn back to Him. We pray as we face problems and trials to remember God speaks to us in the desert and not just in times of prosperity. **Please pray for a farm family who lost vital member of their family in a hay gathering accident.**
17. *Rend your hearts and not your garments,* (Joel 2:13). Deep remorse was often shown by tearing one's clothes. We pray for inward repentance, not just outward penitence. A genuine confession from our spirit.
18. *You only have I chosen of all the families of the earth,* (Amos 3:2). Israel, God's chosen nation had nothing to do with them deserving special treatment. He just wanted to. We pray to remember God loves us just the way we are. We are special in His eyes because of our righteousness in Jesus Christ. **Please pray for Jackie. He had a stroke and has little use for one part of his body.**
19. *The house of Jacob will be a fire,* (Obadiah 18). Since the beginning other nations have tried to get rid of Israel. God has even punished Israel for its sin. However, Israel is God's chosen nation and it still exists even to this day. We pray to always be friends with God's chosen nation.
20. *And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah on to dry land,* (Jonah 2:10). Jonah was in the great fish three days. During that time, he confessed and repented of his disobedience. Obedience brings renewal and revival. We pray to remember there is no place God can't reach us. In the valley or mountain top we are thankful for second chances.
21. *There the Lord will redeem you out of the hand of your enemies,* (Micah 4:10). Micah pronounced judgement on the people of Israel for their disobedience. At the same time, he preached that God would redeem them. We pray in thanksgiving that God is love. **Four State Farm Show, Pittsburg, KS, Jeff Goss, July 21-23.**
22. *Whatever they plot against the Lord He will bring to an end,* (Nahum 3:9). Babylon was a great nation. Nineveh a great city. They are no more. We pray to be aware of God's plans in our lives and the life of our nation.
23. *How long, O Lord, must I call for help but you do not listen,* (Habakkuk 1:2). Injustice has always been rampant. We pray to not let our non-ability to understand all the evil cause us to doubt God or rebel against Him. We pray for good Godly perspective in the face of evil. When to stand and be heard and when to sit and be silent.