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FCFI Prayer Guide - April 2018

Happy Resurrection Day to all!!!

1. And when the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, Who will roll the stone away from the tomb. But when they looked, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side and they were alarmed. Don't be alarmed, he said. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen!!! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. Go tell His disciples and Peter, (Mark 16:1-7). The women did what they could. They stayed at the cross, followed Jesus' body to the tomb, and prepared spices for His body. God blessed their diligence and devotion by letting them be the first to witness the resurrection. We pray to take advantage of the opportunities we have and do what we can for Christ, instead of worrying about what we cannot do. **HAVE A BLESSED EASTER SUNDAY!**
2. When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had driven seven demons. She went and told those who had been with Him and who were mourning and weeping. When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen Him, they did

not believe it, (Mark 16:9-11). The resurrection provides the substance of the church's witness to the world. We do not merely tell lessons from the life of a good teacher, we proclaim the reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ! We pray to proclaim He is Risen!!! **Please pray for Norris Gridley's health problems.**

3. So, Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying here but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally, the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went inside. He saw and believed, (John 20: 3-8). The graveclothes were left as if Jesus had passed right through them. A grave robber could not possibly have made off with Jesus' body and left the linens as if they were still shaped around His body. We pray to believe what Scripture says and proclaim Jesus as our Risen Savior! **Please pray for Dennis Hildebrandt, praying for the funds to start a small ranch/farm in the future.**
4. Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary Magdalene stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, woman why are you crying? They have taken my Lord away, she said. I don't know where they have put him, (John 20:10-13). Proof that the disciples and women who loved Jesus did not steal His body or fabricate the story comes in their surprise and devastation that His body was missing. We pray to look ahead to the future as we see behind the empty tomb. **4-6 Great Bend Farm & Ranch EXPO, Great Bend, KS, Jeff Goss**
5. At this, she (Mary Magdalene) turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. Woman, He said, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for? Thinking He was the gardener, she said, sir if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have put Him and I will get Him. Jesus said to her, Mary. She turned toward Him and cried out in Aramaic, Rabboni! (Which means teacher), (John 20:14-16) In the moment that changed all eternity, Jesus called Mary's name. We pray to listen as God calls our name first for Salvation and then for service. **Please pray for Dairy Farmers in PA.**

28. Now the day before Saul came, the Lord had revealed this to Samuel: About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin. Anoint him leader over my people Israel, (1Samuel 9:15-16). Saul's father's donkeys had escaped and Saul had no idea that it was God's plan to get him to Samuel to be anointed King of Israel. We pray to have spiritual knowledge as well as worldly knowledge. **Bloomsburg Renaissance Jamboree, Bloomsburg, PA, Doc DeVoe**
29. David said to Gad, I am in deep distress. Let us fall into the hands of the Lord, for His mercy is great, but do not let me fall into the hands of men, (2 Samuel 24:14). David was guilty of the sin of pride. He was humble enough to know God is merciful. We pray for humility in our obedience to God's will. **Please pray for Upcoming FCFI Gold Tournament May 19 in NY, for support and golfers.**
30. I took Solomon thirteen years, however, to complete the construction of his palace, (1Kings 7:1) It took 7 years to complete the Temple but 14 to build his palace. He did build the Temple first. We pray to keep our priorities in order...God first! **Pray for Betty Janzen's upcoming surgery.**
31. So, the king sent a third captain with his fifty men. This third captain went up and fell on his knees before Elijah. Man of God, he begged., please have respect for my life and the lives of these fifty men, your servants, (2 Kings 1:13). As Elijah prayed fire had consumed the first two groups who arrogantly opposed Elijah. We pray to show respect to those who serve the Lord. **Please pray for St Ephraim Baptist Church, Arcadia, FL as they serve with FCFI at events and grow the ministry in FL.**

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 Schlager (email: fellowship@fcfi.org) at the FCFI office.
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22. This is how Aaron is to enter the sanctuary area, (Leviticus 16:3). Aaron had to spend much time preparing to meet God. We can approach God anywhere and anytime. We pray to be thankful for the awesome privilege and prepare our hearts as we draw near in prayer. **Pray for FCFI PR Director Jerry Druhan.**
23. The Lord said to Moses, take the Levites from among the other Israelites and make them ceremonially clean, (Numbers 8:5). The Levites were to be set apart to take care of the Tabernacle. We pray to be set apart from the world in our service to God. **Please pray for the new Region Eight Fieldmen (couples) Roy and Cathy Upson, Steve and Chris Brown, and Pastor Mitch and Sue Santelli, as they take on more responsibility and raise support.**
24. The idea seemed good to me so I selected twelve of you, one man from each tribe, (Deuteronomy 1:23). Moses sent out spies by the request of the people and they brought back reports in a worldly view. We pray for a Godly view of our obstacles and that we will not be filled with fear and skepticism. **Please continue to pray for Chris Pliner who suffered a severe stroke. He has seen some improvement. Pray for his family as well.**
25. No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you, I will never leave you nor forsake you, (Joshua 1:5). As the children of Israel were about to cross over the Jordan River to the Promised Land, God was reassuring Joshua. We pray for faith to know that God will never leave us nor forsake us. **Administrative Professionals Day-Pray for FCFI Office Manager Kris Miller and Office Assistant Jody Kritzmire.**
26. When Israel became strong, they pressed the Canaanites into forced labor but never drove them out completely, (Judges1:28). God commanded the Israelites to drive out or kill the people living in the land of Canaan. They disobeyed God and thus had trouble the rest of the time. We pray to not intermarry with the sins of the world but to drive them out of our lives. **Please pray for FCFI Board of Directors.**
27. So, Boaz said to Ruth, My daughter, listen to me. Don't go and glean in another field and don't go away from here. Stay here with my servant girls, (Ruth 2:8). Ruth's beauty and character attracted the attention of Boaz. We pray to be a Ruth as the world around us is hungering for someone with admirable qualities. **Pray for FCFI Board President Dave Carter.**
6. Jesus said, do not hold on to Me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, I am returning to My Father and your Father to My God and your God. Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news, I have seen the Lord! And she told them all He had said to her, (John 20:17-18). Mary had searched for Him but He had found her in the midst of her greatest need and weakest moment. In her uncertainty He revealed Himself. All He asked was that she share the news with others. We pray to never be quiet again in revealing who Jesus is! **6-8 Flowerton Festival, Summerville, SC, Walter Powell**
7. Now on the same day two of them(disciples) were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus Himself came up and walked along with them, but they were kept from recognizing Him, (Luke 24:13-16). The two disciples at first missed the significance of history's greatest event because they were too focused on their disappointment and problems. We pray to look for Jesus in our midst and experience the power and help He can bring. **Please pray for Dairy Farmers in MO**
8. He (Jesus) asked them, what are you discussing together as you walk along? They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them named Cleopas asked Him, are You only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days? What things He asked, (Luke 24:17-19). The news about Jesus' crucifixion had spread throughout Jerusalem, because it was Passover Week. People from all over the Roman Empire knew about His death and the circumstances surrounding it. We pray to not only know about Jesus and His death but to also know HIM! **Please pray for Eunice ...healing from depression and dependence on prescription drugs**
9. About Jesus of Nazareth, they replied. He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed Him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified Him. But we had hoped that He was the one who was going to redeem Israel, (Luke 24:19-21). The Believers had lost all hope because they had counted on Jesus to be a great military leader and to rescue them from their enemies. We pray to see that Jesus' death offered the greatest hope of all. **Please pray for Sarah's cancer....praise that she made a profession on faith at the Strawberry Festival in FL**

10. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find His body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said He was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see, (Luke 24:21-24). Despite the prophecies of this great event and the eyewitness account, these disciples failed to understand Christ's death was His path to glory. We pray to be the living, breathing Christians that other need to see the living Savior. **Please pray for Wanda from FL asking for God to strengthen her belief.**
11. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, (Luke 24:31). Jesus is the scarlet thread woven through the Scriptures. We pray to read the Scripture to strengthen our relationship with Christ. **Please pray for Eunice who Lost a son to suicide 4 years ago and is struggling with her loss.**
12. They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and said, it is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon. Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when He broke bread, (Luke 24:33-35). Their excitement surely caused a stir with the downcast disciples. We pray to keep our eyes on Jesus and not our disappointment.
13. While they were still talking about this, Jesus Himself stood among them and said to them, Peace be with you, (Luke 24:36). Jesus resurrected body was immortal. This is the kind of body we are promised at the resurrection of the dead. We pray to use your physical bodies to glorify the risen Savior. **13-15 FCF, Canada Annual Meeting, Dalkeith, ON, Canada, Bill Brown**
14. They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. Touch Me and see, a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have, (Luke 24:37-39). Jesus' body was not a figment of imagination, the disciples touched Him and He ate food. We pray to believe in faith this is true and make it true in our lives. **Please pray for Frances, a young husband and father from FL struggling with his start up business, paying the bills and taking time for church and family.**
15. He said to them, This is what I told you while I was still with you. Everything must be fulfilled that was written about Me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms, (Luke 24:44). The entire Old Testament points to the Messiah. We pray to read and believe the whole Bible. **Tax Deadline**
16. Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures, (Luke 24:45). The Holy Spirit does this in our lives as we read the Bible. We pray to be open to the leading of the Spirit of God as we study Scriptures. **Please pray for all who have heard the Gospel thru the walking stick ministry, that they will receive the message through the Holy Spirit**
17. He told them, This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem, (Luke 24:46-47). God wants the whole world to know the life-saving plan of salvation. We pray to spread the Gospel in our Jerusalem then to the uttermost parts of the earth. **Pray for FCFI Area Leaders Gary Beery, Bill Brown, Jeff Goss, Walter Powell.**
18. He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned, (Mark 16:15-16). The driving force that carries people all over the world with the Good News is the resurrection of Christ. We pray to shine the light of Salvation in whichever corner of the world we are. **Pray for FCFI Executive Director Dennis Schlagel.**
19. After the Lord had spoken to them, He was taken up into heaven and He sat at the right hand of God. Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed His Word by the signs that accompanied it, (Mark 16:19-20). Jesus' physical presence left the disciples. Him sitting at God's right hand signifies the completion of His work. We pray to be a servant of Christ and work till our time is complete. **Pray for FCFI Accountant Kimm Smith.**
20. Now the serpent was craftier than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made, (Genesis 3:1) Disguised as a serpent Satan used all of his craftiness to confuse the woman. We pray to not give Satan a toe-hold in our lives. **20-22 Oklahoma City Farm Show, Oklahoma City, OK, Tony Degiusti**
21. I will take you as My own people, and I will be Your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God, (Exodus 6:7) When God redeems us from sin He delivers and accepts us and becomes our God. We pray to let God lead us into a new life as we follow Him. **Please pray for Harry for NY for healing from a recent surgery.**