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PRAYER GUIDE - June 2014

- 01- FCFI Annual Conference is scheduled for August 1st to 3rd this year and it is not too early to make your reservation. Deadline to register is July 1st. There are some exciting things going on at and around the conference site so don't wait to become part of the action. One nearby feature is the Creation Museum and the exhibits there will bolster your faith for certain. Creator God, we praise you for the programs scheduled for our annual conference. We praise you for the people who are doing the planning and for those who are implementing the programs. We thank you and praise you as well for the special ministry of the Creation Museum.
- 02 - Every year for the past twenty years the village of Springville in New York hosts the Springville Dairy/Agriculture Festival. This year it will be held on June 6, 7, and 8. It is a non-alcoholic event and there will be fun things to see and do for the entire family. Chief Cornerstone, FCFI plans to be there to join in the fun and the learning events. Bring searching hearts into our tent to hear about and commit to you, our Lord and Savior.
- 03 - Churches across the country are or soon will be "closing out the books" for the preceding year and pastors and leaders will be assessing what they did right and where mistakes were made. Precious Lord, we pray that you will be the main speaker at these meetings and that every

church and every congregation will grow in their commitment to serve you and their community.

- 04 - We have several prayer requests this month. Actually some came in just after we sent last month's requests "to press". Let us remember that God doesn't live by time the way we do and "late" prayers can be retroactive. Ron N. has learned that he has prostate cancer, Del. D. is fighting cancer, Jeff is having mental issues, Bill needs knee surgery, David H. is not responding to cancer treatment and has been placed under Hospice care, M.Z. is under Hospice care and needs salvation, Joan F. is fighting pancreatic cancer, and Bill E. continues treatment for leukemia. Greg P. needs a hip replacement and Judy P. continues to struggle with pulmonary and heart problems. Lord hear our prayer for each one of these folks and others we haven't mentioned. Restore and renew them and, if they need salvation, please send an angel or a vision that will draw their attention to this very pressing matter.
- 05 - June is the traditional month when people marry. I've often wondered whether Adam and Eve were "married" in June. The Bible tells us that ... "for Adam no suitable helper was found", Genesis 2:20. Genesis 2:21, 22 "so... he took one of the man's ribs ... then the Lord God made a woman from the rib ... and brought her to the man" (and Adam said, Wow! which is not in the Bible). Lord, you instituted marriage so many years ago, and regardless of the month, we who are married thank you for this incredible institution and petition you to continue to bind us together despite our weaknesses and failures.
- 06 - June is also the traditional month for graduations in some areas and young (and not so young) people are completing a time of formal education which has been going on for 12, 13, or more years. At graduation people are placed in a new and often unfamiliar situation with a with a new set of challenges and opportunities. Our prayer today, Teacher, is that those who are entering this new stage in their lives will lean on you for guidance and that they will confidently step forward as honorable and productive citizens.
- 07 - There is a Strawberry Festival in Madison, Connecticut and there will be another Strawberry Festival in Owego, New York on June 20 and 21. You guessed it, FCFI will be represented at both events. King of Kings, strawberries are a favorite fruit for many and people will drive many miles to experience their special taste. We pray that they will take the few extra steps to visit the FCFI exhibit and receive some spiritual food as well. Bless our workers and their efforts to harvest more "fruit" for your Kingdom.

way. Son of Man, our prayer for tomorrow is that the weather is good, that lots of folks will enter, there are no accidents, arguments, hard feelings, or equipment failures and that FCFI coffers will get a good "shot in the arm", but most of all that You would be glorified.

- 28- "Choose life that both you and your descendants may live", Deuteronomy 30:19. That seems a strange piece of advice since who wouldn't choose life. But, then He goes on to say, "that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice", verse 20. There is the sticker, obey His voice. Precious Lord, we are not so good at hearing your voice but we are even worse at obeying it. Alpha and Omega, we are a sorry bunch. But we shall cheer up. We have your Holy Spirit who "comes alongside" to lead, guide, correct, and restore us and we have your Word. What are we complaining about?
- 29 - "For what shall it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul?" Mark 8:36. As I write this PG on May 25th, we are way behind in our spring farm work because we are so wet. All of us must bear down and put in extra hours to get everything accomplished. But, will it profit us if we compromise our relationship with our Lord? Jesus, your word tells us there is a time to plant and a time to harvest (Ecclesiastes 3:2). Help us to put our faith and confidence in you not just in our ability to "get it done".
- 30 - We have just returned from two high school graduation events, one for our grandson and another for a family friend. We may be "old" but you, Holy One, have surrounded us with youth, with enthusiasm, with ambition, with hopes and dreams that will materialize long after we are gone. All of us, young and old, say "Hallelujah!". Thank you, Father, that you are not making all new things; you are making all things new!

Share Your Prayer Items with Others

Continue to send in specific prayer requests either to the FCFI office or to Clark Phillips (email: CSPcows@aol.com) 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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- 22 - "Jesus said, 'I have called you friend'", John 15:15. One of the special gifts God has allowed us to have is friends. And what a privilege that is. Yet our very special earthly friends can't even compare with Jesus, our heavenly friend. We even sing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". Jesus, thank you for calling us "friend". What a privilege to carry everything to you in prayer!
- 23 - "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church". Matthew 16:18. Jesus renamed Simon as Peter, which means rock, long before he (Peter) resembled anything like a rock. We are called Christians or Christ ones though in many ways we hardly resemble Christ or his "children". Dear Father, thank you for the incredible privilege of being called your child. May we understand more fully what it means to be identified with your son, Jesus Christ. Work in us and through us. (This prayer taken from "Our Daily Bread", March, April, May 2014).
- 24 - "My voice you shall hear in the morning ...". Psalm 5:3. King David started each day with prayer time to his Heavenly Father. This is a good example for you and me as well. PPPP - Praise, Petition, Provision, and Problems would be a good format to follow. Father in Heaven, I need another "check up from the neck up" to get my priorities straight. Help!
- 25 - "The last will be first and the first last", Matthew 20:16. This is the last verse in the parable about workers who, working one hour or twelve, all got the same pay for their labors. Most of us would proclaim that this is not fair treatment. But, this is not the point of the parable. The first point is that, God, not man, makes the rules and the second point is that He is a God of grace and He offers grace to everyone regardless of age, race, ability, productivity, wealth, or family connection. Yes, you are an awesome God.
- 26 - There is a carnival in Millville, Pennsylvania from June 27 through July 5. I'll bet they will have some fireworks on and around July 4th. FCFI, led by Doc DeVoe, will be there too, to help celebrate our nation's independence but, our goal, will be to help people avoid the fireworks of Satan and hell. Chief Cornerstone, we certainly want carnival goers to celebrate and have a good time but we also want to introduce them to Jesus Christ, the only one who can insure a good time for all eternity.
- 27 - Tomorrow the annual Pedaling for Kids Bike Ride will take place in Carlock, Illinois. This is a fund raiser for the Fellowship of Christian Farmers where people of all ages can enjoy the rural scenery and camaraderie of fellow bikers while stopping at food stops along the
- 08 - Our world is in turmoil. Wars, bombings, kidnappings, rebellion, murder, misrepresentation, slavery, hate, and all kinds of atrocities seem to dominate the news reports. The love that Jesus demonstrated some 2000 years ago seems like a faint memory of some bygone era. And yet, Messiah, your love is just as available as ever. Use us, those who acknowledge our sinful nature and petition you for forgiveness and salvation, to spread your Good News as far and wide as we possibly can to any who will listen.
- 09 - We have some more prayer requests. Brian F. has had a stroke and, as of this writing, is still in intensive care and Angela has had heart surgery and is not responding well. Deb, a mother of two children has stage four cancer in two areas and definitely needs a miracle of the Lord. Tammy G. has a serious case of pneumonia, Austin who is only nine years old has a brain tumor, Tim has a broken hip, Linda F. received a lung transplant but her body seems to be rejecting it, and Helen L. had a serious heart attack and passed away recently. Please pray for her family. Almighty God, we know your "Emergency Room" is always open and you are never too busy to attend the sick and needy. Minister to these precious souls and their families and bring both physical and spiritual health to them quickly and completely.
- 10 - Dennis Schlagel has spiritual wings and is on his way "down under" to the country of New Zealand. Even though these folks drive on the wrong side of the road and have winter and summer mixed up, they still need Jesus just like the rest of us. Good Shepherd, be with Dennis and all others that will minister at the New Zealand Field Days on June 11 - 14. Prepare many hearts to be open to your Gospel of love, grace, and forgiveness and build your presence and the presence of FCFI in that island nation.
- 11 - Why is there so much hate and destruction going on around us? Could it be because as the Bible says in John 10:10, "The thief (Satan) comes only to steal and kill and destroy"? So many people "belong to your father, the devil ... when he speaks his native language for he is a liar and the father of lies". John 8:44. The answer to the hate, the lies, and the destruction is Jesus and we, God's family on earth, have our hands full. Teacher, we need all the help we can get to gather people into your Kingdom and to disarm the thief and father of lies.
- 12 - Despite what evolutionists say, things do not get better over time. All living things eventually die, iron rusts away, soils erode, and neglected buildings fall down. So why is our Solar System still so precise? The

earth takes twenty-four hours to spin once and 365 and ¼ days (minus a few seconds) to travel around the sun. The moon circles the earth every twenty- seven days and doesn't go wandering off into space. The reason is because "He (Jesus) is before all things and in Him all things hold together", Colossians 1:17. We praise you, Jesus, for who you are and for all you do. We are in awe of your power, your grace, your steadfastness, your perfection.

- 13 - Bill Brown has his hands full tomorrow with two one day outreaches. Praise God for willing and able helpers at the Branford Festival in Branford, Connecticut and Dryden Dairy Day in Dryden, New York. Savior, we thank you for these opportunities to reach out to local communities and share your saving grace with all those who might otherwise never hear of it. Inspire Bill and his coworkers with the right words and actions to fulfill the great commission to reach the world in your name!
- 14 - Today is Flag Day which commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States of America. The "Stars and Stripes" is the best known flag in the world and symbolizes freedom and opportunity to millions of people whether they live in America or not. It is also perhaps the most hated flag by bigots and tyrants. Why? Because it represents a barrier to those who wish to rule and dominate with their own cruel and repressive designs. Master, thank you for the United States of America flag and all it represents. May it long wave above our country and long stand fearlessly for freedom and opportunity.
- 15 - Another special day in America, Father's Day, is celebrated today to honor fathers and father figures and their influence on children's lives. It should also be a day to honor our heavenly Father. "Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.
- 16 - "Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer", Romans 12:12. Does this describe you and me? I'd like to think so, but I am not as patient as I should be. Yet, because of the hope that God's word inspires in me, I continue my imperfect, impatient prayers to a perfect and patient God. Master, we humans are imperfect, doubting, fickle people. Yet your Holy Spirit continues to encourage and inspire us. Thank you for not giving up on us and for your everlasting patience.

- 17 - "Keep your conduct honorable among the gentiles that ... they may by your good works which they observe, glorify God", 1 Peter 2:12. Have you considered that you make this world a better place by living out your commitment to God and His everlasting principles? Trust, honor, faithfulness, honesty, respect, and responsibility are not universal traits. Everyone is better off when these characteristics are manifested. King of Kings, "hold our feet to the fire" so that our "world" is a better place.
- 18 - "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth", Matthew 5:5. Meek in this verse does not mean spineless or a "push over". It means that we accept without argument or dissent the principles and teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus, I want to be "meek". Help me to always put your teachings at the top of my "to do" list and not on my "round tuit" list.
- 19 - "Through one man's righteous act the free gift came to all men", Romans 5:18. If you have ever worked at an FCFI "walking stick" booth, you know that a lot of people, including many Christians, believe that they are "good" because they "go to church", tithe, deliver "Meals on Wheels" or 100 other "good things" that qualify them for eternal life. Yet the Bible tells us that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God", Romans 3:23. Savior, getting people to accept the fact that by themselves they cannot qualify for heaven is a hard sell. We want to be a "do it yourself" people. Forgive us, change us, renew us, save us.
- 20 - "Everyone whose spirit was willing ... brought the Lord's offering for the work of the temple", Exodus 35:21. When the time came to build the temple, the Israelites dug deep into their pockets to provide needed finances. Is your spirit willing? The Lord challenged us to "go into the world" and that takes money. I love the verse in Luke 6:38, "Give and it will be given to you ..." The only way we can lose is if we don't give. Jesus, loosen our grip on our possessions so that others less fortunate can prosper also.
- 21 - Officially, today is the first day of summer, the day with the longest daylight and the shortest darkness. For many, the past winter was one of the coldest in recent memory and we gladly welcome summer time. Creator God, summer is a time for growth and harvest. May we not be lax in our opportunity to be productive. Open doors for us to be productive both physically and spiritually as well. And we thank you for the many opportunities that come our way!