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PRAYER GUIDE - July 2014

- 01 - Today is the deadline to register for the 21st Annual FCFI Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. Don't wait another minute. You can register and pay your fees at www.FCFI.org or call 309-365-8710.
- 02 - Joan F. struggles with pancreatic cancer. She and her family need our Lord's peace and guidance. Bill E. battles leukemia and its devastating effects. He and his family need reassurance of God's love and provision. Rhoda has five brain tumors and inflammatory breast cancer. She needs both healing and renewed strength. Stanley has eye problems and swelling in his feet and legs. Caroline has been diagnosed with cancer and Nancy has a serious infection. Mary Ann has throat cancer. "Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord. Your love and your truth always protect me", Psalm 40:11.
- 03 - Our friend, Alex, a citizen of the new nation of South Sudan, is seeking solution to the problem of poverty and lack of education in his native land. In much of rural South Sudan, there are no schools, no industry, no roads, no electricity and, worst of all, little hope. Would you pray with us that we or someone(s) else would find a means to help this country grow out of the malaise it is in and become a beacon of Christian hope and faith to all of Africa?

- 04 - Today is one of the most celebrated holidays in the U.S., the day the thirteen colonies declared independence from Great Britain. The hard part was still to come, however, and that was fighting the British to secure the independence. Thank you, King of Kings, for those brave and forward looking men and women who put their lives and fortunes on the line some 238 years ago to secure independence of Britain but declared dependence on You. Thank you, thank you, for guiding them then and for calling us back to you today.
- 05 - Our church recently interviewed several people to fill a part time job as an "assistant to the Pastor". Two of the candidates were living with a boyfriend". It seems a tragedy to me that "cohabitation" is so common now and culturally accepted that anyone would even apply for a "church job" without as much as a "blush" about living circumstances. Messiah, I, too, am a sinner saved by your grace. I don't want to judge others but it seems that our culture today has totally abandoned our Christian roots. Change me, Precious Lord, and bring revival to our country and our world.
- 06 - "Forgetting those things which are behind ... I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus", Philippians 3:13,14. It is tough to let go of the past. Some of our history can be mountain top accomplishments; some are deep hurts or failures that we are reminded of. But, Paul reminds us that whatever has happened is history and we must "press" toward what is and will be through Jesus. Teacher, we often want to dwell in the past. Change our hearts and minds so that we focus on the opportunities here and now to bring "truth" to our neighbors and glory to you.
- 07 - "See that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise", Ephesians 5:15. Circumspectly is a big and seldom used word. The dictionary says that it means to "look around, be cautious and careful". Paul encourages us here to think about what we do, where we go, who we "hang out" with so we don't get trapped into doing something harmful. Alpha and Omega, there are temptations all around us. Be our guide so that we don't find ourselves in places and situations that could compromise our faith.
- 08 - "Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer", Romans 12:12. Someone expressed the idea that when we pray, we initiate a phenomenon that continues forever. Since God is not bound by time, the idea makes sense. So the prayers of our
- 30 - Today the Niagara County Fair opens in Lockport, New York. Tomorrow the Eden (sweet) Corn Festival opens in Eden, New York which is just down the road from where we live. Creator God, you made Niagara Falls (one of the 7 Wonders of the World) and you made the ever so tasty sweet corn that we all enjoy. You also offer grace and salvation to everyone of us. Use our FCFI greeters to challenge all those who attend these events with the "greatest story ever told" and bring many into your Kingdom.
- 31 - Whether you attend the 21st Annual FCFI Conference which begins tomorrow or not, please keep the conference and all those who attend in your prayers. It is always an exciting time to meet old friends as well as new and especially to again meet and greet our greatest friend, our Lord Jesus Christ. We praise and thank you, Father, for this opportunity to share you with others.

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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gave them the opportunity to witness to the leaders and anyone else who might be nearby. Jesus, show us where we have the opportunity to share our faith in you, especially at times when it isn't obvious.

- 25 - "... because (the Lord's) compassions fail not. They are new every morning ...", Lamentations 3:22. We humans fail. We sometimes run out of compassion. What a contrast! And we are the beneficiaries of that compassion. Praise you, Jesus, your grace is never ending and never compromising. We bask in your perfect love.
- 26 - "In the beginning was the Word ... and the Word was God", John 1:1. "The word became flesh and made His dwelling among us", John 1:14. If you ever had any doubt Jesus was "fully God", these two verses should dispel all doubt. Jesus, our finite minds often grapple with understanding things like "God incarnate" yet we understand that you took on flesh and blood so you could offer us the gift of eternal life. Thank you, Precious Jesus.
- 27 - "If my people ... will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways ... I will hear from heaven, forgive their sins and heal their land", 2 Chronicles 7:14. This often quoted scripture is cited as a "formula" for restoring our nation. It begins with "if my people will humble themselves". That is a tough hurdle to get over especially for we Americans who think we are "God's gift to the world". Forgive us, save us, restore us, discipline us, gracious Heavenly Father.
- 28 - There is an organization called "Answers in Genesis" which sponsors the Creation Museum in Cincinnati, Ohio. Many of our conference goers will be visiting that site as they attend the 21st Annual FCFI Conference. Their contention is that if we don't accept and believe in Genesis 1:1 which says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth", then the rest of the Bible can be doubted as well. Alpha and Omega, many in our culture believe evolution is the answer to our origins. How can we, your church, refute this erroneous conclusion which takes you completely out of the picture to explain our origins? We pray for your help.
- 29 - "The heart of the wise inclines to the right but the heart of the fool to the left", Ecclesiastes 10:2. Was Solomon thinking about 21st century American politics when he wrote this? As a "right winger" myself I like to think so. What do you think? Teacher, we are all narrow minded, convinced that it's "our way or the highway". Open our minds to hear one another and especially to hear from you.

ancestors continue before God's throne and our prayers can influence our descendants throughout the ages. What a wonderful idea. Master, we pray today for our descendants: children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews far into the future. Draw them into your kingdom we pray, in Jesus name.

- 09 - "Keep your conduct honorable among the gentiles that ... they may by your good works which they observe, glorify God", 1 Peter 2:12. Most of us complain that the world is "going to hell in a hand basket" and "somebody" should do something about it. Well, guess what, that "somebody" can be you and me. Jesus, we can make a difference. Help us to live a life that reflects our faith in you, our one true God.
- 10 - Three big events are starting today or tomorrow where FCFI will be present. They are the 3 I Farm show in Dodge City, Kansas, the Madison County Fair in Brookfield, New York, and the Lycoming County Fair in Hughesville, Pennsylvania. Precious Lord, FCFI exists to "build, maintain, and strengthen faith in God for the farmer, the farm family, and the farming industry (and its friends) through presenting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior". We ask your guidance as we present Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to those attending these events.
- 11 - "Therefore, love the stranger, for you were strangers in the Land of Egypt", Deuteronomy 10:19. When we do our "walking stick" ministry at fairs and farm shows, it is imperative that we love the people (strangers) we are witnessing to. Jesus, you showed us your unlimited love for all mankind as you took our sins to the cross for us. Help us to share that same love as we tell them about your grace and forgiveness.
- 12 - "For all the law is fulfilled in one word ... you shall love your neighbor as yourself", Galatians 5:14. Yesterday our prayer was to love "strangers". Today we are challenged to love our neighbors. Actually these two verses say basically the same thing. Jesus, you called us to love one another; to put the needs of others on par with our own needs. Help! We can't do it on our own.
- 13 - "Give unto the Lord the glory due His name", Psalm 29:12. I just watched a documentary about "Black Holes". There are apparently extremely dense collections of matter that are so heavy their gravitational pull is so strong that even light cannot escape its pull. Thus, we can't see them. Creator God, you have created so many diverse things that our minds

cannot even comprehend them. Forgive us our finite understanding but receive our praise and worship for all you have done, both seen and unseen.

14 - "Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it?", Isaiah 43:19. We accept the fact that God doesn't change. In fact, Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever". But, that doesn't mean He can't or won't do a new thing. Have you seen a new baby lately? In fact, His nature is to do "new things". So, be prepared. Holy One, we are "on the edge of our seats" as we anticipate the new things you have planned for us. May we be open and accepting of renewal coming our way.

15 - "Repent then and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord", Acts 3:19. Do you need to be refreshed? Don't we all? Repent means to feel and express deep regret about our sins and wrong doings. Jesus, I repent of my sins and ask for your forgiveness, I want to be included in your Kingdom.

16 - "Your people will be my people and your God will be my God", Ruth 1:16. This popular and well know verse demonstrates three valuable traits, love, commitment, and faith. Good Shepherd, may we all take a lesson from Ruth's statement to Naomi. Help us to live a life of love, commitment, and faith to you our Lord and Savior.

17 - "He said to them, 'But who do you say I am?'" , Matthew 16:15. Jesus asked that question to the Pharisees. They answered correctly saying, "Son of David", but incompletely. Peter answered correctly saying, "you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God", Matthew 16:16. What would your answer be? Son of the Living God, my answer is the same as Peter's. You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Don't let me ever waver from that answer.

18 - There are some important farm shows and fairs upcoming. Today the Four State Farm Show begins in Pittsburg, Kansas. On the 21st of July the Troy Fair begins in Troy, Pennsylvania and on the 22nd of July the four day Michigan Ag Expo gets under way in Lansing, Michigan. Matthew 28:19 says " ... make disciples of all nations ...". Teacher, FCF wants to help meet that challenge at these three events. Guide each presenter with the right words to make this a reality.

19 - "The judgments of the Lord are ... sweeter also than honey ...", Psalm 19:19, 20. Are you kidding? Most of us think of God's judgments as a reprimand. Not so says the psalmist, They are true and righteous (verse 19) and that should make them "sweet" to all of us. Raboni, we are victims of our culture. Guide us to see that truth and righteousness are the hallmark of a rewarding life and can be "sweeter than honey".

20 - "You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus", Galatians 3:26. In much of Christendom the habit of referring to one another as "brother" or "sister" has gone out of style. Nevertheless, it still is an endearing and accurate greeting. Father in Heaven, thank you for making us your sons and daughters with all the benefits that go with sonship and daughtership. Thank you, Dad.

21 - We have some prayer requests that have been sent our way. Ron and Deb Harrold's niece has lost a premature baby. All the families involved need our prayers for peace and reassurance. Shirley E. has cancer at the base of her tongue (very unusual) and trusts the Lord for her future. Paul H. strives to maintain a positive Christlike outlook when dealing with difficult challenges. R.L. seeks prayer for his health and salvation for family and friends. Faithful and True Witness, hear these and any other prayer requests that are sent your way. Keep our hearts strong and our minds open to your ever present ministry.

22 - "You He made alive who were dead in trespasses and sins", Ephesians 2:1. Have you ever wondered why "you must be born again", John 3:7. As Ephesians 2:1 says, "You were dead so "you must be born again" if you want to live eternally. Thank you, Jesus, for giving us the opportunity to be "born again". We now are confident of eternal life because of your gift to us of new life.

23 - "The hour is coming in which all who are in graves will hear His voice and come forth", John 5:28. One of my "proverbs" is "dying without Jesus can have grave consequences". What a tragedy when "Christ followers" rise from the grave to be with Jesus but those who deny Christ will remain there (or much worse). Dear Lord, thank you for giving your life for our sins so that we might live eternally.

24 - "By the name of Jesus ... whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole", Acts 4:10. Religious leaders were questioning Peter and Paul to find out how they healed a lame beggar. Not only did they tell them how he was healed in the name of Jesus; it