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PRAYER GUIDE - November 2014

- 01 - Ebola! It is in the news constantly. New cases seem to appear every day. Master, we pray for a solution to this terrible virus. We pray for those who have contracted the disease that they will survive it. We pray for those whose families and lives have been devastated by it and we claim the following verses from your Holy Word, Psalm 122:7,8. "The Lord will keep you from all harm; He will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore". Nahum 1:7, "The Lord is good; a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him.
- 02 - Today Daylight Saving ends. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour. "I (Jesus) am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life", John 8:12. Thank you, Lord, for this promise.
- 03 - Tomorrow is Election Day. It could be a most pivotal election. I believe that we should vote for righteousness, for sanctity of life, for fiscal and personal responsibility, for the Biblical definition of marriage, and for freedom of religion, speech, press, ownership of property, and assembly (the first amendment to our constitution). "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well", Matthew 6:33. Thank you, Jesus.

04 - We have many prayer requests. Riley, an eleven year old boy, has lost his fight for life (heart abnormality), Karen has a recently diagnosed skin condition, Gabi will have open heart surgery, Thelma is scheduled for heart surgery, Winifred is confused, vomiting, and has very high blood pressure, unnamed has problems with a deteriorating heart, and Patsy is having shoulder surgery. By the time you read these requests, they might be considered "old". But, our God is not limited by time. Father, hear our prayers for these and for other needs that have been expressed. Healing, comfort, peace, faith, and provision are our prayer today. Trust in the Lord forever for He is the Rock eternal.

05 - The weatherman today (10/19) predicts that wet weather may interfere and delay harvest throughout much of "corn and bean" country. This not only increases cost but will result in more harvesting losses and may cause anger and resentment. Creator God, give our harvesters the patience and confidence they need to get the job done safely and adequately and assure them that "in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose", Romans 8:28. "There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven", Ecclesiastes 3:1.

06 - In a recent letter send to "The Levitt Letter", a publication of Zola Levitt Ministries, a person writes, "True Muslims (the Sunni) are loving, peaceful people who consider any type of lying a grievous sin. However, Shiite Muslims believe in terrorism and deceiving to advance Islam ...". The response that (lying) doesn't square ... with the Koran ... which allows (direct lying) and (lying by omission) in the service of Allah. Teacher, we need to stand by and on your Word and not follow false writings or false teachers. "A false witness will not go unpunished and he who pours out lies will perish", Proverbs 19:9.

07 - "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this, to visit orphans and widows in their trouble and keep oneself unspotted from the world", James 1:27. Is James contradicting Jesus who said in John 14:6, "... no one comes to the Father except through me"? Hardly. He is telling us that the desired way to express our faith is to be considerate of others and their need. Messiah, we easily

an undiagnosed mass on her spleen, Brianne is in the midst of chemo for breast cancer and her home burned down recently. Our God Who Heals, hear our urgent plea for healing, restoration, and renewal for these precious souls.

29 - "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly", 2Corinthians 9:6. This is not a "get rich" scheme but a challenge to all of us to give, not sparingly or from our surplus but from our need. Alpha and Omega, I offer you my time, my talent, my fortune to use where they are most needed.

30 - "Go and learn what this means for I desire mercy not sacrifice", Matthew 9:23. God is pleased that we attend church regularly but He is not pleased when we don't invite our neighbor to join us. Father, there are many around us who need you. Use us to be the channel that brings about their connection to you. Here I am. Use me.

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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- 23 - "In as much as you did it to one of these my brothers, you did it to me", Matthew 25:40. Notice that Jesus compliments helping one. Most of us are not called to evangelize hundreds or thousands but we are all called to minister to one or two or three. Savior, use me. Together, you and I can handle one.
- 24 - "Lord, I will follow you but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house", Luke 9:61. There is a saying, "Better late than never" but it is often not true. The urgent should always take precedence over the important. Thank you, Master, for challenging us to respond to your call. Help us to put our procrastinating behind us.
- 25 - "God has set the number, each one of them in the body just as He pleased", 1 Corinthians 12:18. Do you feel useless? Do you feel anything you might do is not required? Cheer up! God has a plan for you whether you are nine or ninety. Holy Spirit, open our eyes, open our ears, open our heart, and open our mind. Help me to realize that there is a function out there that God has assigned to me and He will provide all that is need to accomplish it.
- 26 - "Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved", Romans 10:13. Have you prayed that prayer? This is the prayer of salvation taken from the "Wordless Walking Stick Owner/Operators Manual". Lord Jesus, I am a sinner and need your salvation. I believe that you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn away from sin. I receive you into my life. I trust and follow you as my Lord and Savior. A simple but effective way to lead someone to Christ at any time when the opportunity is there. Father, please show me the time and the place.
- 27 - Today is Thanksgiving Day! It is a national holiday in the U.S. and always comes on the fourth Thursday of November. Count your blessings; name them one by one and it will surprise you what the Lord has done. We praise and thank you, Lord God for our many blessings not just today but every day.
- 28 - We have several more prayer requests. Scott has been diagnosed with lymphoma, two young boys have lost their mother and need a new home, Donna faces more chemo, Pat has nerve damage in her left arm, Bob doesn't yet know Jesus, Sandy's daughter has stray from our obligations to recognize and respond to the needs of others. Forgive us and guide us to "the pure and undefiled religion that James speaks about.
- 08 - Dear Lord, Please grant me wisdom to know when to speak and when to listen. I want to encourage others and to care for them as you have cared for me. This prayer was taken from Our Daily Bread of 9/10, 11/14.
- 09 - "Seek first His Kingdom and His Righteousness and all these things will be added to you", Matthew 6:33. In a current TV ad, when people are asked what kept them awake at night, they responded that they would not have enough money to retire on. God's answer for sleeplessness - "Seek first His Kingdom and His Righteousness". Jehovah Jirah, we, your people, are so short sighted. When we seek your Kingdom, not ours, you supply all the "things" we need, Thank you for you glorious promises.
- 10 - "A merry heart does good, like a medicine", Proverbs 17:22. Are you sick and tired of being sick and tired? How do we go about being merry? There are many ways to be merry but one suggestion comes from Nehemiah 8:10 which tells us, "The joy of the Lord is our strength". Savior, you love both the merry and the grouchy, but I prefer merry. Teach me to see the good side of circumstances. I prefer to be merry in you.
- 11 - Today is Veterans Day in the U.S. designed to honor all those who served in the Armed Forces and honor, we should. Our country has not fought wars to access land or subdue other people but primarily to free people from harsh rule and domination by others. Lord of Lords, thank you for the countless men and women, both past and present, who have served in the Armed Forces. Bless, heal, and prosper them we pray, in Jesus name.
- 12 - "You are a chosen generation, a loyal priesthood ... that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you", 1 Peter 2:9. Do you feel like royalty? Peter says we are. So does John in Revelations 1:6 where he states we are "kings and priests to His (Christ's) God and Father". Many in the U.S. are not into "royalty" but be assured, our Jesus, has made us a part of His royal family. Messiah, we hardly realize the

width, breadth, and scope of all you accomplished through the cross. But, thank you for including me in your royal family.

- 13 - "In whatsoever you judge another, you condemn yourself", Romans 2:1. Paul was adamant about this for in 1 Timothy 1:15, he declares, "Christ came ... to save sinners ... of whom I am worst". Romans 8:15 tells us that "what I (Paul) want to do I do not do but what I do I hate". James tells us in 2:13, "Judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful". Immanuel, we are a proud people, quick to judge others while overlooking our own sins". Forgive us, heal us, restore us, and guide us to humble service.
- 14 - "I will sing to the Lord for He has triumphed gloriously", Exodus 15:1. This was the song the Israelites sang after being delivered from the Egyptians. This was a mighty occasion certainly deserving of praise. But, there are numerous occasions in all of our lives where we can sing of the Lord's triumphs. King of Kings, our lives are full of your glorious triumphs but the one that stands above all others though is when you chose me "to go and bear fruit" ... that will last", John 15:16.
- 15 - "Forgetting things which are behind ... I press on toward the goal ... for which God has called me", Philippians 3:13,14. I suspect we all have things in our past which we are not proud of. Even St. Paul had a sordid past. But in Micah 7:19 it says, "You (God) ... will hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the seas". Hebrews 10:17 says, "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more". Thank you, Jesus, for not only forgiving our sins but forgetting them as well. You are an awesome God.
- 16 - "You are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, than an heir of God through Jesus Christ", Galatians 4:7. What an amazing concept; of course, that is why we refer to God as Father and to one another as brother and sister. Jesus, what will you be up to next? I have two brothers and two sisters and they are great people, but they don't compare to you. Thank you for making me an heir to all that our Father has and is.
- 17 - "I will offer to you (God) the sacrifice of thanksgiving. When we praise God, answer His call, respond to the needs of others, our

motivation should be to know God. After all, everything we are and have comes from Him. Alpha and Omega, you designed and created us in your image. Thank you for "sticking with us" despite our failures and shortcomings. You are an awesome God.

- 18 - "Behold, you desire truth in the inward parts", Psalm 51:6. I think the sin that Jesus hates most is hypocrisy. In Matthew 23:23-33 Jesus vents His frustration with "teachers of the law and Pharisees". "Woe to you" He repeats several times because the leaders tried to look holy but were "full of greed and self-indulgence". I seek forgiveness and guidance to avoid those thoughts and actions that make me a hypocrite.
- 19 - "Pray without ceasing", 1 Thessalonians 5:17. Does that mean that we should be praying continuously? No, I don't think so. But, we should be thinking about Him for every little (or big) gift or accomplishment and we should seek His guidance for every task. Holy Spirit, you are with us every second. Encourage us to dialogue with God on everything.
- 20 - "Your words upheld him who was stumbling ...", Job 4:4. In James chapter 3, James tells us about the power of the tongue. It can tear down or build up. Savior, our tongue is hard to control. Like the verse in Job, let us use the tongue to build up. Help me to use my tongue, to bless, to encourage, to strengthen those around me.
- 21 - "Go over this Jordan, you and this entire people to the land that I am giving to them", Joshua 1:2. Joshua's first thought was probably was, "How are we going to get across this raging river?" Then he may have thought, "It would be a lot easier if we could leave behind the lazy, the complainers, the 'Holier than thou'. But, God said all the people. Jesus, you are in the people business. You love all the people. Help us to be like you.
- 22 - "The Son of Man has the power on earth to forgiveness". Mark 2:10. Why is "on earth" in that statement? I believe it is in there because we are "on earth" and Jesus can and will forgive our sins here, now, on earth, not sometime later in heaven or "on the way to heaven". Messiah, thank you for forgiving me my sin now.