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## PRAYER GUIDE - October 2014

- 01 - Fall harvest is in full swing across our country. We give thanks and praise to our generous Lord for the bounty that we, as a nation, experience. Keep the men and women involved in the harvest, transport, storage, and marketing of our crops safe and healthy. Encourage those with more than they need to share with those who are less fortunate.
- 02 - Today we would like to lift up to you, Lord, the men and women who staff and lead FCFI and FCFC. Give them the leadership skills and the vision to guide our organization to fulfill the plan and purpose that you, our Savior, have in mind. Also, we praise you for joy and fulfillment in a job well done.
- 03 - Our world today is in turmoil. People with evil intent are hard at work trying to carry out Satan's family trait, which is to steal, kill, and destroy. We pray for provision and restoration for our dear brothers and sisters who find themselves in harms way in the Middle East, North Korea, and wherever else Satan is oppressing the faithful and we pray, too, for those who are blinded by hatred and fury. May they seek the Prince of Peace and repent of their evil ways.

- 04 - Schools from Pre-K through graduate studies are in full swing and are charged with educating our young and not so young to become the leaders of tomorrow. King of Kings and Lord of Lords, may your ways and your precepts prevail. "All your words are true, all your righteous laws are eternal", Psalm 119:160.
- 05 - We have several prayer requests this month. Please keep each of these in your prayers. Bob is scheduled for both a kidney stone and hernia operation. Bill needs prayer for healing from injuries sustained in a fall. Donna is recovering from two minor surgeries. Scott has a tumor on his neck and is awaiting a final diagnosis. Julie has a kidney infection and pneumonia. Don seeks relief from another long illness. Grandparents seek prayer for a grandchild who fell from a shopping cart and suffered a concussion. Roland, a long time FCFI member from Michigan, is dealing with multiple medical problems and needs our prayers. Lord we seek your healing and comfort for all of these.
- 06 - "You shall open your hand wide to the poor", Deuteronomy 15:8. An open hand symbolizes how God wants us to provide for those less fortunate. I am probably "preaching to the choir" because FCFI symbolizes generosity and concern for our neighbors, Yet, we all can do more. Wonderful Counselor, as we mature and grow to be more like you, guide us to mimic your generous character when you "... send rain on the just and the unjust", Matthew 5:45.
- 07 - "Many believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, 'He told me all that I ever did'", John 4:39. Never underestimate the impact of your own personal testimony. Whether our testimony is mundane or "beyond the pale" it can influence someone. Author of Our Faith, lead us to share with others how we came to know you as our Savior. Help us to "let it all hang out" so that your Holy Spirit can do His job in gathering souls into the kingdom.
- 08 - "Let no one despise your youth but be an example to the believer", 1 Timothy 4:12. Apparently Timothy was quite young when Paul wrote his letters to him. We who are older, tend to think that young people "have a lot to learn" and, in general, we are right but we forget that they, too, have the Holy Spirit to lead and guide them and that the Holy Spirit can guide each one of us., both young and

asked, "What about him? Jesus answered, "What is that to you? "You follow me". That is the reply from Jesus to you and me as well. We have different "chores" to do and some may be more glamorous than others but we need not say, "What about him?" Teacher, we tend to "compare notes" to see who gets the better assignment. Help us to realize that the assignment you give us is always the best for us.

- 29 - "All scripture is given by inspiration of God ... that the man of God will be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work", 2 Timothy 3:16,17. Are you thoroughly equipped? If not, get out your Bible! Thank you, Bread of Life for providing us with all the equipment we need to accomplish "every good work".
- 30 - "If I have taken anything from any one by false accusation, I restore four fold", Luke 19:7. This is what the formerly greedy tax collector Zacchaeus said when he met Jesus. Help me, dear Lord, to be honest and true in all that I say and all that I do. Give me the courage to do what is right to bring to this world a glimpse of you.
- 31 - "In vain you rise early and stay up late toiling for food to eat - for He grants sleep to those He loves", Psalm 127:2. Sleep is an amazing thing. How can we go for sixteen to seventeen hours and then - Boom! - we fall asleep? I think God's reason for sleep is to reorganize all our cells and body functions that we mess up during our waking hours. We praise you Lord for sleep. We certainly would be an unruly bunch without it!

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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 - "The grass withers, the flower fades but the Word of our God stands forever", Isaiah 40:48. The Bible has been banned, burned, and mutilated in just about every corner of the world from day one of its existence. Yet, it remains and flourishes. Why? Because it is God's Word and no one can overcome it. Author of Our Faith, thank you for your Word. It is the rock we stand on and the spiritual food that nourishes us.
- 24 - "Show me, Lord, my life's end and the number of my days", Psalm 89:4. David here is not dwelling on his mortality but seeking God's guidance on his life which he knows is very temporary. We as a culture don't like to talk about our mortality though we know "no one gets out of here alive". Good Shepherd, thank you for the few short years you allow each of us to experience. Thank you for the hope and promise that our earthly life is really just the beginning.
- 25 - "The joy of the Lord is your strength", Nehemiah 8:10. As we age, our physical strength diminishes. But, our spiritual strength need not wither, that is if we are joyful about our relationship with the Heavenly Creator, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, our teacher, advocate, the Prince of Peace, Messiah, and Savior. Thank you, God, that you are all of these.
- 26 - "... fulfill my joy by being like minded, having the same love ...", Philippians 2:2. I am sure you have noticed that "birds of a feather, flock together"; we tend to associate with those who are "like minded". But, the challenge is to reach out to others who may "have different feathers". you may be surprised at how much you have in common. Master, use me to reach others who may not know you or who have struggles that only you can address.
- 27 - "Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, who's hope is in the Lord his God", Psalm 146:5. Money, fame, possessions, success, adventure, those are things most people associate with happiness. But, we who know Jesus should know better. Shepherd of Our Souls, we tend to seek happiness in all the wrong places. Prevail in our hearts, or homes, our churches, our businesses so that we can experience real happiness.
- 28 - "What is that to you? You follow me!", John 21:22. After Jesus told Peter what would be required of him, Peter pointed to John and old. Forgive us, Teacher, for often making judgments about what people know and can do. We are all fallible people and we all need to seek your guidance, not our own.
- 09 - "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death", Proverbs 16:25. Mankind is constantly coming up with ways to get to heaven and every one of them involves doing something to "earn" heaven. Even in the church there are always people that insist that we must do this or that to qualify. Yet, the Bible plainly tells us that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God". Messiah, your plan of salvation and reconciliation by grace is our only hope. Thank you for that promise.
- 10 - "(Jesus) found them sleeping and said, could you not watch with me one hour?", Matthew 26:40. The night that Jesus was betrayed was perhaps as difficult a time for Him as any. He couldn't depend on his closest friends. Do you or I let down our family or friends when they need us most? Light of the World, help us to be sensitive to the needs of those around us and to "be there" when we are most needed.
- 11 - You may have seen a sign in a store or two that says, "In God we trust, all others must pay cash". As clever as it sounds, we as a nation and for the most part individually, don't follow that rule. Our country has piled up multiple trillions of dollars in debt and we have yet to stop our overspend- ing. The Bible tells us in Proverbs 22:7, "the rich rule over the poor and the borrower is slave to the lender". Advocate, we have placed ourselves in the position of a slave. We implore you to change us as a people to live within our means so that we can be truly free to serve you and one another.
- 12 - "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death nor sorrow or crying", Revelations 21:4. With all the terror, atrocities, and hate that abounds throughout the world today that promise can't come too soon. Yet, we all have loved ones who haven't asked Jesus to be their Savior. How then shall we pray? My prayer is that Jesus will change hardened hearts, that revival will spread across this earth, and that you and I will be more focused on sharing our Jesus with others. Lord, hear me (us).
- 13 - "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?", Job 38:4.

We (mankind) are so smart. "Science" tells us that "all life evolved". "Science" tells us the universe began with a "big bang". People with multiple advanced degrees study "evolutionary biology". How utterly absurd it is to think that we can solve the world's mysteries without God. Creator God, you have told us not once but twice "the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom", Proverbs 9:10 and Psalm 11:10. May we heed your advice.

14 - "I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people", Luke 2:10. This is what an angel told the shepherds the night of Jesus' birth. Ever since Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, mankind has struggled under the burden of sin. But, God sent His Son to rectify that problem and put joy back in people's lives. Praise God. You, Holy One, provided the solution to our sin problem. Thank you for that indescribable gift.

15 - "Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; my ears have opened. Burnt offerings and sin offerings you do not require", Psalm 40:6. The Jews of David's time must have had their jaws drop when David wrote this since they were into all kinds of offerings and sacrifices. We need our ears opened, too. Bright Morning Star, we are so caught up in doing "things" that we fail to hear your voice. Open our ears to listen and our hearts to receive your word, your guidance, your grace, and your love.

16 - "What do you want me to do for you?", Mark 10:51. That is what Jesus asked "Blind Bart" when he called out to Jesus. Bart's answer, "Raboni, that I may receive my sight". And he did. I believe Jesus is not into fancy prayers but that we be specific. When Peter began to sink while "walking on water" his prayer was, "Master, save me" and he got immediate results. Raboni, you already know our needs. What you desire is our direct request. My prayer today is "change me so I can be more like you".

17 - Put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, long suffering", Colossians 3:12. "Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from trouble", Proverbs 21:23. "Pleasant words are like a honey comb, sweetness to the soul and health to the bones", Proverbs 16:24. Thank you, Father God for your guiding words.

18 - "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows His handiwork", Psalm 19:1. Have you ever looked up into the sky on a clear night? It is not dark, the heavens are full of stars some bright and some just a tiny pinpoint of light but scattered throughout the "dome" above us. How could anyone think this all happened by accident? Creator God, your creation fills us with awe. And to think that in all the enormity of creation, you are still vitally interested in me. Thank you, Lord.

19 - "They shall beat their swords in plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift sword against nation ...", Isaiah 2:4. The way things are going now this seems like an impossibility. But, the Bible is a prophets' book and this too will come to pass. Jesus, the Bible predicted your first coming and it happened. It predicts your second coming and it will happen. In the meantime guide us to be your ears, eyes, hands, feet, and tongues to minister to all "who have an ear to listen".

20 - "Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king". 1 Peter 2:17. This verse has put me on a guilt trip. I haven't honored our "king". Nor can I see myself honoring our "king". Lord, I need an attitude change. Come, by whatever means works and change me. I want to be more like you.

21 - "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent; I will frustrate ...", 1 Corinthians 1:19. This reminds me of all the "learned" professors who teach evolution as fact when there are no intermediate fossil records to substantiate their claim. Shepherd of Our Souls, we pray today for the people in academia who blindly follow other blind evolutionists giving nary a thought to God's perfect Word. "... if the blind lead the blind both shall fall into the ditch", Matthew 15:14.

22 - "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour", 1 Peter 5:8. Yesterday we talked about the blind leading the blind. Today Peter tells us to be alert. I believe the message here is that we need to be eternally vigilant so that we too avoid "ditches" and are not devoured by the devil. Master, you have supplied us with your Holy Spirit to lead and guide us. Open our eyes to His ways, not the world's ways.