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## PRAYER GUIDE - September 2014

- 01 - EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT! God says, "HE made the heavens and the earth", Genesis 1:1. This could be a headline in much of the modern world since "evolution" has been taught as fact for many years now. Creator God, we, the church need your guidance, no, your insistence, that we stand up to and refute the "evolution" lies that permeate our culture. Give us the strength and knowledge to do it.
- 02 - "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me", Philippians 4:13. OK. Let's see you swim Lake Erie from Toledo to Buffalo (a little over 200 miles). That is not the kind of thing the Bible is talking about. God is talking about saving a marriage, witnessing to a neighbor, overcoming a handicap, battling through an illness, or dealing with the loss of a loved one. Jesus stick with us (we will stick with you) through the storms of life and "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (us)"!
- 03 - "Your sins ... shall be as white as snow", Isaiah 1:18. We live near Buffalo, New York and know a lot about snow. When it snows, everything is covered with a white blanket that is clean and fresh. But, when we ask Jesus to forgive our sins, He doesn't just cover over them, He erases them. Savior, we thank and praise You for

“cleaning us up” so that we are presentable before our Holy Father in Heaven as spotless.

- 04 - The following are some prayer requests that have come to us. Terry needs a heart operation, Darlene has liver cancer, and S. seek grace and guidance in the purchase of a new home, C.T. is recovering from surgery, D. S.'s father has stage four cancer, J.S. seeks complete healing from two operations. This is a long list but it never is complete because we are all in need of healing, guidance, and restoration. However, no list is too long for an awesome God who hears and responds as only He can do. Thank you, DAD, for your loving care.
- 05 - “Do not test your God as you did at Massah”, Deuteronomy 6:16. “Test me (God) in this, says the Lord Almighty and see if I will not pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it”, Malachi 3:10. What gives? First God says, “do not test me” Deuteronomy 6:16. Then He says, “test me”, Malachi 3:10. At MaMassah the Israelites doubted God's existence. In Malachi, God challenges us to see the rewards of tithing. Holy God, we are so easily diverted as the Israelites were at Massah and our love of money deprives us of the fruits of honoring you with our wealth. Forgive us our folly and guide us in our relationship with you.
- 06 - Just because it is September does not mean that there are no more farm shows and fairs. These opportunities still remain to share Jesus with others. Messiah, you have called FCFI to share your story of love, grace, and forgiveness with all who come to our outreach tents. We seek your guidance, inspiration, and provision as we minister to our “customers” in Jesus' name.
- 07 - The world is in crisis, militant terrorists, well organized and well armed have taken control of portions of Iraq and Syria and threaten (actually promise) to take over Israel, Europe, and the United States. They seem to have no conscience, killing and pillaging anyone and anything that might deter or disagree with them. Father in Heaven, we know you are in control but it seems these bandits are out of control and determined to destroy all that is good, holy, and sacred. We pray for your intervention especially for those in the path of this murderous band.

28 - “I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you”, 1 Corinthians 15:1. Have you noticed how quickly so many things man has developed have become obsolete. The progression of computers, cell phones, tablets, etc. is amazing. Even things like cars, washing machines, cook stoves quickly become “old fashioned”. But, not the Bible. Even the New Testament is pretty old but just as relevant today as when it was first written. Praise God for His Holy Word. The Word like the author never gets old or loses its power and influence.

29 & 30 - “Whoever desires to save his life will lose it but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it”, Matthew 16:15. As I read this verse I thought of many “conundrums” that pertain to our Christian walk. “We first must die to live”, Matthew 16:15. “We must give to receive”, Luke 6:38. “We must forgive in order to be forgiven”, Matthew 6:12. “We must humble ourselves to be exalted”, Luke 14:11. “We must serve in order to be served”, Matthew 23:11. “He who is last will be first”, Matthew 20:16. There are other such “conundrums” that apply but I am unable to find specific references for these. For example, if you are lonely, visit others. We must understand, if we are to be understood. We must listen, if we wish to be heard. We must often give up good to achieve the great. Please pray about these and, perhaps others that apply, for these next two days. Please let me know if you have these or other insights pertaining to how we can be better Christians and better witnesses for our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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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@fcsi.org) at the FCFI office.

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- 23 - "It is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil", 1 Peter 3:17. Peter here challenges us to do good, regardless of the consequences. Jesus is our ultimate example when "He went to the cross to fulfill His promise to seek and save that which was lost", Luke 19:10. Messiah, open our eyes to see and our heart to respond to the needs around us that we might do "good" for your honor and glory.
- 24 - "Oh, that you would rend the heavens! That you would come down.", Isaiah 64:1. Isaiah wanted God to come down to earth in a dramatic way so that the whole world would have to notice. And, God did come down but quietly in a tiny rural town as a baby born in a stable. Holy God, you are full of surprises. You confound the brightest scholars, the mightiest rulers, and the richest noblemen. Yet, you provide the answer for every need, the strength to face every challenge, and the peace to resolve every conflict.
- 25 - "Though you have not seen Him ... you believe in Him and are filled with ... glorious joy for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls", 1 Peter 1:8,9. Savior, we are not as expressive of our joy as we should be but we have a solid and sure confidence that our faith will result in the salvation of our souls thanks entirely to you, our Lord and Savior.
- 26 - Our daughter called just a little over a year ago to tell us her husband, Greg, was involved in a serious farm accident resulting in many broken bones and some internal injuries. I was so stunned that I could not think of anything to say except this verse, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight", Proverbs 3:5,6. A year later, Greg is beginning to resume his duties as manager of the family farm business. Thank you, Lord, for helping us to "trust in you and your straight paths".
- 27 - "He who is mighty has done great things for me", Luke 1:49. This is a line from Mary's song in Luke 46:56. But it fits for you and me as well. He who is mightiest has chosen to do great things for lowly me. Lord, who am I that you would do great things for me, for all of us? We fall to our knees in humble gratitude. You, the Master of the Universe, providing for me.
- 08 - "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ", 2 Peter 3:18. Sometimes we strive mightily to accomplish something only to find that the accomplishment is nothing compared with knowing the love and grace we can receive from our Lord, Jesus Christ. Savior, you see the accomplishment that satisfies our soul like no other. Thank you, for that precious gift.
- 09 - Are you "down in the dumps"? Then, call, write, or visit someone else who might be "down in the dumps". Jesus said in Luke 6:38, "Give and it will be given to you, a good measure pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap". He wasn't talking just about money but in every area of our lives. Jesus, that is a promise I can live with. Help me to also live by that promise and seek out those who could use some aid, encouragement, supply, or friendship --- other folks just like me.
- 10 - "Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil", Matthew 4:1. Do you notice where Jesus was led? Into the wilderness! That is Satan's territory. He likes that place and wants you and me to join him there. Jesus, you were able to withstand Satan's temptation. Help us to avoid those places but, when we find ourselves there, give us the boldness to resist. James 4:7 tells us, "Resist the devil and he will flee"!
- 11 - Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift", 2 Corinthians 9:15. I will try to describe His endless gift(s). Forgiveness of sin, teaching from the Holy Spirit, eternal life with him, a perfect love. Thank you, Father, for your indescribable gifts.
- 12 - "Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved", Romans 10:13. I am a baseball fan and baseball has a treasure trove of nicknames. Often times it was intimated to be derogatory like Yogi, Penguin, Ducky, Pee Wee, and Aunt Tilley. But, actually they became names denoting affection. Jesus has a lot of "nicknames", too, such as Messiah, Savior, Teacher, King of the Jews, Emmanuel, Good Shepherd to name just a few. And, He answers to everyone of them and He will save you if only you ask!
- 13 - "Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows", Isaiah 53:4. I tend to think that Jesus took the punishment for my sins (and yours) to the cross and when He rose victorious over sin and death,

that was the end of it! But, now I see that it was just the beginning. He still feels the pain when we fall. He accompanies us through our trials, failures, and disappointments as well as our victories and accomplishments. Jesus, thank you for being with me through everything in my life. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou are with me ...", Psalm 23:

- 14 - "Today in the town of David, a savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord", Luke 2:11. In monarchies, it is not unusual for a child to be named King since among the Royalty it was a family tradition and kingship was an inherited process. But, God has a way of defying the ways of man and King Jesus was born to common folks and He became king by serving not by being served. He is still in the serving business; leading, healing, empowering, guiding, and saving. King Jesus, we worship you.
- 15 - "The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord", Psalm 33:5. The newscasters tend to dwell on all the bad stuff that seems to surround us. But, think of the goodness around us. Life itself, oxygen, tasty food, friends, family, smiles, children, humor, games, the list can go on for pages. Emmanuel, we are a disgruntled bunch often looking for the bad when so much good surrounds us. Thank you, for the goodness that surrounds us if only we would take the time to look.
- 16 - "I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, but you sorrow as others who have no hope", 1 Thessalonians 4:13. Notice who Paul is talking to here, brethren, fellow believers. Who are all the "others"? They are the unbelievers. Yes, we are sorrowful when we lose loved ones. But we have a hope that "others" don't have. Praise God, our hope is in you.
- 17 - "If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you?", Luke 6:33. Are we looking for credit when we gift a mate, a child, a parent, a friend? Jesus wasn't saying we shouldn't "do good" to those who might return the favor, He was saying don't "do good" just to get credit whether the receiver can return the favor or not. Jesus, we so often do things because we want to receive credit, not just out of the goodness of our hearts. We need a heart change so that we can be more like you.

- 18 - "But they, (Zechariah and Elizabeth) were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive", Luke 1:7. "You (Mary) will conceive and give birth to a son ...", Luke 1:31. What was God up to? Elizabeth wanted a child but was barren. Mary was a young unmarried girl who became pregnant. Do you ever scratch your head wondering why God does the things He does? People often say, "Truth is stranger than fiction" and that certainly is the case here. King of Kings, we are in awe of your ways. Forgive us our doubts and keep us in awe of your special ways.
- 19 - "Give heed to the voice of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I will pray", Psalm 5:2. Have you tried to "go it alone"? King David did and he realized he could not be successful that way. That is why he cried out to God, "Give heed to the voice of my cry" which could be translated as "Help!". I, too, have tried to "go it alone" but I couldn't do it either. Good Shepherd, I need your help, be my guide. "I can do all things (only) through God who gives me strength", Philippians 4:13.
- 20 - "Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor ... that you might become rich", 2 Corinthians 8:9. Paul was not talking here about wealthy possessions, he was talking about our eternal destiny and how our destiny doesn't compare with worldly riches. Thank you, Jesus, for the most highly treasured possession we can have, the promise of sharing eternal life with you.
- 21 - "Oh, Lord, you have searched me and known me", Psalm 139:1. Some might be concerned that He knows our very thoughts, every move, every incident in our lives. Yet, He still loves us. In fact, He loves us so much He wants to know our every moment. He knows us so that He can forgive us. Thank you, Precious Lord, for paying attention to me so that you can forgive, guide, and provide for my every need. You are an awesome God!
- 22 - Yes, today is officially the first day of the fall season. The day when light and darkness are about equal. God has created our world so precisely that we can calculate ahead of time exactly the moment when the fall equinox occurs. For example, it occurs on Monday at 10:29 PM in Boston, Massachusetts and in Denver, Colorado at 8:29 PM. Creator God, we are so awed by the precision of your creation. Your attention to detail has no equal.