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PRAYER GUIDE - February 2015

- 01- We have many prayer requests this month. May these requests remind you of others who have similar needs and also that our God is in the prayer answering business and appreciates the worship and thanksgiving that answered prayer requires. Dicci needs hearing aids; Clara has suffered a major heart attack; Judith has MS; Jonah, a one year old, has cancer and needs prayer as do his parents; Richard and Sally request prayer for their unsaved children; pray for Don whose thirty-four year old daughter died of lymphoma leaving behind two small children; Charles and Darlene need prayer for the proper medication to treat Darlene; Frank seeks wisdom to settle an estate; Steve wants God's help to stand strong for Christ regardless of the circumstances. For all these and others, Lord, we ask your intervention.
- 02 - Today is Ground Hog Day. An old English poem says, "If Candlemas (Ground Hog Day) be fair and bright, winter has another flight. If Candle-mas brings clouds and rain, winter will not come again." Mankind is always looking for signs and many myths exist, but, one thing is for sure --- Jesus is coming back. Acts 1:10 tells us, "... *this same Jesus who was taken from you into heaven will come back ...*" Thank you, Jesus, for your promise. We look forward to that day.

03 - When Steve made his request this past Sunday for strength to stand for Christ in all circumstances, it reminded me to pray for our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters around the world. Others who need prayer are Tom who needs healing of his Achilles tendon, Dale's church is struggling, John asks God to change the heart of our Muslim president, Rex has ALS, Coleen is dealing with scleroderma, the Murray family is dealing with some hefty battles, Bryant has cancer on his left kidney, Roland is suffering with kidney failure, and John has had still another heart attack. Master Healer, this list of prayer needs is but a fraction of all of those around us. But, you are bigger, stronger, and wiser than any problem or weakness. Move on the bodies, hearts, and families mentioned here and bring relief to the needy and praise to your Kingdom we pray, in Jesus name.

04 - Severe weather seems to dominate the news in much of the U.S. Cold, snow or drought challenges many of our countrymen. Teacher, the vagaries of weather are not new. We ask that we receive the attitude and the means to deal with such problems as they arise and we will give you the credit and the glory for our victories.

05 - *"All scripture is ... useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training ..."* 2 Timothy 3:16. But some scripture is hard to understand like Romans 9:18, "God had mercy on whom He wills and on whom He wills, He hardens." Holy Author, pour out your Holy Spirit on us so that we can understand and profit from your Holy Word. We need your guidance and vision.

06 - *"When the devil speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources for he is a liar and the father of lies,"* John 8:44. Have you thought about Satan's lying tactics? Just like we naturally speak English, Satan naturally speaks lies for that is his language. Source of All Truth, support us as we try to sort out what is true and what is false and then to steadfastly live by truth.

07 - *"Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst,"* John 4:14. Parts of California are experiencing a drought like never before. Our friends in Israel, much of this country a desert, get by on one-third the amount of water per person than their California counterparts do. But even their conservative abilities are no match

was expecting some help from Demas, but Demas had other selfish ideas. Is someone in need of your help? Our prayer today is this: Open my eyes, Lord, to the needs around me, open my heart to have compassion, and open my purse strings to provide provision for those you select.

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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the “backbone” to stand for righteousness regardless of the cost.

- 23 - *“Why are you cast down, O my soul? Hope in God for I shall yet praise Him,”* Psalm 42:5. Do you ever feel discouraged, disappointed, and hopeless? The psalmist who wrote this verse certainly did. But, then he realized that he was not done and that there was a God who cared deeply about him. Praise be to the God from whom all blessings flow and who cares for each one of us as individuals.
- 24 - It takes a lot of courage to put things in God’s hands, to give ourselves completely, our lives, our hopes, our plans, to follow where He leads us and make His will our own: But, all it takes is foolishness to go the way alone. Taken from *Our Daily Bread*, 2011). Lord, help us to take the path of wisdom not of foolishness.
- 25 - *“I am poor and needy,”* Psalm 86:1. This is the King of Israel who had access to all the physical and material wealth one could ever ask for. Yet, he was just as poor as the servants who waited on him. Why? Because like you and me, he was a sinner in need of someone to pay for his sins. Jesus, you paid the price for my sins as well as for King David’s and for everyone else. Help me to share that “Good News” with anyone who dares to listen.
- 26 - *“That you may become . . . children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.”* Philippians 2:15. I think it is pretty obvious that every generation is a “crooked and perverse generation.” Yet we are called to live above the perversity that abounds around us. Teacher, it is hard to live in an atmosphere of greed and self-promotion. Still, I want to be one of the “Children of God without fault.” Help me to do that.
- 27 - *“Honor your father and mother,”* Ephesians 6:2. I hope you notice with me that there are no qualification to gain that honor. Our parents are (were) not perfect (and we often take after them), yet they deserve being honored. We should also honor our Heavenly Father and He is perfect. Father, thank you for the gift of love and the gift of eternal life. You are an awesome God.
- 28 - *“Demas has forsaken me having loved this present world,”* 2 Timothy 4:10. I think there is some of Demas in all of us. It appears that Paul

for the economy of God’s Living Water. Living Water, I need and want your water that leads to eternal life.

- 08 - We live in a troubled world. Terrorists seem to be everywhere killing, maiming, torturing, threatening anyone who might disagree or stand in their way. They are all mimicking their father, Satan, who’s only purpose is to kill, steal, and destroy (Jon 10:10). But, you gave us these reassuring words in John 14:27, *“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you . . . let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”* Thank you, Jesus, for your peace.
- 09 - *“Blessed are all those who wait for Him,”* Isaiah 30:18. Waiting is a hard thing for many of us to do. We like instant coffee, fast food, and traffic lights that turn green as we approach them. But, God wants us to wait for Him. Shepherd, we are so impatient. Change us so that we don’t barge ahead without your guidance. Help us to take time to talk with you and live out your message for your honor and glory.
- 10 - *“He must increase, but I must decrease,”* John 3:30. These are John the Baptist’s words as Jesus began His ministry. They should be our words as well. Jesus, we tend to be a proud people, always looking for ways to glorify ourselves. Forgive our pompous attitude and restore us to a position of humility.
- 11 - *“In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us,”* Romans 8:38. What are “all those things”? Verse 35 tells us they are trouble, hardship, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, the sword. Did Paul leave anything out? No, that is a pretty complete list but, whatever we face, we can be “more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” Thank you, Jesus for designing us to be “more than conquerors.”
- 12 - *“So Moses cried out to the Lord and the Lord showed him a tree,”* Exodus 15:25. The Israelites were in the middle of a desert without water and God showed Moses a piece of wood. When we have a problem, God’s answer doesn’t always seem sensible but, like the piece of wood cleaning the polluted water, God always has the right answer. King of Kings, teach us to trust wholly in you. Your ways are higher than our ways (Isaiah 55:9) and we need not look further.

- 13 - *"Though He causes grief, yet He will show compassion,"* Lamentations 3:32. There are many instances in the Old Testament where God "ran out of patience" with the Jewish people, but then He relented and ministered to the people He loved. Hebrews 13:8 tells us, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" and we can depend on Him to minister to us even after He chastises us. Thank you, Jesus, that you are a God of judgment and justice but also a God of mercy and grace.
- 14 - Today is Valentine's Day. Though not an official holiday in most of the world, what began as a liturgical celebration has become more of a romantic holiday where lovers express their feelings and children express love for each other. I like to think of Valentine's Day as a day when we can express our love in a special way to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I love you, Jesus.
- 15 - *"Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers ... then He said to them, 'Follow me.'"* A popular song by Elvis Presley was, "You'll Never Walk Alone" and Matthew 28:20 says, "I am with you always." So we can be confident that wherever we walk, ride, drive, fly, or sail that Jesus is with us. Heavenly Friend, you are a mighty and valued companion whether we travel or stay put. Thank you for the company.
- 16 - Today is President's Day or, in some areas, Washington's Birthday and it is a U.S. holiday. Washington was our country's first president and many believe he set the course for our country's success. The position of President of the United States is a position of great honor and responsibility and can best be performed by seeking and following God's guidance. King of Kings, today we pray for our president, Mr. Obama. Hold him to your highest standards and use his office to make our country and the world a better place to live. (This is a hard prayer for me to write and say because I have little faith in President Obama but, I have great faith in our God who presides over all leaders).
- 17 - *"Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you ...,"* Ephesians 4:31. Micah 7:19 tells us, "... You will hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea." I say good riddance. Yet, many come creeping back. Jesus, I am a sinner. I have nowhere to go but to you for forgiveness. Thank you, for hearing my confession and "though my sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;" Isaiah 1:18.
- 18 - *"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God,"* Matthew 5:9. I thought we were all "sons of God." No? Which came first, sons of God or peacemakers: Actually I think that "peacemaking" is a family trait we "picked up" from our Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus. Jesus, peacemaking doesn't always come easily even for us "sons of God." With your help and guidance we can be peacemakers through our attitudes, words, and deeds.
- 19 - *"We are all His workmanship created in Jesus Christ for good works,"* Ephesians 2:10. Have you ever considered yourself a work of art? No? Well, neither did I until now. But in Genesis 1:27 it says, "God created man in His own image ..." Then in verse 31 He says, "God saw all that He made and it was very good." Thank you, Father, for creating me in your image, also my family, my neighbors, all mankind. Now, please help me to trust them all as your "workmanship."
- 20 - *"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever,"* Psalm 107:1. In our daily lives we often neglect to say "thanks" or we don't say it loud enough or our demeanor doesn't reflect our thanks very well and that goes for giving thanks to our Lord as well. God is our source of supply. We need to express our thanks to God often, loudly, and with great enthusiasm. Thanks, Abba Father!
- 21 - *"Eye has not seen ... the things which God has prepared for those who love Him,"* 1 Corinthians 2:9. Why haven't we seen the things God has prepared for us? Here is a possible answer. We are so busy building our own business or clientele that we don't even look for the bounty that God has prepared for us. Provider God, we are such a proud and selfish lot. Help us to see that what you have prepared for us is far superior to anything we can build or accomplish on our own.
- 22 - *"Even if you should suffer for righteousness sake, you are blessed,"* 1 Peter 3:14. In the U.S. we aren't likely to suffer for taking a righteous stand (that may be changing) but in many parts of the world our Christian brothers and sisters risk losing their home, their job, their freedom, their family or even their lives. Yet many take those risks and receive God's blessings in ways we will never understand. Master, give me