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## PRAYER GUIDE - May 2015

Note from Clark Phillips: As you can see the format for this month's Prayer Guide is a bit different. The reason is that I had surgery on April 7, 2015 to remove the shoulder joint replacement I received about four years ago. It failed and the reason appears to be an infection in that area. Your prayers for my recovery will be greatly appreciated.

Note from Kris Miller: If you would rather receive this Prayer Guide by e-mail, please send us your e-mail address. There are almost 300 who receive it that way and it saves FCFI money. If you would like to be removed from our Prayer Guide list, either those who get it in the mail or by e-mail, please let us know at [fellowship@fcfi.org](mailto:fellowship@fcfi.org) Thanks so much for your faithful prayers!

May is a light month for our "walking stick" ministry except for Doc DeVoe in Pennsylvania. He has events scheduled for May 2nd, two on May 9th. We pray that Doc and his helpers reach many with the gospel message. Bill Brown is hosting a golf tournament in Booneville, New York on May 30th. Please contact Bill for details. May 10th is a special day also, it's Mother's Day. Let's take time to honor and pray for the special ladies who not only gave us life but helped us to become who we are today.

It is never out of season to pray for one another's needs. Rebecca and her 11lb 5 oz baby both need our Lord's strength and healing hand. Four month old Tess needs heart surgery (again) and God's intervention. Kendall has

severe injuries from an auto accident. Jeff is fighting cancer. All need our prayers as well as those you know and who come to mind at this time.

This is a critical month for many farmers and ranchers across North America, Canada, and Europe. We need to pray for good weather, an adequate supply of all the inputs needed for both successful planting and harvesting seasons, safety for the men and women involved in farm activities as well as for those who supply and service our people. We ask our Lord to bless each seed that is planted so that an abundant harvest will result.

Our country is in turmoil and people of faith are being challenged and rebuked at every turn. Tolerance seems to be a one-way street. We only tolerate those who agree with us and hate seems to be directed at anyone who thinks differently. Please pray that we Christians stand our ground but do it lovingly by recognizing that our Savior came to save everyone. We, too, are sinners saved by grace.

Terrorists, mostly Muslim, are on a killing and depriving rampage; cutting off heads is almost not news anymore. People are tortured, drowned, burned, enslaved, starved, and mutilated all in the name of Allah. We need to pray first for our oppressed brothers and sisters but also for their oppressors. We need to pray that saner heads prevail and the killing, looting, and oppressing stop. We need to pray that "At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord."

As our young people graduate or complete their school courses, we trust that they find meaningful employment. Let us pray that the anti-Christian pressures that often bombard them at school do not cause them to stray from their faith. Ungodly pressures put a strain on our marriages, even to the definition of what marriage is and means. We pray that husbands and wives, moms and dads seek strength and refuge in our Lord, Jesus Christ, rather than yield to other temptations.

Israel is surrounded by countries that wish to eliminate it from its existence. We are challenged to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem" but also pray for the souls of Israel. Jesus' proclamation that "You must be born again" applies to Jew and Greek alike.

Our Bible challenges us to pray for our leaders. There are some godly men and women in positions of leadership in our country. We need to also pray for those who don't know Jesus and seemingly don't care to know Him. Whatever the problem, Jesus is the answer.

We give thanks and praise for all those who helped clean up fields and repaired building after the EF 4 tornado slammed into Northern Illinois.

And, we give thanks for the unsung heroes who helped out a neighbor across the street or across the country without any fanfare.

We give thanks for the men and women in leadership of FCFI who give of their time and treasure to make the organization function. And let us give our thanks to all the "little people" who give out of their pocket so that "God's Kingdom come, His will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

We pray that though we are "busy" we take every opportunity to share with others the grace and forgiveness that is available only through Jesus Christ. Let us never "put off" the opportunity to share Jesus. It is always there so we just need to be looking for it.

It is not too early to get prepared for "Pedaling for Kicks" which is scheduled for June 27th. Visit [www.pedalingfor kicks.com](http://www.pedalingfor kicks.com) for more information and to sign up. Pray for good weather, lots of registrants, loads of fun, no problems, and a few bucks for FCFI.

Neither is it too early to get ready for the 22nd Annual FCFI Conference in Shipshewana, Indiana. The dates are July 31 to August 2. Invite a neighbor, friend, or family member to join us for fun, food, fellowship, and a faith boost.

Nations hostile to the U.S. like North Korea, Iran, and Russia (and who knows who else) are building up their armaments and military readiness while we seemingly "twiddle our thumbs" and spend ourselves into oblivion. If "push comes to shove", how will we as a nation be able to mount any kind of offense or defense when our pockets are empty? Pray that our Lord will intervene both with our friends and with our foes.

Thank you for allowing me to submit a "light" Prayer Guide version for May. Let prayers be answered and Jesus exalted through all of our petitions.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:fellowship@fci.org)) at the FCFI office.

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