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## PRAYER GUIDE - June 2015

*Thank you for your prayers, cards, and telephone calls concerning my shoulder surgery. I have limited use of my left arm and it will be several more months before my rehab is complete. Thanks, again. Clark and Sue*

- 01 - 2015 may be a tough year for many farmers and ranchers. Prices paid to farmers for corn, beans, and wheat are down considerably. Milk prices have dropped by one-third. California farmers continue to face drought conditions. This is a time to remember the "Lord your God for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth," Deuteronomy 8:18. "It is better to have little and be godly than to own an evil man's wealth," Psalm 37:16. Thank you, Holy One, for being with us 'through thick and thin'.
- 02 - Summer is a busy time, not just on our farms, but at farm shows and fairs as well. Area leaders are 'up to their ears' making arrangements and recruiting helpers at our FCFI exhibits. We pray that Bill Brown, Gary Berry, and Walter Powell will "dot every i and cross every t" as they carry out their duties and that our Lord will give them strength and favor to accomplish His work.

- 03 - 'Crop Plan 2015' has gone out to the membership. Tornadoes continue to "do their thing." Disaster relief is an ongoing challenge and "trash pickers" are needed in every tornado's wake. Entry fees at farm shows continue to come due. Our New Zealand farm friends face even worse prices than American farmers and farmer suicide rates are at an all time high. FCFI needs are great. Good Shepherd, our treasury is often "running on fumes." Inspire our faithful to respond to our needs so that we can fulfill the needs of others.
- 04 - Today is the last day to register for "Pedaling for Kicks" without paying an extra amount. There are rides from ten miles to sixty-three miles so there is just the right distance for everyone (almost). Jesus, this is always a fun time for everyone involved. We pray for good weather, zero problems or accidents, fun for all, and funds for FCFI.
- 05 - June 5th to 7th are the dates for the Western New York Dairy Festival to be held in Springville, NY. Several other festivals will be held throughout the Northeast. These events spread Bill Brown pretty thin so we pray that there is plenty of help at each exhibit and that 'The Word' goes forth with power and conviction.
- 06 - Do not put off registering for the 22nd Annual FCFI Conference being held in Shipshewana, Indiana from July 31st to August 2nd. Lots of great events and speeches are lined up as well as the annual auction and you don't have to spell Shipshewana correctly to have a great time. See you there! Lord, move on the hearts of many to be part of this gathering where first and foremost you are lifted up.
- 07 - People in far away places are plotting to kill, steal, and destroy our great country. Unfortunately, people next door or down the street may also be plotting to kill, steal, and destroy our country in the name of Allah. The time is now to be aware of those who wish to do us harm, to put aside our dangerous "politically correct" attitude, and to get on our knees before God and ask for His guidance, wisdom, and protection. Remember, *"The thief comes*
- 27 - *"He who does these things shall never be moved,"* Psalm 15:5. Does what things? He who acts in an honest manner, has integrity and shows righteousness in his behavior. Holy God, I want to exhibit this kind of action and character in my daily life. Please, I need your help.
- 28 - *"The things I greatly fear Have come upon me,"* Job 3:25. Do you have fears? I certainly do. And, so did Job and his fears came true. Yet, Job came out better after these huge disasters. True Vine, most of us have fears and some of those fears will materialize. Yet, we know, thanks to Job, that you can use the worst of things to bring about good and bring glory to You.
- 29 - *"When pride comes then comes shame, but with the humble is wisdom,"* Proverbs 11:12. I think that pride is the worst sin for many of us; I know it is for me. Master, I so often put myself first. Forgive me my prideful ways and install in me a humble spirit.
- 30 - *"I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from my father I have made known to you,"* John 15:15. Wow! Jesus has called me His friend. Can I return the compliment? Precious Friend, yes. I have several friends that I consider to be very close friends, But, they can't compare to you. Thank you for calling me friend. I will try to live up to all that terminology means.

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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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- 22 - *"The manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all"* 1 Corinthians 12:7. How many times have we said, "No thanks, I'll do it myself" when someone offers us help? We are given gifts to help others, Spirit of the Living God, you have granted each one of us many gifts and one of those gifts is receiving gifts from others. May we be gracious receivers of gifts as well as givers ourselves.
- 23 - *"After the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire (either). And after the fire a still small voice,"* 1 Kings 19:12. Elijah was looking for God in big things but God chose a still small voice. He is often that way with us, too. We need to get and be quiet in order to hear His voice, Bright Morning Star, encourage us to seek a quiet place where there are no distractions so that we can dialogue with you, just you.
- 24 - *"Nor was anyone among them who lacked,"* Acts 4:34. The early church struggled to keep going because of much opposition so they banded together to help one another. Acts 4:32 says, "They were of one heart and had all things in common." Redeemer, can we build such a spirit in our church today? Our opposition is more subtle but the needs are still great. Can we all be "of one heart"?
- 25 - *"Husbands love your wives..."* Ephesians 5:22. Most of the sitcoms on TV these days make the husband out to be a buffoon and I suspect that in many ways we husbands are buffoons. If that is the case, we need to make some changes very quickly. How? Love our wives unconditionally and take our place as head of the home. Teacher, we men need a "check up from the neck up" and let us be thankful for the precious gift that you have given us, our wives.
- 26 - *"The Lord gives wisdom: from His mouth come knowledge and understanding,"* Proverbs 2:6. In our present crazy society we seem to have lost all common sense. We see on a jar of peanut butter the words, "contains peanuts." On a chain saw I read, 'Do not stop chair with your hand'. Foolish men! But even more foolish is to disregard God's Word, Author of our Faith, come be my guide. Open your Word to me that I may gain knowledge and understanding.
- only to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come that they (my sheep) may have life and have it to the full," John 10:10.
- 08 - George and Julie Holmes and David and Sarah Van Orman have been spending much of their time, energy, and finances as missionaries to the people of Albania. These "part time" farmers are home now but our prayer today (and every day) is that they continue in the Lord's work in Albania, that they find favor on both sides of the ocean, that their enterprises in the U.S. will prosper, and that all of their needs will be met.
- 09 - Tomorrow the three day National Field Days begins in Hamilton, New Zealand. Hamilton is the largest city on the north island. Master, farmers in New Zealand are facing difficult times financially and we pray that the FCFI outreach will be a source of encouragement and inspiration. May many place their trust in You rather than earthly treasures.
- 10 - *"Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities for there is no authority except that which God has established,"* Romans 13:1. *"I urge ... that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made ... for kings and all those in authority ..."* 1 Timothy 2:12. Gracious God, you have placed those who have authority over us. Grant them wisdom, grace, and humility as they carry out their appointed duties.
- 11 - *"He appointed military officers over the people... and encouraged them with these words:" Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid... for there is a greater power with us than with him... with us is the Lord, our God, to help us and to fight our battles,"* 2 Chronicles 32:6-8. We pray for strength and confidence for all those in the military services. Keep them safe and give them victory over every adversary.
- 12 - *"Whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable -- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy -- think about these things,"* Philippians 4:8. Word of God, those in the news business, those in entertainment, those in education are in need of your wisdom and guidance.

Come powerfully to all those in media so that the truth, grace, and forgiveness become the standard not the exception.

- 13 - *"I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts ...,"* Exodus 31:3,4. Chief Cornerstone, we need our business executives to lead with honesty, integrity, and humility. We need workmen and women who respect their leaders and coworkers and carry on their duties in a timely and correct manor. And, we pray for a Christ-like atmosphere wherever people are at work.
- 14 - Early in our country's history, our flag was a symbol of patriotism and many displayed the U.S. flag as a symbol of their love for their country, especially on the 4th of July. But, several people thought our flag deserved a special day of its own and Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14th as "Flag Day" in 1916. Creator God, thank you for our country and the American flag as a symbol of democracy, freedom, and hope not just to America but to many others around the world.
- 15 - *"See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy which depends on human tradition ... rather than on Christ,"* Colossians 2:6. Head of the Church, our churches have a huge responsibility to teach your Word so that we are well grounded in our faith. Correct us where we are wrong, give us unity of faith and thought, and grant us favor with the un-churched.
- 16 - *"If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand,"* Mark 3:25. Perhaps the greatest weakness in our culture today is the breakup of the family. Nearly half of American children are born to a mother who is not married. Forty-three percent of American children live in a home where no father is present. Father God, we need to make some drastic changes. Come quickly to restore our family structure, bring peace to our family households, and restore morality to our culture.
- 17 - *"You do not know what will happen tomorrow,"* James 4:14. God has given us the gift of life but we don't know how long that gift will last. So, we should make use of our lives while we have them. Have you confessed your sins? Have you told others about Jesus? Have you said thank you to those dear to you. Have you forgiven those whom you believe wronged you? It could be too late but it is never too early. Savior, help me to make the best use of my time and talents. Now!
- 18 - *"You shall come to know the truth and the truth shall make you free,"* John 8:32. What is truth? Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life, John 14:6. Jesus came to set us free, free from sin, free from worry, free from eternal damnation. Thank you, Jesus for your gift of freedom. Guide us to share your gift of truth and freedom with any and all who cross our path.
- 19 - *"I have found the Book of the Law in the House of the Lord,"* 2 Chronicles 34:15. In the Old Testament the country of Judah was deep in sin and idolatry when King Josiah found the 'Book of the Law' and began to implement its spiritual truths. Revival swept the nation. 'The Book of the Law' can do the same for you and me. Author of the Faith, help us to discover your, "Book of the Law," so that revival can sweep through us, our family, our church, and our community.
- 20 - *"Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house,"* Mark 2:11. That is what Jesus told the formerly paralyzed man that had been lowered through a hole in the roof in front of Jesus. Jesus is telling us the same message. Jesus, we all have problems or limitations but You have restored and renewed us to do the tasks that lie ahead. Use us mightily to further your kingdom. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.
- 21 - Today is Father's Day which honors fathers, fatherhood, and the influence of fathers on society. We shared earlier that forty-three percent of American children live in a home where no father is present. Children like these are more likely to become involved with crime. Heavenly Father, we pray today for those who are fatherless, for men who are derelict in their responsibility as fathers, and for the single moms who try hard to raise these children.