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PRAYER GUIDE - November 2015

- 01 - Tonight is the night when we in the U.S. set our clocks **back** one hour (spring ahead, fall back). Daylight saving time (DST) was initiated to save energy by using daylight more. Ben Franklin even proposed it in the late 1700's to save on candles and Woodrow Wilson used it for seven months during World War I. However, FDR implemented it in 1942 and it has been in use in various forms in the US ever since. It is great to save "daylight" but it is greater to save people. Romans 10:9 tells us, *"If you confess with your mouth 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."* Thank you, Father for this promise.
- 02 - Today is the day to study up (if you have not already done so) on the people and initiatives you will be voting for tomorrow- November 3rd. An uninformed voter is no better than a non-voter. Teacher, we tend to be lax in our voting habits especially in an "off year" election like this one. Guide us to prepare to be the best citizens we possibly can be by using the opportunity to freely cast our ballots.
- 03 - Today is the day- Election Day in the U.S. Many people regard this "off year" election as unimportant because in general voting is for local leadership. But the local leadership of today often becomes the state and/

or national leadership of tomorrow. I believe that integrity should be the most important characteristic of any candidate for public election. King of Kings, we seek Your guidance and wisdom as we vote for all of our leaders.

04 - *“One thing I do ... I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus,”* Philippians 3:13, 14. The one trait of Paul that always stands out was his focus on what God had called him to do. That should be our focus as well. Whether we are teachers, farmers, ditch diggers, doctors or undertakers, we need to focus our calling through the lens of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Messiah, may our daily lives reflect a willingness to do what we can wherever we are with all we have.

05 - *“You will be scattered, each to his own. And will leave me alone and yet I am not alone because the Father is with me,”* John 16:32. This was Jesus’ prediction about His disciples leaving Him when He needed them the most. Most of us will experience loneliness at one time or another yet, we can say with Jesus, “I am not alone because the Father is with me.” Heavenly Father, thank You for Your promise that You will never leave me or forsake me.

06 - *“So God created mankind in His own image ...”* Genesis 1:27. Have you ever wondered what God looks like? Wonder no more. Look at mate, parents, neighbors etc. I believe that is what God looks like. Besides that, Psalm 139:4 says, “... I am fearfully and wonderfully made. God didn’t skimp when He made you and me “in His image and likeness.” Praise God! We look forward to spending eternity with You, our brother, Jesus!

07 - *“I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in me should not abide in darkness,”* John 12:46. Light travels at 186,000 miles per second (give a foot or two), how fast does darkness travel? Since darkness is the absence of light, it doesn’t have to travel; it is the default status. Jesus, thank You for dispelling the darkness. We praise You for Your marvelous light.

08 - Have you ever felt that you were insignificant? There are over 7 billion (7,000,000,000,000) billion people on this earth. All the planets in our Solar System together make up less the one per cent of the mass of our

Peter, even to walk on water if it gets me closer to You. *“Lord, save me!”* Matthew 14:30.

29 - *“Always give yourself fully to the Lord because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain,”* 1 Corinthians 15”58b. The implication here is that work that is not of the Lord has little or no lasting value. This encourages me (and I hope you, too) to seek the Lord’s advice and guidance often. Lord, I don’t want to ‘spin my wheels’ accomplishing nothing. Come, be my guide.

30 - *“Lift your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord,”* Psalm 134:2. I am very self-conscious about lifting my hands in worship and my prayer in church often is, “Teach me to worship, Lord.” Would you join me in asking Jesus to teach us to worship and to give Him all the honor and praise that is due Him.

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 Schlager (email: fellowship@fci.org) at the FCFI office.
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Messiah, we are not supposed to know. One thing we do know is that You will never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). We take this verse as a warning to keep our eyes on You.

24 - *"We are His people and the sheep of His pasture,"* Psalm 100:3. I find it interesting that God would refer to His people as sheep. You probably know that sheep are not very bright and they are totally defenseless against predators. Good Shepherd, you know us so much better than we know our-selves. Thank, You, for caring for us as a shepherd cares for his flock. Yes, we do closely resemble sheep.

25 - Are you ready for Thanksgiving tomorrow? Is the turkey ready to pop into the oven, the potatoes peeled, and the squash prepared, the cranberry sauce in the fridge, the house picked up, the extra bed ready for guests? How about spiritually? 1 Thessalonians 5:18 tells us, *"Give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* Thank you, Bright Morning Star for the bounty we will all enjoy tomorrow.

26 - So, it is Thanksgiving Day here in the U.S. and we have so much to be thankful for including that we have been blessed with so much. Our prayer today is that those who have little have enough and those who have plenty will share their good fortune, not just for today or the week but every day and every week. *"Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailling love and His wonderful deeds for men. For He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things,"* Psalm 107:89. We praise You, Lord, for all your many blessings.

27 - *"Be strong and courageous,"* Joshua 1:6. The Bible tells us to "be strong and courageous" at least eleven times. Do you think God is trying to tell us something or is he repeating Himself because He knows we are not particularly "strong and courageous"? Head of the Church, we are not very strong or courageous without You. Come, be our guide, our support, our encourager so that we can be strong and courageous in all circumstances.

28 - *"Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid,"* Matthew 14:27. That is what Jesus told Peter as he attempted to walk on water. Peter was afraid but he still had the tenacity to try and walk anyway. We might think Peter was a failure but the other disciples didn't even try. Redeemer, I want to be like

Solar System (the sun is 99+ per cent). Our sun is a small fraction of the stars in our galaxy. There are millions of galaxies yet Psalm 139:14 says, *"I will praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."* Jeremiah 1:5 tells us, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." Thank You, heavenly Father, for Your care and concern for each one of us.

09 - November 9th and 10th is the anniversary of Kristallnacht or Night of Broken Glass in 1938 when a wave of violent anti-Jewish programs took place in Germany. The broken glass refers to the smashed windows and store fronts of Jewish homes and businesses. King of the Jews, Your chosen people have faced anti-Jewish sentiments since the time of Abraham. We pray today for Israel, Jerusalem, and our Jewish brothers and sisters. May they find peace and may they find a salvation through Jesus Christ who died for all people.

10 - *"We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them,"* Ephesians 2:10. Has it entered your mind that the "good works," that you and I do were created by God beforehand so that we might receive a "credit from Him"? To me, that is incredible. Master, my mind is doing a couple of flips trying to grasp this concept. But, thank you for your fantastic love and foresight.

11 - Today is Veteran's Day. Originally it honored the signing of the armistice marking the end of hostilities between Allied Nations and Germany in 1918. Now it honors all veterans of all wars in which US citizens were involved. Thank You, Prince of Peace, for all the veterans, living and dead, who gave of themselves so that the rest of us could live in freedom and peace.

12 - *"Lord, what do you want me to do?"* Acts 9:6. That is a question that each of us should ask frequently. The first thing we should do is proclaim, *"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it,"* Psalm 118:24. Next we must realize that *"My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways,"* Isaiah 55:8. Teacher, thank You for today. What do You have in store for me? I want Your 'to do' list to supersede mine.

13 - *"Mary ... sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word ..."* Luke 10:39. Was Martha ticked off at Mary because she was jealous or because she wanted to be seen as a good hostess or did she think Mary was not doing her share

of the work or ...? There could be many reasons but mostly, Martha was allowing distraction to take her away from Jesus. Mediator, we allow distractions to separate us from You and from one another. Help me to get my priorities in line and set my focus on what is important to You.

14 - *“Take now your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love ... ,”* Genesis 22:2. In this true story, God is testing Abraham’s faith by asking him to sacrifice his son, Isaac. I don’t know the culture of that day, but it seems a farfetched story to even think about offering your own child (or any child) as a sacrifice to God. But, many years later, God offered His only son as a sacrifice for your sins and mine. Farfetched? Not anymore. Thank you, Bread of Life, for designing the perfect sacrifice so that eternity could be within the reach of each one of us.

15 - *“When I fed them, they were satisfied; when they were satisfied they became proud; then they forgot me,”* Hosea 13:6. Doesn’t that sound like the U.S. and much of the western world? The attitude is “I’m doing fine. What do I need God for”? Deuteronomy 8:18 says, *“Remember the Lord your God, for it is He gives you the ability to produce wealth ...”* Chief Cornerstone, we go around patting ourselves on the back thinking that we are so great. Yet we forget that You are our source. Forgive us our sins of pride, and lead us back to You!

16 - *“God has chosen the weak things of this world to put to shame the things which are mighty,”* 1 Corinthians 1:27. In 2 Corinthians 12:10, Paul tells us *“When I am weak, then I am strong.”* Is this double talk? No, Paul is explaining that when he is weak, then he is reminded that he is dependent on Jesus for his strength and when that happens, he certainly is strong. Pastor, I wish to be like Paul. In my own strength I can do little but with the help of the Holy Spirit, the sky is the limit.

17 - *“Be still and know that I am God,”* Psalm 46:10. ‘When the going gets tough, the tough get going’ may often be true but even the tough need to *“Be still and know that I am God.”* When I am weak, then I am strong,” (2 Corinthians 12:10) says Paul because when we are weak, we realize that without God we don’t amount to much. Counselor, we are good at digging ourselves into a hole and then asking You for help. Guide us to seek your wisdom and guidance before we start digging.

18 - *“Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart,”* Galatians 6:9. Washing dishes, running kids to ball games, mowing the lawn; these kinds of things can get pretty tiresome after a while and there is little ‘glory’ in doing them. Yet, Paul tells us *“in due season we shall reap ...”* Living Water, there is always more to do and we never seem to ‘be finished’. Be patient with us, guide our thoughts and actions, open and close doors of opportunity and bless us just enough to keep us going but not conceited.

19 - *“Jesus said to him (Peter), you follow me,”* John 21:22. That is my only instruction, *“you follow me”*? But, my neighbor has a better job, a bigger house, two newer cars, a ‘trophy’ wife, a condo on St. Thomas. Jesus is telling us not to pay attention to what someone else has but to just follow Him. Savior, forgive us for comparing ourselves with others. Forgive us for being jealous about earthly things. Forgive us for not *“following You.”* It is my heart’s desire to *“follow You.”*

20 - *“You must continue in the things you have learned ... and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures,”* 2 Timothy 3:14, 15. Paul is exhorting Timothy to continue to learn, continue to study the Bible. Living Word, we, too, must continue to learn, to study, to share with other Christians so that we may continue to grow in our faith. Father, help us.

21 - *“My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth,”* Psalm 121:2. When you need help, you should go to the place or the person most able to help you. What better source than the Creator of heaven and earth? Creator God, we sometimes forget that as our Creator, You have all the answers. Forgive us our folly and guide our every step.

22 - *“The tongue of the wise brings healing,”* Proverbs 12:18b. *“But reckless words pierce like a sword,”* Proverbs 12:18a. How is your tongue doing these days? Mine, sometimes not so well. Lord, my tongue is an unruly member at times. Please help me to control it for Your honor and glory.

23 - *“Have I not chosen you, the twelve? Yet, one of you is a devil,”* John 6:70. This verse is hard to take, did Jesus make a mistake? Did Judas never truly acknowledge Jesus as his Lord and Savior? Can Judas or anyone fully accept Jesus offer of grace and forgiveness and then turn away? Perhaps,