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## PRAYER GUIDE - June 2016

- 01 - Let us begin the first two days of this month by praying for those who have special needs. Mavis has spinal stenosis and seeks relief from pain in her hips and knees. Ken has health problems that are troubling. Don has heart and lung issues. Nick and Nicole were severely injured in a vehicle accident. Mark and Jen seek prayer for their prematurely born infant, Byron. Mel and Sue are thankful for prayer as she recovers from shoulder surgery. Jackie needs relief from dizziness. Master, please hear our prayers for these folks. Heal, restore, relieve, and comfort them in their time of need. We pray in Jesus' name.
  
- 02 - Continue to pray for Pastor Rose who recently lost his wife and for Reverend Buckley who is experiencing internal bleeding. Remember and pray for Terry who has pneumonia and for his wife, Jane, as he heals and regains his strength. Continue to pray for Janet Schlagel, Dennis' wife, who is battling auto-immune disease and for Gary Beery as he bravely fights cancer. Ron Bodtke, former FCFI board president and strong FCFI member for years, has recently passed away. We pray for his wife, Phyllis, and all Ron's family members as they adjust to their great loss. Alpha and Omega, the needs are great and our faith and resources are limited but You, Great and Holy One, have the answers. Come and heal as only You can do.

03 - June is Dairy Month honoring all those who produce, process, and deliver milk, cheese, ice cream, butter, yogurt, and other dairy foods to the consumer. One way to celebrate dairy month is to attend the Springville, NY Dairy Days and/or the Vermont Dairy Days in Enosberg, Vermont. Both to be held from June 3rd to 5th. The Dryden, New York Dairy Day is June 11th. FCFI will be at all of these festivals sharing the most valuable commodity of all, the gift of Eternal Life through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Please keep these events and the people involved in your prayers.

04 - It is time to select a new "Prayer Guide" writer. We (Clark and Sue Phillips) have accepted this responsibility and done this for the Fellowship for quite a few years now. However, we need to step aside and make way for a new and probably younger person(s) to take on this task. Advocate, reveal to someone the challenge and opportunity to continue our FCFI Prayer Guide which provides us with a special way to spend time with You.

05 - Christian brothers and sisters around the world suffer torment, torture, deprivation, and even death because they will not renounce their faith in Jesus Christ. We must cover them with our prayers. Head of the Church, come to their rescue, ease their pain, satisfy their hunger, fortify their faith, and restore families to wholeness. Hear our prayers as well for their tormentors that they will cease their foul deeds and accept You as their Lord and Savior.

06 - On June 6, 1944 over 160,000 allied troops landed on the beaches at the French coast of Normandy to begin the assault on German held Western Europe. Nearly 10,000 U.S. servicemen were killed during this operation but it was the beginning of the end of the war with Nazi Germany. King of Kings, WW II was a terrible and costly war to preserve our freedoms as a nation. Thank you for guiding us to freedom then and we ask that you continue to guide us to keep that freedom in this present day and time.

07 - Have you ever felt insignificant, unworthy, unappreciated? I would guess that most of us have 'been there and done that'. Realize that you are not alone; that many have toiled long and hard and felt that they accomplished little. But, take heart, Psalm 134 tells us, "*Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord* (even if no one else is there). Deuteronomy 31:6 says, "*He (Our Lord) will not leave you or forsake you.*" Thank you, Lord, for your promise!

23,24. I am guessing that we are well aware of many of our short comings. But are there "wicked ways" that escape our awareness? Most likely there are. Father, my prayer today is please reveal those failures to me so that I can confess them and mend 'my wicked ways'.

29 - "*Out of the heart come evil thoughts...those are what define a person,*" Matthew 15:19,20. Jesus taught us to "judge not" (Matthew 7:1) because when we do, we judge ourselves to be better than others. It usually comes down to the sin of pride and Jesus, I am so often guilty of that sin. I need forgiveness and a repentant heart. Help me!

30 - "*For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him (Jesus) and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things...*" Colossians 1:20,21. Do you, like me, have trouble with the concept of the Trinity, three in one? This verse helps us understand how Jesus could be fully God yet fully man. Yaweh, the Trinity is a hard concept for my mind to comprehend. I must accept by faith without complete understanding. But, thank you for the three in one God that creates, loves, guides, and forgives even our 'Doubting Thomas' nature.

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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 Schlager (email: fellowship@fcfi.org) at the FCFI office.

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people from their sins.” Author of Our Faith, we thank Joseph for listening when naming Jesus and thank you, Heavenly Father, for providing the one who could “save His people from their sins.”

24 - *“I have great sorrow and continuous grief in my heart...,”* Romans 9:2. This is Paul lamenting that many of this countrymen rejected Jesus’ offer of forgiveness and I am sure you have the same feeling. Messiah, people precious to us do not acknowledge You as their Savior. It has to hurt you as much or more than it hurts me. Use me, someone else, an angel, a situation to get their attention so they will then yield to your offer of forgiveness.

25 - *“Go wash yourselves seven times in the Jordan and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed,”* 2 Kings 5:10. This is what Elisha told a leprous Naamen to do but the proud man at first refused thinking that such a procedure was beneath him. He finally relented and was cured. Is this a picture of you or me as well, thinking we are better than God’s often simple methods? Good Shepherd, we are a proud bunch thinking that we have all the answers. Forgive us our folly and restore us as humble servants doing what you call us to do no matter how menial the task might seem.

26 - *“The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart,”* Psalm 34:18. I think the Lord is setting an example for us. When someone is going through a tough time, what they often need is for someone to be near, to listen, to lean on, and not give all kinds of instructions. Emmanuel, inspire us to be a friend and not a judge or a ‘fixer’ when people are burdened.

27 - *“It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God,”* Luke 18:25. Does this mean that the door to heaven is slammed shut to the rich? I don’t think so. In Jesus’ parable of the talents (Matthew 25: 14 - 30) the talent was taken from the person who had only one and given to the rich person who already had ten talents. But, riches make it more difficult for a person to enter God’s Kingdom because riches tend to make one feel less need for God. King of Kings, our country is among the richest in the history of the world and we seem to be separating ourselves from you because of it. Forgive us our sins and guide us to help others rather than to glorify ourselves.

28 - *“Search me, O God, and see if there is any wicked way in me,”* Psalm 139:

08 - *“I know that my Redeemer lives,”* Job 19:25. A redeemer is one who pays a price or penalty for us; he pays our debt so the we can be debt free. That is exactly what Jesus did for us when He went to the cross. Redeemer, thank you for paying the price for our sins so that we can look forward to an eternity with you and encourage us to share that wonderful news with all who cross our path.

09 - *“God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved,”* John 3:17. *“For the Son of Man came to seek and save that which was lost,”* Luke 19:10. Many people think ‘God will get you if you don’t ...’ but, really, God wants to get you to heaven. Messiah, we so often misinterpret your purpose. You don’t point fingers; you welcome with open arms. How can we help covey this message?

10 - Our country (the USA) will be electing a new president and many new senators and congressmen later this year. Multiple millions of dollars and countless hours of ‘air time’ already have and will continue to be spent on various candidates for these public offices. Light of the World, you seem to be given a ‘back seat’ in most of these campaigns. We pray that you will ‘step forward’, become a powerful and visible force in the lives of these men and women and guide us back to becoming “One nation under God.”

11 - It is not too early to get your reservations made for the 23rd Annual FCFI Conference to be held this year in Branson, Missouri on July 29, 30, and 31. There are several ‘attractions’ planned so give the office a call or send in your reservation found in the most recent Profit or Crop Plan and get your name on the list. Father, we pray for a successful meeting, for old friendships to be renewed and new ones made, and, most of all, for you to be honored and glorified.

12 - *“The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongues of the wise bring healing,”* Proverbs 12:18. Once a word is uttered, it can’t be taken back. The old saying, “Sticks and stones will break my bones but words will never hurt me” is obviously far from the truth but I like the second part of the verse “the tongues of the wise bring healing.” Counselor, use my words and my tongue to heal, not injure.

13 - *“The Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus, King of Persia,”* Ezra 1:1. The Jews

were captives of the Persians in Babylon but the Lord “stirred up” the king to release the captives to return to their homeland. If God could influence the King of Persia, He can “stir up” the leaders of today’s troubled world as well. Lion of Judah, prevail upon today’s ‘kings’ to restore faith, justice, and morality throughout the world.

14 - Today is Flag Day in the USA. It commemorates the adoption of the “Stars and Stripes” in 1777 as the official flag of the United States of America. It is probably the most recognized flag in the world and to many it represents freedom. Image of the Invisible God, may our flag always represent freedom. Thank you for the country what the “stars and stripes” represent.

15 - *“I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly,”* John 10:10. When I read this verse, I hear God saying that we can have ‘more than enough’, because that is what abundance means. But that abundance is to be shared with others that they also may have ‘abundance’. Creator God, you have blessed me with more than I need. Guide me to share that abundance with others, particularly the abundance of grace available to all.

16 - *“I will pray to the Father, and He will give you another helper that He may abide with you forever,”* John 14:16. It seems that the guidance and even the existence of the Holy Spirit has been diminished in recent times. Few people even acknowledge the spirit world. Yet here Jesus assures us of a “helper” if we just ask for His help. Spirit of the Living God, I can’t ‘go it alone’. Come alongside and help me to be all God intended for me, nothing more and nothing less.

17 - *“They did not thirst when He led them through the desert,”* Isaiah 46:21. Did you notice that He led them through the desert? All of us have had a desert-like experience. But, we need not be thirsty if our Lord is the one leading us. Jehovah, we are likely to complain when we have a ‘desert’ experience. But with your help and guidance we can and will survive. Thank you for providing for our basic needs when we experience either scarcity or abundance.

18 - *“I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High. I will remember the words of the Lord,”* Psalm 77: 10,11. We have all had discouraging times. During those times it is good to recall the times when God ‘pulled us through’

because He will ‘pull us through’ yet again. Hallelujah! God, your arms are never too short to help us. Thank you for the good times past, present, and future.

19 - Today is Father’s Day in the US, a day when we honor fathers and ‘father like’ figures. I like to use this day to especially honor our heavenly father who provides for our every need and expresses His complete and unending love for us. Thank you, Heavenly Father, for who you are and thank you for earthly fathers who not only provided for us materially as we were growing up but also provided a good example for us of how to live.

20 - Today is the first day of summer in the northern hemisphere. It is when we have the longest period of sunlight and the shortest period of darkness in the entire year. Of course the opposite holds true for our friends who live on the other side of the earth, the southern hemisphere. Creator God, it is pretty neat how You created the earth with a 23 degree (approximately) tilt so that we have seasons and it is even neater that you provide each one of us with the opportunity to receive eternal life through Jesus Christ as Savior.

21 - *“Ask the Lord of the Harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field,”* Mathew 9:38. Have you asked the Lord to send out workers? Have you responded to the call like Isaiah who said, *“Here I am! Send me,”* Isaiah 6:8? Prince of Peace, we each have our own sphere of influence. With your help we can and we must use our time, treasure and talents to share Jesus with any who will listen!

22 - *“Guard your heart for everything you do flows from it,”* Proverbs 4:23. *“...for out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander,”* Matthew 15:19. But, God promises a new heart in Ezekiel 36:26 it says, *“I will give you a new heart and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony stubborn heart and give you a tender responsive heart.”* Raboni, I am ready for heart surgery.

23 - *“She shall bring forth a Son and you shall call His name Jesus for He will save His people from their sins,”* Matthew 1:21. In today’s world few people select a name for their offspring because of its original meaning but, in ancient times, the name chosen had significant meaning. Thus, Jesus, which literally means savior or deliverer was so named because “He will save His