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## PRAYER GUIDE - May 2016

- 01 - Happy May Day! Not an official holiday but a good day to greet the warmer weather, beautiful flowers, and the season to begin planting many of the major crops in the northern United States. Lord of the Harvest, we pray for the seeds we plant, whether they be physical or spiritual that will grow and multiply to a bountiful harvest throughout the world.
- 02 - Just received three prayer requests from Area Leader, Bill Brown. Pray for peace and healing for Pastor Wilton Rose, Pastor of Cassville Community Church and long supporter of FCFI. Three weeks ago he lost his fifty-nine-year-old wife. She died during heart surgery. Please pray for Rev. Tom Buckley, founder of Church Planters to America, who has internal bleeding which has yet to be located by physicians. Lastly we pray for healing for Terry Johnston, FCF Canada who has pneumonia and hopes to soon be released from the hospital but recovery will take some time.
- 03 - Many believe that our country is at a crossroads. Will it become a “nanny state” or will it remain a land of opportunity, of freedom, of faith? Master, we need revival. We need a ground swell of people who put their lives and trust in You, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob rather than in the vagaries of government. Come, renew, restore, revive our land.

04 - Have you asked Jesus to forgive you of your sins today? 1 John 1:9 tells us, *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”* If you are like me, you have sins of both commission and omission. Forgive me, Father, make me whole again, and restore our relationship I pray in Jesus name.

05 - Today is the National Day of Prayer. 2 Chronicles 7:14 says, *“If my people who are called by my name (Christian) will humble themselves (1) and pray (2) and seek my face (3), and turn from their wicked ways (4), then I will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sins and heal their land.”* We bow before you today, Gracious Heavenly Father, humbly seeking your forgiveness and healing for our land.

06 - Do you sometimes go to church just because that is what you do on Sunday morning? Do you sometimes just say a prayer because that is what you do (almost) every morning? Do you sometimes kiss your mate good morning just because that is what you are supposed to do? I suspect that we all are guilty of doing important things “just because” but the Bible tells us in Acts 2:42, *“they continued steadfastly in the apostle’s doctrine.”* Immanuel, guide us to be steadfast in all we do especially in our relationship with you, our mate, and those close to us.

07 - *“He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty,”* Proverbs 16:32. Do you have a “short fuse”? My ‘fuse’ may be a little longer than it once was, but, it is still way too short. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. I need your gentle spirit to be all that you created me to be.

08 - Happy Mother’s Day! I didn’t have a perfect mother, the mother of my children is not perfect, and the mothers of my grandchildren and great grandchildren are not perfect either. But they come pretty close. Genesis 2:18 tells us, *“The Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.’”* The rest is history (or His story). Thank you, Creator God, for making mothers who team up with You to create who each of us is.

09 - *“Rejoice with me for I have found my sheep which was lost,”* Luke 15:6. Jesus used the example of the lost sheep to the Pharisees and the teachers of the law to illustrate to them how important it was to “seek and save that

provision, and salvation to just name a few? Your prayers are precious to us.

30 - Have you thanked a service man or woman today? Yes, today is Memorial Day and we praise God for the men and women who have served and are serving our country. For most of its history, our country and its armed services has fought for freedom not just for the United States of America but for others as well. May we continue to be a “light on a hill” for people all around the world.

31 - *“Come to me all you labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest”* Matthew 11:28. Are you a workaholic for God? You can’t impress God with your diligence or increase your spiritual value by your accomplishments. Romans 8:39 tells us, *“... nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.”* Thank you, Lord, for your unending love.

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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@fci.org) at the FCFI office.  
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teachers who try to live by Biblical standards. Master Teacher, our children will take on the responsibility of leadership in a few short years. We thank you for dedicated teachers and we pray for those teachers who have not yet accepted You as their Lord and Savior.

25 - *“These all died in faith, not having received the promise but having seen them far off;”* Hebrews 11:13. Chapter 11 of Hebrews is often referred to as the faith chapter and chronicles Biblical heroes who did not in their lifetimes see the results of their faith in action. We, too, can be part of that faith chapter since we won’t see many of the results of our prayers and actions. Everlasting Father, thank you for honoring our prayers even after we are gone and thank you for those who have gone before us as we are part of their faith.

26 - *“God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love ... in that you have imitated the saints and do minister;”* Hebrews 6:10. Do you labor in God’s Kingdom to receive recognition? If so, you are doing it with the wrong motivation. Recognition is fine and appreciated but we should labor for God’s recognition not man’s. Head of the Church, thank you for forgetting our sins (Hebrews 8:12) but remembering our works of labor and love.

27 - *“Be hospitable to one another without grumbling;”* 1 Peter 4:9. We usually think of hospitality as opening our home to others but Peter refers to a larger hospitality of pursuing relationships with people who are in need. Redeemer, open our hearts and our eyes to recognize people in need and then help us to try and fill that need.

28 - *“He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world;”* Ephesians 1:4. Can you get your head around that revelation? Does this cancel free will? Are we predestined to glory or infamy? God of all Creation, You are all knowing and all seeing. How you execute your plan is far beyond our finite understanding. But, we know and praise you for allowing us to be part of the plan and thank you for your infinite love and grace.

29 - Our four children and our grandchildren and great grandchildren are giving us a party today to celebrate our (Clark and Sue Phillips) 60th wedding anniversary. Would you pray with us as we thank our Lord, Jesus Christ, who has showered us with every good gift, long life, health, family, friends,

which was lost” (Matthew 18:11) and to explain it to you and me as well. Savior, You have given us our “marching orders.” It is the most important thing that we do.

10 - *“You search the scriptures for in them you think you have eternal life. Those are the very scriptures that testify about me. Yet, you refuse to come to me to have life;”* John 5:39, 40. Living Word, many are those who know the scriptures but refuse to acknowledge Jesus as Lord and Savior. Use us to be the bearer of Good News to all who cross our path.

11 - *“Be still and know that I am God;”* Psalm 46:10. In this modern world with smart phones, text messages, tweets, etc., it is hard to stay focused on anything. Many are afraid to turn off their phones, even at bed time for fear they might “miss something.” Teacher, teach us to be still from time to time. Teach us to listen to your voice, your communication. Devise it so it is always ‘on’ and You are always more than ready to listen and to speak.

12 - *“Put on the new man which was created according to God in true righteousness and holiness;”* Ephesians 4:34. Some people spend thousands of dollars to enhance their appearance, an appearance that will often fade with time. But, God wants to change us on the inside, change that won’t diminish with time.

Think not alone of outward form,  
Its beauty will depart.  
But cultivate the Spirit’s fruits,  
That grow within the heart.

(Taken from Our Daily Bread - 2010)

13 - *“Evening and morning and at noon, I will pray and cry aloud and He will hear my voice;”* Psalm 55:17. Have you ever thought that at any one time there could literally be thousands of people praying at the same time and God hears them all? He doesn’t need a call screener or a recorder and His calendar is never overloaded. I AM, you are so awesome. You are the original ‘multi-tasker’, the sum of all things good, the ultimate power and authority, the definite Alpha and Omega.

14 - *“Whoever hears those sayings of mine and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock;”* Matthew 7:24. The key words

here are 'and does them'. I've often said that, "I don't farm as well as I know how to" and this applies to our 'owner's manual' (the Bible) as well. Head of the Church, we would do well to heed your warning - knowing what is best isn't the same as doing what is best. Come, be my guide.

15 - *"Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth but what is necessary for edification, that it may impart grace to the hearer,"* Ephesians 4:29. Encourage, don't discourage. Compliment, don't degrade. Congratulate, don't criticize. Support, don't undermine. Author of Our Faith, would it not be nice if we all were positive in our relationship with others. We need your help to do that.

16 - *"Don't be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good,"* Romans 12:21. In today's secular world, many people don't want to call evil, evil. By changing the vocabulary, it doesn't sound so bad. For example, abortion is called choice, homosexuality is called alternate lifestyle, and so forth. But the first step to overcoming evil is to recognize it as such. Today's verse offers the solution, to do good. Prince of Peace, so very many refuse to acknowledge evil or the one who inspires it. We seek your guidance and goodness as we recognize and combat the forces of evil.

17 - *"Not one of them (sparrows) falls to the ground apart from your Father's will,"* Matthew 10:29. Can you imagine a God who knows each sparrow that falls as well as each finch, seagull, hawk, chipmunk, seal, and every other bird, animal, and person, too? This tries to explain the enormity and complexity of the God of the universe. But words, Alpha and Omega, cannot describe you. We worship You, our God most high.

18 - *"God has chosen the foolish things of this world to put to shame the wise,"* 1 Corinthians 1:27. Giraffes, armadillos, star fish, duck-billed platypus, kangaroos, what other strange creatures can you think of that defy the theory of evolution? How about Spanish moss, Venus flytraps, or mushrooms? Creator God, we could go on all day with the panorama of plants, animals, birds, insects etc. that defy evolution but we choose to marvel at your creativity and sense of humor and we thank you for it.

19 - *"Let the elders who rule be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the Word and doctrine,"* 1 Timothy 5:17. Have you

complimented, encouraged, prayed for your pastor(s) lately? How about the Chair of your church board, your Sunday school teacher, music director or church secretary? Bright Morning Star, many work hard on our behalf. Bless them, provide for their needs, and surround them with those who appreciate their efforts.

20 - Missionaries have stepped out of their comfort zone to minister to others all over the world. Some are musicians, some doctors and nurses, some teach languages, some are farmers, some are mechanics, and some have other kinds of skills. But, all have the same goal to reach people with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We pray today for all our missionaries who give of themselves to bring glory to God. Precious Lord, bless, encourage, fortify, and provide for their needs.

21 - *"When He, the Spirit of Truth has come, He will guide you into all truth,"* John 16:13. I am not very good at finding my way around or remembering how I got there the last time so I depend heavily on our GPS system. I put in the address and it knows just how to get me there. As amazing as the GPS is, it doesn't "hold a candle" to our heavenly Guide. Spirit of the Living God, you not only give us the inspired written Word of God but provide the Holy Spirit to help us live it out.

22 - *"They (the Bereans) received the word with all readiness and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so,"* Acts 17:11. Some wise person said that to know a counterfeit, you study the real thing. So it is in our Christian walk. We get plenty of teaching but we had better study the Word to be sure that it is true. Thank you, Light of the World, for providing us with an 'owner's manual' that we can always depend on.

23 - *"They immediately left their nets and followed Him,"* Mark 1:18. Jesus called His first disciples away from their fishing gear to follow Him and Mark tells us they immediately responded. Do you 'hem and haw' like I sometimes do when an opportunity to share Jesus occurs? Jesus, I am often slow to respond when opportunity knocks. Forgive me my failures but don't give up on me. I do want to share your gift of grace and forgiveness.

24 - Have you thanked a teacher today? Our teachers take on a huge responsibility when we put our children in their care, especially those