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PRAYER GUIDE - September 2016

- 01 - As we begin the month of September, please pray for our friend, Bill. At eighty-two he is struggling against leukemia, must have surgery to adjust a failing pacemaker, and just had his big toe removed because of infection. Please pray also for our friend Alex in South Sudan. He is the key person in establishing a private Christian school in a country that is its own worst enemy as tribal warfare continues to hamper the new government's progress. Pray as well for Laurie who is battling breast cancer.

- 02 - FCF has lots of events in September where our 'walking stick' ministry will be held. Keep these and our 'walking stick' workers in your prayers. There is no other ministry that reaches so many people so effectively at such a moderate cost. Praise God for these opportunities.
 - September 2-4 - NYS Festival of Balloons at Dansville, New York
 - September 2-5 - Spencer Fair, Spencer, Maine
 - September 8-11 - Hebron Harvest Fair, Hebron, Connecticut
 - September 9&10 - Oneida-Herkimer Farm Progress Show, Mohawk, NY
 - September 15-18 - Four Town Fair, Somers, Connecticut
 - September 16 - Cream Cheese Festival - Lowville, New York
 - September 20-24 - International Plowing Match, Finch, Ontario, Canada
 - September 24-25 - Remsen Barn Festival, Remsen, New York

September 24-25 - Durham Fair, Durham Connecticut
September 26-27 - Apple Fest, Central Square, New York

- 03 - *"If we confess our sins, He ... will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness,"* John 1:9. When doing the 'walking stick' ministry, it is amazing to me how few people know what all means. Jesus is not a 'half way' guy. When He say "all" He means all. Precious Lord, we need your help to get through to people that when we confess our sins (our sinful nature since we are unaware of many of our sins) we are squeaky clean through your precious blood.
- 04 - *"Whatever you do, do it heartily as to the Lord and not to men,"* Colossians 3:23. As an employer, I always favored a job applicant who was working over one who wasn't employed. Why? It meant that they wanted to work even if at a job they disliked. I can't think of a single job that doesn't have some unpleasant aspects. Carpenter, no job is perfect but I want to approach perfection in what I do to honor You. Come be my guide.
- 05 - Today is Labor Day in the U.S. and in Canada as well. It celebrates the people who work to provide for their families and others. Jesus had a definition for work. John 6:28, 29 tells us *"They asked him 'What must I do to do the work God requires? Jesus answered, the work of God is this: to believe in the one He has sent'."* Thank you, Jesus, for promising us, *"My yoke is easy and my burden is light,"* Matthew 11:30.
- 06 - *"When desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin and when sin is full grown it brings forth death,"* James 1:15. My former pastor calls this the LSD verse, Lust leads to Sin and Sin results in Death. Whatever we call it, it is the formula leading to spiritual death. Praise God, He has the answer to that problem. The answer is Jesus Christ crucified and resurrected. Thank you, Jesus, for saving me.
- 07 - *"To him who is afflicted, kindness should be shown by his friend,"* John 6:14. Do you have a neighbor, friend, or a family member who is going through a hard time? Take some time right now to visit, call, or drop that person a note. You would be surprised how important that care can be.

- 28 - *"The eternal God is your refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms,"* Deuteronomy 33:27. There is a joke about a man who slipped over a ledge but managed to grab a tree growing out of the side of the cliff. When he yelled for help, a voice said, "This is God, let go and I will catch you." The man's response was "Anyone else down there?" It is a graphic illustration of how many of us don't really trust those "everlasting arms." Precious Lord, how I so want to put my total faith in you and yet, my mind remains skeptical. I need your help!
- 29 - *"To Him who is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us,"* Ephesians 3:20. I think that few of us realize the power that our Lord has implanted within us. He uses the word immeasurable; that covers a lot of territory. Then, He says, "... more than we can ask or think ..." Wow! Father, I have way underestimated your power that is available to me. Help me start using that power, not for my benefit but for Yours.
- 30 - *"I have the desire to do what is good but cannot carry it out. The evil I do not want to do - this I keep on doing,"* Romans 7:18,19. This is St. Paul speaking. It sounds a lot like what 'Saint' Clark is saying as well. "What a wicked man I am, (vs. 24)." "But thanks be to God who delivers me through Christ Jesus, our Lord," (vs. 25). Thank you, Father God.

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@fcfi.org) at the FCFI office.

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and ears of the evolutionists be opened to recognize your mighty works.

- 23 - *"Distinguish between holy and unholy and between clean and unclean,"* Leviticus 10:10. Because of Christ's atoning sacrifice we are much freer than our Jewish ancestors but the challenge remains. *"Be holy because I am holy,"* 1 Peter 1:16. King of Kings, you created us to be holy that we might be in right relationship with you. Show us how to avoid anything that would separate us from You and would cause another to fall.
- 24 - *"I have called you friends..."* John 15:15. Can you believe that the Messiah, our Redeemer, Emanuel, our Savior calling us friends? Friends have a special place in our hearts, they are there for us, no matter what. Jesus, I can hardly fathom that you would call me your friend. Help me to live up to that special honor.
- 25 - *"For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself,'"* Galatians 5:14. Are we lawbreakers? I suspect that we all are from time to time. Teacher, you distilled all of the law into this one command. Still, we have trouble abiding by it. Thank you for your forgiveness and thank you for being patient with us. I am so glad you haven't given up on me.
- 26 - *"Without faith it is impossible to believe God ...,"* Hebrews 11:6. Have you ever wondered why there are so many unanswered questions in the Bible? I believe that if everything in the Bible was fully explained, it wouldn't require us to have faith. So we step out in faith, not always knowing where we are going (like Abraham). Messiah, you told us all we need to know. Whether we see the results in this place or the next, it is all up to You.
- 27 - *"All are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus,"* Romans 3:24. Some people like to say that Jesus' redemption was just as if I'd hung from the cross myself. However, we say it, Christ paid the price for you and me and when we accept Jesus' offer of forgiveness, we are justified. Thank you, Anointed One, for taking my sin to the cross and then 'beating the rap' by rising from the grave.

Teacher, bring to mind someone(s) who are struggling and help me and others to reach out to them.

- 08 - *"Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care ... by being examples to the flock,"* 1 Peter 5:2,3. The most effective way to be a leader is to be a good example. 'Do as I say, not as I do' just doesn't cut it. Good Shepherd, you have provided us with an excellent example. Come, Holy Spirit, and guide me to be the best example I can ever be.
- 09 - *"Grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,"* 2 Peter 3:18. I take this verse not as a suggestion but as a command. Are you growing in grace and knowledge of our Lord each day? Me, neither. I put off Bible reading and prayer more often than I like to admit. Redeemer, I don't want to be a lukewarm Christian. Help me to get 'warmed up' so that I can better serve you.
- 10 - *"Jesus called them and they left their father ... and went after Him,"* Mark 1:20. Peter, Andrew, James, and John were fishermen just like their father. But, when Jesus called, they dropped their nets and followed Him. Jesus is asking us to do likewise. We don't necessarily need to drop our occupation. We just need to change what occupies us. Holy One, come be my guide. Help me to stay focused on you, not myself or anyone else.
- 11 - 1 Corinthians 1:25 says, *"For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength."* Paul is not telling us that God is foolish or weak but that His wisdom and strength are so much greater than any human ability, that it is beyond comparison and beyond our human comprehension. Creator God, we worship you not just because of your wisdom and power but also because of your immeasurable love that you extend toward us.
- 12 - Did you know that today is chocolate milkshake day? Chocolate milkshakes are one of my favorite drinks (foods). Did you know that our God plays no favorites? In Luke 11:9,10 Jesus says, *"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, he who seeks finds, and to*

him who knocks, the door will be opened.” Thank you, Jesus, for being available to any and all who seek.

- 13 - *“Fight the good fight, lay hold on eternal life,”* 1 Timothy 6:12. Paul is telling Timothy that living a life of faith is not easy, you must fight for it. Becoming a Christian is a one-time thing. Staying a Christian and living like one is a lifetime effort. Come Holy Spirit, journey with me and keep my eyes focused on the prize of eternal life.
- 14 - *“Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way and God relented,”* Jonah 3:10. Jonah finally got the message that he was to give God’s message to the people of Nineveh. They repented and God changed His mind. Do you resent it when God grants favor to someone(s) who has an evil past? It is easy to get angry, hard to forgive. But that is God’s right and God’s way. Father, I say I want to be more like you. Help me to keep my word.
- 15 - *“If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it,”* 1 Corinthians 12:26. At least that is the way it should be. I get a publication from Voice of the Martyrs and it recounts the pain and rejection that some of our brothers and sisters endure in many parts of the world. Let us pray today for those under trial who experience beatings, starvation, destruction of property, and even death because they will not renounce their faith in Jesus Christ. Father, hear our prayers.
- 16 - *“Though you do not believe me, believe the works (miracles) that you may know and believe that the Father is in me and I in Him,”* John 10:38. When Jesus taught some recognized who He was but many did not. So He told them that they should see His miracle working power as evidence of who He was. Savior, many of us today long to see your miracles when we, who have been transformed by your Spirit, should be all the evidence we need. Open our eyes, soften our hearts so that we, too, can see and believe.
- 17 - *“They continued steadfastly in the apostle’s doctrine and fellowship,”* Acts 2:42. We all need the fellowship of other believers but the sound doctrine is also an essential part of our faith. Word of God, you gave us

your Word as a guide to live by. Only by your Spirit can we steadfastly live by your Word. Help us to neither add more nor take away from your Bible.

- 18 - Today is Wife Appreciation Day in the America. Proverbs 31:10 says, *“a wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.”* Proverbs 10:28 says, *“Her children arise and call her blessed, her husband also.”* Guys, today is the day for us to praise our wives. Lord, I thank you for my wife.
- 19 - *“One of them when he saw that he was healed, returned and with a loud voice glorified God,”* Luke 17:15. One of whom? One of the ten men who Jesus cured of leprosy. What about the other nine? We don’t know except that they didn’t openly praise God for their healing, I give you praise right now for the wonderful gifts that you granted to me, especially the most valuable gift of eternal life.
- 20 - *“He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me I shall come forth as gold,”* Job 23:10. Job was a devout man but it took the test of severe adversity to refine him to be the man God wanted. So it is with you and me. We may not seek or desire life’s trials but they are a necessary part of our spiritual growth. Good Shepherd, here I am, incomplete and immature. Have your way with me that I can be all you have planned for me.
- 21 - *“You have come to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly,”* Hebrews 12:22,23. Do you realize that when you worship God you are joining a host of angels who are continuously worshiping Him throughout eternity? Jehovah, God of the Universe, may we join with the heavenly host in praise and worship to the one wise God.
- 22 - Today is the Fall equinox. Do you ever wonder why we call it Fall? Is it because the hours of light fall behind the hours of darkness? Regardless of what name we call it, it happens precisely at the same time every year (the calendar date varies slightly because of our imperfect calendar) and can be predicted far into the future, Creator God, I continue to be amazed at the perfection and precision of your creation. May the eyes