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PRAYER GUIDE - November 2016

Prayer is requested for successful surgery for Cathy Vogel, wife of John Vogel. John is the editor of American Agriculturist which prints our FCFI column 'Higher Ground'.

- 01 - An FCFI team is currently working and ministering at the ECHO Campus in Fort Myers, Florida. Bright Morning Star, keep our workers safe and healthy. Build a team approach and camaraderie among them and help them to accomplish everything that the ECHO directors had planned for them to do.
- 02 - For the past several weeks Radio, TV, Internet, and every other form of communication has been filled with political 'rhetoric'. It is almost as if nothing else is happening except for the next election. Prince of Peace, there is a war going on in our United States and most of us are bewildered by all the finger-pointing and accusations. We pray that you, Holy One, will prevail and that *"Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,"* Matthew 6:10.
- 03 - Our family needs your prayers. Pride, unforgiveness, fear, anger, rejection, lack of trust, addictions are just a few of the symptoms being experienced. Perhaps, your family is experiencing some of these as

well. Good Shepherd, we are an unruly, fickle, impatient bunch. Forgive us our sins, soften our hearts, and open our minds to love one another unconditionally.

- 04 - *"For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do I do,"* Romans 7:19. Paul laments his shortcomings here but this probably describes all of us at times. But, take heart, Paul assures us in Philippians 1:6 saying, *"Being confident in this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."* Thank you, my Redeemer.
- 05 - Tomorrow the mission trip to reality Ranch in Zolfo Springs, Florida begins. This is where Pastor Randy Johnson holds various rodeo events that always present Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Carpenter, there are always building and maintenance jobs around the ranch that need doing. Guide the team of volunteers to spruce things up for Pastor Randy and his ranch crew.
- 06 - Don't forget to turn all your timepieces back one hour tonight before you go to bed. I guess we don't have to 'save' daylight in the winter. Jesus, we do some strange things to fool ourselves that we are 'saving daylight'. But, don't give up on us and reminds us, *"lest we not become weary in doing good for at the time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up,"* Galatians 6:9.
- 07 - Tomorrow is election day in the U. S. Every four years Americans have the privilege of voting for the person who will lead us for the next four years. Chief Cornerstone, you have blessed this great country with unparalleled freedom and prosperity. Guide our citizens to make the choices that will enhance our future for your honor and glory.
- 08 - It's Here! At Last! Today is election day. The United States is not only voting for a president or 'presidentess' but for House of Representative candidates, many senators as well, and state and local leaders. Head of the Church, guide our hand as we cast our ballot to select our leaders. Bring revival and renewal individually and collectively.

almost always a way to go over, under, around or through. May we look to you to provide the answer and the means.

- 30 - *"If you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall,"* 1 Corinthians 10:12. As I read through the Bible it still amazes me that God knows us so well. He knows that temptation is always present and is often greatest when we think we 'have arrived' victorious over that temptation. Thank you, Lord, for your infinite wisdom and that you provide a way out if only we look to you for strength.

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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- fearful, angry or destitute and bring to mind those who could use some encouragement.
- 25 - Many call this day 'Black Friday'. Shopping for the Christmas Holidays begins in earnest on 'Black Friday' and many stores open very early like four or five in the morning and offer limited bargains to the earliest arrivals. There are several explanations as to why it is called 'Black Friday.' My definition is that stores open before sun-up. We pray that no one is hurt in the early morning rush and that people realize that a bargain still costs money.
- 26 - *"In the same way, let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven,"* Matthew 5:16. That is a bright idea. May all we do or say glorify our Heavenly Father even if we are not the brightest light on the street. Heavenly Father, may we become less that you become more.
- 27 - *"Encourage one another and build each other up,"* 1 Thessalonians 5:11. Every person needs encouragement from time to time. Make a list of those you haven't talked to or visited lately. Then make a call or two or drop a note in the mail. We sometimes get 'so heavenly minded that we are no earthly good'. God may not need encouragement but He sure would like to hear from you. Give Him a call today. It is called a prayer.
- 28 - *"Don't I have the right to do what I want to with my own money or are you envious because I am generous?,"* Matthew 20:13. The land owner paid the one who worked one hour the same wage as the one who worked the full day and the full day worker complained. Do you complain when someone else fares better than you? Teacher, help us to be grateful for our own circumstances and also to be grateful for the one(s) who have prospered even more.
- 29 - *"We should go up and take possession of the land for we certainly can do it,"* Numbers 13:30. This is what Joshua and Caleb told the Israelites in contrast to the report of the other ten spies. When faced with huge obstacles do we retreat with fear or do we turn to our Lord who is mightier than any obstacle? Savior, when faced with a problem there is
- 09 - *"To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven,"* Ecclesiastes 3:1. I did not realize that I needed Jesus until I was forty-two years old. I was called to the mission field at sixty-three. At eighty years, Jesus suggested that Sue and I help facilitate a private Christian school in South Sudan. Jesus, what is next for us, for every person that reads this Prayer Guide? *"Here I am. Send me,"* Isaiah 6:8.
- 10 - *"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good,"* 1 Corinthians 12:7. Notice how some people have the gift of music, some the gift of teaching, some have athletic abilities, and many others are gifted in various ways. Yet, we all benefit from those gifts. Teacher, you have given each of us areas of giftedness. Help us to recognize that gift and use it to benefit others and for your honor and glory.
- 11 - It is Veterans Day today, a nationally recognized holiday. Where would we be if our men and women were not willing to protect us from those who wish to dominate us? We pray a blessing on all our veterans and we thank God that they had the courage, fortitude, and willingness to face the enemies of freedom. On this day too we ask, Lord, that you protect all currently serving in our Armed Forces.
- 12 - *"Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their own kind, cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind, and it was so,'"* Genesis 1:24. Our evolutionist friends postulate that living things some how got started from some primordial 'soup' and they are right according to this verse. But, they leave out the "God said" part. Creator God, how you formed all the animals and plants by saying so is an illustration of your power and ingenuity. Thank you for all you created.
- 13 - Today is IDOP, the International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church. Take time today to pray for our brothers and sisters throughout the world whose very lives and livelihood are threatened on an almost daily basis and pray for the oppressors who think they are doing the right thing in threatening those with whom they disagree.

- 14 - *"And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive,"* Matthew 21:22. Some wise person said, "Be careful what you pray for." I would change that to "Be careful to pray" and let God decide how He and you are going to handle it. True Vine, we often don't know how to pray. Hear our longing and answer as you know best. Come Lord Jesus.
- 15 - *"Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and obey it,"* Luke 11:28. When I read this verse my immediate thought was, 'that should be so obvious' it doesn't need saying. But, upon reflection, it is obvious that You want to bless us and You give us the key to that blessing. Hearing does no good unless we also obey. Keep reminding us of that, Lord God.
- 16 - *"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose,"* Romans 8:28. This is one of the most popular verses in the Bible and well it should be. But we often ignore the conditions that it adds, "to those who love God and to those who are called according to His purpose." Author of Our Faith, have you called me according to your purpose? Here I am. Send me.
- 17 - *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways declares the Lord,"* Isaiah 55:8. Good thing! Our world is a mess, not because God messed up but because we (mankind) messed it up. Bright Morning Star, thanks you for allowing us to call you Father even though we can't comprehend the totality of who you are. Forgive us our foolishness and receive our love as imperfect as we are.
- 18 - *"And He sent you on a mission saying, Go,"* 1 Samuel 15:18. Different language, different culture, different attitude, different climate, different housing, different food ... that is what many of our missionaries face when they "Go." Lion of Judah, help our missionaries to realize that first of all, they are doing your will. Next to experience your faithful and comforting spirit as they minister to people who desperately need to know your grace and forgiveness.
- 19 - *"I am not saying this because I am in need for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances,"* Philippians 4:11. Paul was thanking the Philippians for their concern for his welfare but that he had learned to accept whatever lot God had given him. Are we content with what we have? By the staggering debts that many of us have, we aren't content with what we have. Master, we seem to have an insatiable desire for more 'stuff'. Help us to temper our wishes so that they conform to yours.
- 20 - *"He has sent me to comfort the broken hearted and to announce that captives will be released and prisoners freed,"* Isaiah 61:1. If you have been involved in the 'walking stick' ministry of FCFI, you have given comfort to the broken hearted and helped free prisoners. Chief Cornerstone, thank you for the 'walking stick' idea. Bless those who share your grace and bring needy people to the FCFI tent to hear your remarkable and life changing gift to all.
- 21 - *"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough troubles of its own,"* Matthew 6:34. Are you a 'worry wart'? I guess I am even though I know I shouldn't be. In one of our pastor's lessons, he told us that worry shows a lack of faith. And, it accomplishes nothing! Prince of Peace, forgive me my worrying. Guide me to place my total trust in you. My worrying has never accomplished anything.
- 22 - *"Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him,"* Matthew 6:8. If He knows, why do we need to ask Him? We need to realize that He does fill many of our needs without our asking. In fact, He is so consistent in meeting them that we forget those needs ever exist, but, He also likes to hear from us just like any father likes to hear from his kids. Thank you, Father, for all you do for me.
- 23 - *"A good name is more desirable than riches,"* Proverbs 22:1. Many of us work long and hard to earn a good living. We should work at least as hard to earn a good name. Master, you have over fifty good names. May we look to you on how to establish a 'good name'.
- 24 - It is Thanksgiving Day 2016 and it is a good day to reflect on the many, many blessings that each of us enjoys. But let's not forget those who are struggling today because of circumstances that they may not have control over. Heavenly Friend, comfort those who are ill, lonely,