

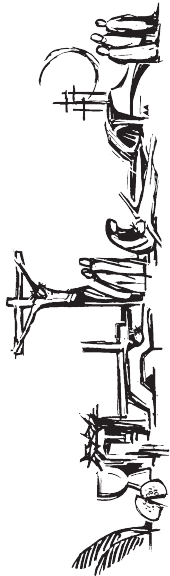


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FCFI Prayer Guide - April 2017

1. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1). God did not need to create the universe, He chose to create it. Why? God is love and love is best expressed toward another. So, God created us as an expression of His love. We pray we will be the expression of God's love in this cold and cruel world. **Please pray for: Walter Powell & team, Flowerton Festival, Summerville, SC April 1,2**
2. But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" (Exodus 3:11). God often calls us to tasks that seem too difficult, but He doesn't ask us to do them alone. We pray we will not make excuses or hide behind our inadequacies but look beyond ourselves to God and all His great resources.
3. And when all the people saw it, they shouted for joy and fell facedown (Leviticus 9:23). God gave Moses instructions and the people got to work and followed God's instructions, the glory of the Lord appeared. We pray we will not be too busy looking for God's glorious acts that we forget to follow His instructions. **Please**

pray for Russ, to continue healing and get back with his family.

4. But when we cried out to the Lord, He heard our cry and sent an angel and brought us out of Egypt (Numbers 20:16). God's people had been held captive for 400 years. We pray we cry out to God as a nation and that He will hear our cry and save our nation from destruction. **Please pray for Mark, going to D M Anderson**
5. These forty years the Lord your God has been with you, and you have not lacked anything (Deuteronomy 2:7). The Israelites had wandered in the desert for 40 years because of their unbelief. We pray we will trust God, even in the desert times of our lives. **Please pray for Jeff Goss & team, Great Bend Farm and Ranch EXPO, KS, April 5-7**
6. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord (Joshua 24:15). Joshua took a definite stand for the Lord and displayed his spiritual leadership. We pray for the desire to reaffirm our choice to follow God every day. **Please pray for Bev, surgery to remove cancer from lung.**
7. But when they cried out to the Lord, He raised up for them a deliverer (Judges 3:9). Othniel was Israel's first judge. His leadership brought the people back to God. We pray we fulfill our purpose through God's power. That we will remember as we are called so we are empowered! **Please pray for Linda, grieving her daughter's death.**
8. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them (Ruth 1:19). Naomi had experienced severe hardships. She had left Israel married and secure; she returned widowed and poor. We pray we accept that empty is the place of new beginnings. That we don't define God by our circumstances but rather allow our faith to dictate our actions. **Please pray for Walter Powell & team, Heritage Farm Day, Dothan, AL April 8**

will be strong in God's Word so when persecution comes to us we are prepared.

28. But the word of God continued to increase and spread (Acts 12:24). From the beginning, people have tried to stop the spread of Christianity. They have failed. We pray for an increase in the knowledge of God and His Son Jesus. We pray for many to be saved.
29. For the glory of the Lord filled the temple of God (2 Chronicles 5:14). The first service at the temple began with honoring God and His glory filled the temple. We pray that praise will be on our lips as we approach our time of worship. **Please pray for Doc DeVoe & team, Bloomsburg Renaissance Jamboree, PA, April, 29**
30. Jabez was more honorable than his brothers (1 Chronicles 4:9). Jabez was remembered for a prayer request rather than a heroic act. We pray that as we ask God to bless us that we also remember obeying Him daily is heroic living. **Please pray for Tom Ryan....see his GoFund Me Page please and give as you can.**

Share Your Prayer Items with Others

Continue to send in specific prayer requests either to the FCFI office or to Mary Jones (email: mdjones11@att.net) 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 anytime, forward urgent, immediate attention prayer needs to Dennis Schlagel (email: fellowship@fci.org) at the FCFI office.
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23. *“We must obey God rather than men!”* (Acts 5:29) The Apostles knew their priorities. There are situations where we cannot obey both God and man. Then we must obey God and trust His Word. We pray that we will try and live at peace with everyone. As we realize some conflict is unavoidable, we pray to choose God’s ways in all instances. **Please say a prayer of Thanksgiving, for good friends, for Russ, Bill, and Kathy.**
24. Now Stephen, a man full of God’s grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous sign among the people (Acts 6:9). Stephen had a powerful ministry and is remembered even today for his martyrdom. We pray we can exercise the gifts God has given us by the power of the Holy Spirit.
25. Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord’s disciples (Acts 9:1). Saul (later called Paul) was adamant about persecuting the Jews who believed that Jesus was the Christ. When Paul met Christ face to face on the road to Damascus, he learned he had been adamantly wrong. We pray our conversion experience, whether dramatic or quiet, opens our eyes to ways we have been wrong and ways to rectify that.
26. He (Cornelius) and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly (Acts 10:2). Cornelius, a gentile, knew God but not Jesus. God made Cornelius’ knowledge complete by sending Peter to him. We pray we are the witness to many who need to know the God of their head needs to be the God of their heart and His Son Jesus their Savior.
27. So, Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him (Acts 12:5). Peter was among those Herod had arrested, meaning to have him executed to please the non-believing Jews. God had other plans, as the church prayed. We pray we for those who are persecuted even today for their Christian faith. We pray we
9. Then Hannah prayed and said, *“My heart rejoices in the Lord.”* (1 Samuel 2:1) Hannah had prayed for years for a son and praised God for the answer to her prayer. We pray to praise God for His answered prayers and faith to believe in His goodness while we wait for other prayers to be answered. **Please pray for Ronnie, cancer in several spots in his body.**
10. David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years (2 Samuel 5:4). David did not become king over Israel until many years after he was chosen by God and anointed by Samuel as a young man. We pray for patience as God equips us for the mission He has prepared for us. **Please pray for Donna, in need of a kidney transplant.**
11. When the time drew near for David to die, he gave a charge to Solomon his son. (1 Kings 2:2). David stressed to Solomon the need to make God and His laws the center of his personal life and the government, in order to preserve the kingdom as God had promised to do. We pray for wisdom to make our personal life and our public life follow God’s laws. **Please pray for Tim, colon cancer.**
12. *“Where now is the Lord, the God of Elijah?”* he (Elisha) asked. (2 Kings 2:14). Elisha was calling out to God to confirm his appointment as Elijah’s successor. We pray we will always call out to God to confirm our ways are His ways.
13. But with loud shouts they demanded that He be crucified, and their shouts prevailed (Luke 23:23). Pilate saw no need to put Jesus to death, but listened to the demands of the crowd. As we remember it was not the Jews nor the Romans that put Jesus on the cross... It was I, me, we put Jesus on the cross. With our demands to live life outside of God’s standards, we shout, Crucify Him...Crucify Him. We pray for your forgiveness, oh Lord. **We pray we will forgive others as You forgave us.**

14. When He had received the drink, Jesus said, *"It is finished."* (John 19:30) The word finished is the same as "paid in full." Jesus came to finish God's work of salvation. We pray to receive that work of salvation in our hearts and lives. Thank you to all who work faithfully to proclaim that salvation was not free but paid with great sacrifice and then is given freely to all who will receive Him.
15. At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there (John 19:41-42). Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus were secret followers of Jesus, honorable men in their community yet they risked their reputations to provide for Jesus' burial. We pray to never be secret Believers. We pray that on every occasion we will step out and step up and get the job done.
16. On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb (Luke 24:1-2). The women brought spices to anoint Jesus' body as a show of love and respect. On the way, they wondered who would roll the stone away. They loved Him but had no idea who He really was. We pray we will remember who we are in Christ as we place our trust in His mercy and grace. Our Savior Lives!!!
17. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him (Luke 24:31). After Jesus' death, two of His followers were walking from Jerusalem back toward Emmaus when a stranger joined them. After dinner in Emmaus, Jesus revealed Himself to these men. We pray for our eyes to be opened to always see Jesus on every occasion.
18. He said to them, *"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."* (Mark 16:15) Jesus gave His disciples clear directions. Their driving force was faith in the resurrection. We pray to personally believe that Christ rose from the dead and lives for us today. We pray for opportunities and inner strength to tell His message. **Please pray for 5-year-old boy with cancer in his kidney.**
19. *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth."* (Acts 1:8) Power in the Holy Spirit includes courage, boldness, confidence, insight, ability, and authority. We pray to remember as we believe in Jesus Christ we can experience the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. **Please pray for Janet, sudden loss of her husband in death.**
20. *"Therefore, let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."* (Acts 2:36) After Peter's powerful message the people were deeply moved. We pray to repent and ask God's forgiveness and live as forgiven people. **Please pray this week for: Tony DeGiusti & team, Oklahoma City Farm Show, OK, April 20-22.**
21. *"Repent then and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."* (Acts 3:19) Peter is challenging the Jews to recognize who Jesus is. Repentance may be painful at first but it is always refreshing and peaceful in the end.
22. Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name (Jesus) under heaven given to men by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12). Many people react negatively to the fact that there is no other name than that of Jesus to call on for salvation. Our focus should be on Jesus, whom God offered as the way to have an eternal relationship with Himself. We pray that we will be open minded about many things but not on how to be saved from sin. **Please pray for Lisa, as she continues her treatment for a rare cancer.**