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## FCFI Prayer Guide - May 2017

1. The Lord moved the heart of Cyrus, king of Persia, (Ezra 1:1). 48 years after Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem and looted the Temple God moved the heart of King Cyrus to let the Jew return home. This was a day of new hope for the Jews. We pray we will start each day fresh with the Hope of Jesus making each day new. That we will allow God to move our hearts for His good. **Pray for Bruce who has cancer.**
2. And all who had returned from the captivity to Jerusalem began the work, (Ezra 3:8). First the people took time to rest from the long dangerous journey back home, then they took time to make plans because this work was important to them. We pray for patience to remember that preparation may not feel spiritual but it is vital to any project meant to be done well. **Pray for Aletrha for upcoming heart surgery.**
3. The king granted him (Ezra) everything he asked, for the hand of the Lord his God was on him, (Ezra 7:6). Eighty years after the first exiles had returned to Jerusalem, Ezra led a large group back home. He had the king's blessing as a passport for the move. We pray as we prepare to do God's work we will seek Him first and go through the proper channels to avoid any confusion.

4. Oh Lord, let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of this Your servant and to the prayer of Your servants who delight in revering Your name, (*Nehemiah 1:10*). Nehemiah was the cup bearer for the king and used his position to approach the king on behalf of the people of Israel. **Today is National Day of Prayer. We pray we will be found faithful today and every day calling out to God in praise, petition, and giving of ourselves to the work ahead.**
5. *“And if I perish, I perish.” (Esther 4:16)* Esther and her maids fasted and prayed for three days before she approached King Xerxes, fearing for her life. God heard her prayers and she saved the Jews in the land by giving them a fighting chance. We pray for strength and courage to do the right thing. **Pray for Phyllis as she recovers from emergency heart surgery.**
6. *Let love and faithfulness never leave you (Proverbs 3:3).* Proverbs is full of one sentence sermons. We pray to be found doing our lives in love and faithfulness. **Doc DeVoe, Spring Fling, Danville, PA Bill Brown, Bishop’s Orchards Donkey and Mule Show, Guilford, CT**
7. *What does man gain from all his labor at which he toils under the sun, (Ecclesiastes 1:3)?* Solomon presents a bleak picture of life unless we understand truth. We pray to find that true satisfaction comes from knowing that what we are doing is part of God’s purpose for our lives. **Please pray for Norma as she continues her journey of healing. She has had another surgery, this time to remove part of her colon.**
8. *I slept but my heart was awake, (Song of Solomon 5:2).* Life is full of ups and downs from frivolous to serious. Sometimes sleep is the only relief from our problems. We pray that even in times of trouble our heart will be awake to discern God’s will. **Pray for Debra for healing from cancer.**
9. *“Woe to me!” I cried, “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips,” (Isaiah 6:5)* The more clearly Isaiah saw God the more he became aware of his own inadequacy.
29. *They all joined together constantly in prayer, (Acts 1:14).* After Jesus’ ascension, the Believers gathered together in constant prayer. We pray to lift our hearts and voices in prayer as a sweet-smelling aroma to the Lord. As we celebrate the day set aside to remember those who fought and died for the freedoms we pray that we will never forget that freedom is NOT free. **Happy Memorial Day!!!**
30. *For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things, (Romans 11:36).* This doxology is a prayer of praise to God for the wisdom of His plan. We pray to know the all-powerful God so intimately we can praise Him in everything. **Pray for our nation to turn back to God.**
31. *Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible, (1 Corinthians 9:19).* Christian life involves both freedom and discipline. We pray our actions will glorify God and bring people to Christ. **Please pray for our FCFI leaders as they continue to reach people with the wordless walking sticks.**

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reassuring Zechariah He will always take care of His chosen people. We pray for obedience to God's Word and God's ways.

24. *Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, (Malachi 3:10).* The requirement of a tithe began during the time of Moses. People were still holding back their tithes during Malachi's time. We pray to give as an opportunity and not as an expense. May we have a giver's heart we pray.
25. *And Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ, (Matthew 1:16).* Matthew traced the genealogy back to Abraham because he was writing to the Jews and wanted to show Jesus as a descendant of their father Abraham. As we call out in repentance and belief we become children of God. We pray in thanksgiving because of Jesus we are in God's family too.
26. *And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, (Mark 1:4).* Mark knew his audience was primarily Roman Christians and they knew the importance of a fore runner before someone important came into the city. We pray to be fore runners for Christ our Savior as we share the Gospel with the "Jesus" sticks. **Please pray for Cindy as she can't get her appetite back after chemo.**
27. *The angel answered, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, (Luke 1:19).* Gabriel appeared more than once, always bringing messages from God. We have the Bible, God's important message to all mankind. We pray to treat God's Word as if He is speaking One on one with us. **Pray for our teenagers as they are facing a world racing ahead so fast they are having trouble keeping grounded.**
28. *Yet to all who receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, (John 1:12).* All who welcome Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives are reborn spiritually, receiving new life from God. We pray to repent and to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior of our lives. We pray for new attitudes, desires and motives. **Pray for our world leaders.**

His confessions cleared the way for God to use him mightily. We pray to be in a constant state of confession and repentance and renewal.

**Please pray for Ray, he has pancreatic cancer.**

10. *Let everything that has breath praise the Lord (Psalm 150:6).* In a way, the book of Psalms parallels our spiritual journey. The way of life and the way of death. Even if we choose life, we still face both blessings and troubles, joy and grief, successes and obstacles. But we can be assured God is always guiding, encouraging, comforting, and above all loving us. We pray for a heart of thanksgiving and praise as we remember how much God loves us. **Please pray for an 18-year-old young lady. She first had cancer when she was 14, it has returned.**
11. *Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past (Isaiah 43:15).* A forward-looking hopefulness is set in motion by the forgiveness of the past, giving us a hope for the future. We pray to be more loving as God has loved us and more forgiving as God has forgiven us.
12. *Let him who boasts, boast about this: that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight Jeremiah 9: 24).* People tend to admire four qualities in others: wisdom, power, kindness, and riches. But God puts a higher priority on knowing Him personally and living a life that reflects this. We pray our light so shines to reflect God's glory and not our own.
13. *When your words came, I ate them; they were a joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name (Jeremiah 15:16).* Jeremiah accused God of not helping him when he really needed it. He was angry, hurt and afraid. God didn't get angry, He answered by rearranging Jeremiah's priorities. We pray to keep our eyes on God's purposes. As God's mouthpiece, we pray to influence others for God and not let them influence us for evil. **Doc DeVoe, Berwick Day, Berwick, PA**
14. *Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart (Jeremiah 1:5).* It is comforting to know that God planned

on us long before we were thought of by human hearts. Whether our life has been easy or hard, we can rest in knowing God planned for us. We pray for hearts to see God's goodness in our lives, even if life has now been ideal. We pray for all Mother's and their influence in the lives of their children. We especially pray for women who have children that were still born or who died before their mothers. We pray for women who are estranged from their children. We pray for women who have made bad choices and had their children removed from their presence. We pray for women all over the world today who are mothers, who want to be mothers, who are mothers too young and too old. We pray today will be a time of rejoicing, a time of embracing, a time of renewal, a time of new beginnings, a time of forgetting the hurts and a time of hope for the future. **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!**

15. *You must speak My Words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, (Ezekiel 2:7).* God gave Ezekiel the difficult task of presenting His message to an ungrateful people. He gives us the same responsibility. We pray for each walking stick that is given as it represents the Gospel shared. We pray for each soul represented by those sticks that they will accept the Love God has shown through His Son Jesus Christ. **Pray for our missionaries in all parts of the world.**
16. *I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them, says the Lord you God, (Amos 9:15).* Amos announced God's warnings of destruction on Israel for their evil ways. God's love for His people brought Him to a place of revival as their God. We pray to let God's Word inspire us to live faithfully as we seek His desires. **Pray for John as he grieves the death of his son who died as a result of a motorcycle wreck in February.**
17. *But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish (Jonah 1:3).* Jonah ran but soon realized that no matter where he went, he couldn't get away from God. We pray to understand we cannot seek God's love and run from Him at the same time. **Please pray for Kenny. He has returned home after a month in the hospital. He will need radiation to shrink tumors in brain.**

18. *To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8).* As we walk our lives in obedience to Him by living a just and merciful life we produce an inner humility. We pray for an humble heart before God our Creator.
19. *The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble (Nahum 1:7).* God's anger can be an angry fire but His love is a place of refuge, supplying all our needs. We pray for a relationship where we run to God and feel His loving embrace. **Please pray for people in South Georgia as they continue their recovery from the tornados that ripped through the area a couple of months ago.**
20. *For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea (Habakkuk 2:14).* Habakkuk had questions for God. He didn't understand why evil seems to prevail. Ultimately, he understood God hates sin more than we do and He will rule. We pray to be patient as God works His greater purpose for our lives. **Bill Brown, FCFI Golf Tournament, Woodgate Pines, Boonville, NY**
21. *The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save, (Zephaniah 3:17).* The message of doom at the beginning of this book becomes a message of hope by the end. A prophet today could preach the same message of gloom and doom. We pray to live our lives in hope...the Great Hope of our Lord Jesus Christ.
22. *This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And My Spirit remains among you. Do not fear, (Haggai 2:5).* The Israelites had God's assurance they were not forgotten even while God was punishing them. We have that same assurance. God's Holy Spirit is with us. We pray for freedom from sin which brings freedom from fear. **Please pray for Gary as he continues to regain his strength.**
23. *And I Myself will be a wall of fire around it (Jerusalem), declares the Lord, and I will be its glory within, (Zechariah 2:5).* Israel went through time after time of God's blessing, their disobedience, God's punishment, their repentance, God's blessing. Here God was