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FCFI Prayer Guide - December 2017

From my heart to yours, I pray for a very Merry Christmas to all. I am most thankful for a Babe born in Bethlehem. In God's timing and mercy, He showed us favor! Mary Dunn Jones, mdjones11@att.net

1. *They raise their voices, they shout for joy; from the west they acclaim the Lord's majesty, (Isaiah 24:14).* We can become troubled by the evil around us. We need to hold on to God's promises for the future and look forward to singing praises to Him. We pray for a joy deep down in our soul to come bubbling up with voices of praise. **Pray for school students who are depressed and on drugs.**
2. *Why do my people say, we are free to roam; we will come to You no more, (Jeremiah 2:31).* The more we focus on the pleasures of the world the easier it become to forget God. We pray to keep our eyes on Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life. **Pray for wisdom for school leaders.**
3. *Her (Jerusalem) enemies looked at her and laughed at her destruction, (Lamentations 1:7).* Jerusalem foolishly took a chance and lost. Obedience is a sure sign of our love for God. We pray for wisdom and strength do follow God's guidelines. **Pray for a young man who has already lost one leg and has cancer in the other leg.**



4. *If a wicked man turns away from his wickedness and does what is right, he will live by doing so, (Ezekiel 33:19).* We pray for each time the message of the Gospel is shared that men will turn away from their wickedness, accept Christ and live forever. **Pray for Junior, he is 80 and refuses to accept Christ.**
5. *Shadrach, Meshack, and Abednego came out of the fire, (Daniel 3:26).* A miracle that their clothes didn't even smell of smoke. We pray to be on fire for the Lord! We pray to be a sweet- smelling savor to the Lord!! **5-7 NE Power Farming Show...Lincoln, NE, Duane Reynolds**
6. *Then the Lord will be jealous for His land and take pity on His people, (Joel 2:18).* Where there is repentance there is hope. We pray for our land to repent of its wicked ways and turn back to the Lord our God. **Please pray for those who have breathing problems.**
7. *The day of the Lord is near for all nations, (Obadiah15).* Those who are against God's chosen will be judged. We pray to be faithful to God's chosen people and not look down on them nor rejoice in their misfortunate. **7-9 Tulsa Farm Show...Tulsa, OK**
8. *Then the Lord sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up, (Jonah 1:4).* One man's disobedience endangered many lives. We pray to remember our disobedience can hurt others around us. **Please pray for Holly Maxwell. Holly is the daughter of Paul Booker, FCF-Canada Board Member. Holly had the flu back in January and has had a multitude of health issues since then. Her condition needs a miracle from God!**
9. *In that day, declares the Lord, I will gather the lame, I will assemble the exiles, (Micah 4:6).* The Lord brings down and the Lord restores. Blessed be the name of the Lord. We pray to be found in the remnant who live in obedience. **Shirley Ann from Alabama. Her 39-year-old daughter was murdered July of 2017 by a man she met online. She has twin boys who are 11 and sons 17 & 24. Shirley Ann's son with Down Syndrome died January 2017.**

find Him. When we encounter our Salvation, we want to give the best back to Him. We pray a prayer of adoration and praise to the Babe born in a manger and to the King of kings!

30. *"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel."* (Matthew 2:6). Matthew was quoting the Old Testament prophet Micah...5:2. Most religious leaders believed the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. They should have been seeking Him themselves, rather they became His worst enemy. We pray to recognize when God is working in our lives. **As we prepare to start a whole new year please pray for God's direction and protection.**
31. *"After they heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the Child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the Child with His mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."* (Matthew 2:9-11). The magi sacrificed time and money to be able to worship the King. They brought gifts worthy for a king. We pray to give God all we have...time, talents and a tenth... for it is He who gave us these gifts in the first place. **Please pray that people will not make stupid decisions tonight that will cost them and others much!**

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 any time, forward urgent, immediate attention prayer needs to Dennis Schlagel (email: fellowship@fcfi.org) at the FCFI office.
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- Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” (Luke 2:6-7). The Jews expected the Messiah to be born as a worldly king, instead God placed Him in a common, ordinary stable. So, the common, ordinary person would feel a connection to the King of kings. We pray to always have room for Jesus in our lives. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!***
26. *“And there were shepherds living in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you, you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger””. (Luke 2:8-12). Ironic that God would reveal to the shepherds, who probably supplied lambs for sacrifice in the temple, the perfect Lamb of God, who would take away the sins of all the world forever. We pray to be filled with awe and wonder at the Good News of Jesus.*
 27. *“The shepherds said to one another, Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about. So, they hurried and found Mary and Joseph and the baby, who was lying in a manger.” (Luke 2: 15-16). The shepherds wasted no time in going to see Jesus. We pray to be excited about the birth of our Savior.*
 28. *“When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this Child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.” (Luke 2: 17-18). The shepherds didn’t keep the “Good News” a best kept secret and neither should we. We pray to share the Good News to all we meet...with word or deed.*
 29. *“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship Him.” (Matthew 2:1-2). There are many explanations as to who the “wise men” were and how many of them came and from where they came. God left all that a mystery. The only thing we need to know is that wise men seek Him and rejoice when they*
 10. *The Lord will restore the splendor of Jacob like the splendor of Israel, (Nahum 2:2). Assyria had plundered both the northern and now the southern kingdoms of Israel because of their disobedience. But God is merciful, and His goodness endures forever. We pray to hold strong in the truths of God’s Word. **Please pray for a woman who lost her husband and mother to death last year, she continues to grieve deeply.***
 11. *For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told, (Habakkuk 1:5). God uses even the godless to proclaim His name. We pray to see these times we live in as times to call out to God and not condemn those acting so foolishly. **Please continue to pray for Gary.***
 12. *Be strong all you people of the land, declares the Lord, and work. For I am with you, declares the Lord Almighty, (Haggai 2:4). We must be people of prayer and worship, but we must also be people of action. We pray to reach out to God and ask direction and guidance for our life’s work for Him.*
 13. *And I, myself will be a wall of fire around it, declares the Lord (Zechariah 2:5). Jerusalem was to be rebuilt and God Himself would take care of it while restoration was in process. We pray to be continually in a place of restoration and ask God to be our fire from without and within.*
 14. *You have wearied the Lord with your words. How have we wearied Him, you ask? By saying, all who do evil are good in the eyes of the Lord and He is pleased with them, (Malachi 2:17). We cannot successfully separate our dealings with God from the rest of our lives. We pray to make Him Lord of All.*
 15. *A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham, (Matthew 1:1). The New Testament starts out by telling us who Jesus is. We pray to show others who Jesus is to us by sharing our testimony. **Please pray for Dillon, he is in a nursing home at age 71 but still praising God!***

16. *This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother, Mary, was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit,* (Matthew 1:18). We pray to celebrate the birth season rather than the buying season. **Please pray for Lois, she needs to regain her strength, so she can go back to her home.**
17. *God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary,* (Luke 1:26). Mary was young, poor, and female. In her day this would have made her unusable. We pray to trust God when He gives us mission. **Please pray with Ray for individual and national repentance.**
18. *The angel went to her and said, Greetings, you are highly favored! The Lord is with you,* (Luke 1:28). When Gabriel appeared, he always brought important news. We pray to live lives that will makes us be "highly favored" by God. **Please pray for Dale V and his wife. She has 6 months of chemo. Please pray it works on her condition.**
19. *But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a Son and you are to give Him the name Jesus",* (Luke 1: 30-31). God's favor does not automatically bring instant success, but it does bring great reward. We pray to wait on God's plan for our lives and trust Him even when the task scares us. **Please pray with Harold G for our farmers and those in active military service.**
20. *"How can this be, Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin? The angel answered, the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."* (Luke 1: 34-35). Jesus was born holy. We pray to call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to save us from our sins. **Pray for people to come to Christ as they see Him in Christmas.**
21. *"Because Joseph was a righteous man and did not want to expose her (Mary) to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly."* (Matthew 1:19). Joseph was faced with a difficult decision when he learned Mary was pregnant. He could have her stoned or divorce her quietly. God gave him another option. We pray to be open to God's guidance in our lives and supportive to the calling of others. **Please pray with Jim H for thanksgiving for God's grace. And for Jim and his wife to be able to help others as God directs.**
22. *"But after he (Joseph) had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."* (Matthew 1: 20-21). Jesus means "the Lord saves". Jesus came to earth to save people from our sins because we can't save ourselves. We pray to believe Jesus is the Immanuel, God in flesh.
23. *"When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son and he gave him the name Jesus."* (Matthew 1:24-25). Sometimes we avoid doing what is right because of what others might think. We pray to be like Joseph and choose to obey God rather than seek the approval of others.
24. *"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. And everyone went to his own town to register. So, Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem in the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child."* (Luke 2:1-5). God controls all history. By the decree of Emperor Augustus, Jesus was born in the very town prophesied for His birth, even though His parents didn't live there. We pray to be open to seeing everything in our lives works for our good and God's glory. **Please give a shout out of praise for Mary's success in surgery and healing!!!**
25. *"While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed*