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FCFI Prayer Guide - March 2018

Easter holds a special place in my heart because while I was yet a sinner Christ died for me!

Mary Magdelene also learned this truth and shared it with others. I have a monologue spoken through the eyes of Mary. It can be read, portrayed as Mary with few props, or turned into a complete Easter program. If you or your church would be interested in using it please contact me at mdjones11@att.net. I will be glad to forward you a copy.

1. Now the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some sly way to arrest Jesus and kill Him, (Mark 14:1). The Jewish leaders plotted secretly to kill Jesus because of His popularity. We pray not to be ashamed to openly claim Jesus as our Lord. **Hawkeye Farm Show, Cedar Falls, IA, Joel Brown... Feb.27,28-Mar 1 ...Feb. 27, 28, Mar. 1 Commodity Classic, Anaheim, CA, Dennis Schlagel**
2. While He was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on His head, (Mark 14:3). There is a question as to whether this woman was Mary who anointed Jesus' feet. There is no question that this was an act of purest worship. We pray to give our best in worship and praise to Jesus..2-3 **Mid-South Farm and Gin Show, Memphis, TN, Jeff Goss... Susquchanna Dairy Day, Elk Lake, PA, Doc DeVoe**
3. Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them, (Mark 14:10). Judas' greedy desires could not be fulfilled if he followed Jesus, so he betrayed Him in exchange for money and favor from the religious

leaders. We pray to lay aside our own personal desires or worldly greed and put Jesus first. 3-4 **Strawberry Festival, Floral City, FL, Bill Brown**

4. The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So, they prepared the Passover, (Mark 14:16). The two men Jesus sent were Peter and John. A man carrying a water jar would be unusual. We pray to look for the ordinary in unordinary things. **Please pray for Norris...our bus tour guide from the conference....he is having a crisis situation with his kidney stint malfunctioning...infection throughout his body.**
5. When the evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. While they were reclining at the table eating, He said, I tell you the truth one of you will betray Me who is eating with Me, (Mark 14:17-18). Judas had already determined to betray Jesus, but in hypocrisy he shared the fellowship of this meal. We pray our words and actions will line up with our hearts in obedience to Christ. **Please pray for Luanna Humphreys...she is having vertigo...she has trucked sticks for FCFI for years.**
6. While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, take it, this is my body, (Mark 14:22). After the usual Passover meal and ritual, Jesus gave the passing of the bread and the drinking of wine a new meaning that night. We call it Communion. We pray to remember the significance of the Last Supper when we take Communion. **Please pray for our troubled youth. In our area we are seeing more and more disappearing, some by choice and others not.**
7. Then He took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many, He said to them, (Mark 14:23,24). Judas, the betrayer, Peter, the denier, and Thomas, the doubter were among this group . We pray to believe the spotless Lamb of God shed His blood for our sins. **Please pray for Ken and June as they are demolishing their home that partially burned.**
8. But the hand of him who is going to betray Me is with mine on the table.The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed, but woe to that man who betrays Him, (Luke 22:21-22). The other disciples had no idea what was about to take place, but Judas did. We pray for discernment in all areas but especially in Spiritual matters. **Please pray for our area leaders as they get the “message” out with the sticks.**
9. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves, (Luke 22:27). The most important event in human history was about to take place, and the disciples were still arguing about their prestige in the kingdom! We pray to have a servants heart. **Please pray for the survivors of the school shooting in Florida.**
10. Jesus answered, I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me, (Luke 22:34). Jesus predicted Judas would betray and Peter would deny Him. Two similar wrongs but Peter would repent of his

had happened. We pray for the world to see Jesus in our lives. **Please pray for our pastors and those involved in spreading the Gospel. Many will have an opportunity to reach people this coming Sunday that will not come again until next year this time.**

30. Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission , he took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with the Jewish burial customs. 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 (the day before the Sabbath which began at Sundown on Friday. A person could only walk a limited number of steps on the Sabbath.) and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there, (John 19:38-42). Joseph went boldly to Pilate. His love for Jesus overcame his fear of the Jews. We pray to know we can't be neutral like Pilate tried, or secretive like Joseph tried. We pray for a crazy, bold love to shine through us. **It's Friday but Sunday's a coming!!! Good Friday.**
31. The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how His body was laid in it. Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment, (Luke 23:55-56). God used many women in the Old Testament to further His kingdom work. Jesus honored women in the New Testament. Some of the women He had healed and other who believed Him to be the Messiah followed Him and His disciples and took care of them. They had witnessed the whole day and had to be worn out physically and emotionally. Say a prayer of praise! **Have a Blessed Resurrection Day tomorrow.**

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@fci. org) at the FCFI office.
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26. When Pilot saw that he was getting nowhere, but instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. I am innocent of the man's blood, he said. It is your responsibility. All the people answered, let His blood be on us and our children. Then Pilot released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed Him over to be crucified, (Matthew 27:24). Pilot thought Jesus was on trial but really Pilot himself was the one on trial, as well as the people and so are we all. We pray to know it costs little to know about Jesus but cost our lives to follow Him. **Please pray for those going through a divorce. Most times there is total chaos...especially if young children are involved.**
27. As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. They came to a place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall, but after tasting it, He refused to drink it. When they had nailed Him to the cross, they divided his clothes by casting lots. And sitting down they kept watch over Him there, (Matthew 27:32-36). Jesus had been beaten, mocked, spit on and awake all night. His physical body was weak. Simon was probably one of the thousands of Jews in Jerusalem because of the Passover celebration. To the soldiers this was just another crucifixion, except that Jesus' garment was made of one piece and they didn't want to rip it apart, so they played a game to see who would win the most precious garment in the world. We pray to see the cross as a place of life after we die to ourselves. **Please pray for our country...we need a whole lot of Jesus in a whole lot of hearts.**
28. Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with Him to be executed. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him, Aren't (if) you the Christ? Save yourself and us! But the other criminal rebuked him. Don't you fear God, he said, since you are under the same sentence. We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong. Then he said, Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom. Jesus answered him, I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in paradise, (Luke 23:32,39-43). Jesus had rebuked James and John for wanting to be next to Him in His kingdom. Here the two dying criminals teach us the way to the kingdom is by way of the cross. We pray to continually die to ourselves and live for Christ! **28-4/1 Triumph of Ag EXPO, Omaha, NE Ron Niedermeyer**
29. It was now about the sixth hour (12 noon), and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour (3P.M.), for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom. Jesus called out in a loud voice, Father into Your hands I commit My spirit. When He had said this He breathed His last, (Luk2 23:44-46). Jesus forgave His enemies, forgave a sinner, took care of His mother and GAVE up His life. He died. He was not unconscious, He had not passed out. He was dead. The Roman soldiers thrust a spear in His side to be sure. Everyone around Him knew Jesus' death meant something significant
- wrongdoing. We pray to have a repentant heart. **10 Dragon Boat Festival, Tavares, FL, Bill Brown**
11. Then Jesus went with His disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to them, sit here while I go over there and pray. He took Peter and James and John along with Him, and He began to be sorrowful and troubled, (Matthew 26:36-37). The divine course was set, but Jesus in His human body still struggled. We pray to remember our new spiritual nature is stronger than our flesh. **Daylight Savings Time Change**
12. Going a little farther, He fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from Him. ABBA, Father, he said, everything is possible for You. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will but what You will, (Mark 14:35-36). Jesus taught us that though Salvation is freely given it cost everything we once had. We pray to say ABBA, Father, not my will by thine be done. **Please pray for all student as they are living in panic mode right now that their school might be the next trouble spot.**
13. And being in anguish, He prayed more earnestly, and His sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground, (Luke22:44). Jesus was in extreme agony, such that the strain pushed His blood to the surface of His brow. Still He did the will of our Father. We pray to not give in and not give up in times of peril and pressure. **Please pray for the FCFI organization, that it will continue to spread the Gospel.**
14. Returning the third time, He said to them, (His disciples) are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners, (Mark 14:41). The disciples were asleep and lest we feel better than them let us remember the times we have been asleep in our devotion to Christ. We pray to not be insisitive or unprepared for Christ's work. **Please pray for those who are struggling financially.**
15. Now Judas, who betrayed Him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with His disciples. So Judas came to the grove, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons, (John 18:2-3). The temple guard were Jews given authority by the religious leaders to make arrests for minor infractions. The Roman soldiers accompanied them for security. We pray to use our authority in Christ to further the Kingdom's work and not hinder it. **Please pray for Baylee...a young girl who is type 1 diabetic and has the flu.**
16. Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to Him, went out and asked them, who is it you want? Jesus of Nazareth, they replied. I am He, Jesus said. Judas the traitor was standing there with them. When Jesus said, I am He, they drew back and fell to the ground, (John 18:4-6). An encounter with Jesus does not go unmarked in our lives. We fall to our knees in praise or fall back out of fear or disbelief. We can not help but react to His power and authority. We pray to fall

to Jesus and not away from Him. **16-18 Susquehanna Home Builders Show, Williamsport, PA, Doc DeVoe**

17. Now the betrayer (Judas) had arranged a signal with them, The one I kiss is the man arrest him and lead him away under guard. Going at once to Jesus, Judas said Rabbi and kissed Him, (Mark 14: 44-45). Tradition says it was a full moon night. We know the arresting group had some lanterns. All men dressed similarly and looked similar in height and build. Judas gave what has been called the “kiss of death” through the years and Jesus was arrested. We pray to give the kiss of healing, hope and health. **St Patrick’s Day...17 Pioneer Day, Arcadia, FL, Bill Brown**
18. Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound Him and brought Him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year, (John 18:12-13). God had ordained who the High Priests would be but the Romans changed that and the Jews allowed it to become a position of authority and wealth rather than an opportunity to serve and listen to God. Annas was a former High Priest and had NO authority. It is supposed Jesus was led to him first so that a quorum of the Sanhedrin could be gathered because it was well before daybreak. We pray to be awake and on guard at all times in our Spirit so we may not betray our Lord and Savior. **Please pray for those who continue to battle the flu and the after affects.**
19. Then Annas sent Him, still bound, to Caiaphas the High Priest, (John 18:24). Jesus had six trials that night and early morning. Each one a mockery of injustice. First Annas, Caiaphas, Sanhedrin, Pilate, Herod, and last Pilate again. None of them but the Jewish leaders could find anything against Jesus. Plainly the Jews wanted His influence removed. We pray for Spiritual guidance in all matters and pray to listen to God’s Word rather than man’s. **Please pray for those in chronic pain.**
20. Peter replied, (for the third time) Man I don’t know what you’re talking about! Just as he was speaking the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times. And he went outside and wept bitterly, (Luke 22:60-62). This experience changed Peter’s life dramatically. He had been cocky and self assured but half hearted disciple. Now, after failure, he became repentant disciple. Finally he became God assured, the kind of person Christ could use to build His church. We pray to use every opportunity to help us grow spiritually...especially our failures. **Please pray for those with dementia and their care givers.**
21. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so they could put Him to death. But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward, (Matthew 26:59-60). The very people who should follow Christ, the Son of God. Yes, it is as you say, Jesus replied. But I say to all of you, in the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty

One and coming on the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, He has spoke blasphemy! What do you think? He is worthy of death, they answered, (Matthew 26: 63-65). The Romans allowed the Sanhedrin to make decisions over religious disputes but a death sentence had to be approved by the Romans. We pray not to blame Jesus when things don’t go the way we have planned. **Please pray for our farmer, they are making important decisions with far reaching effects.**

22. Early in the morning all the chief priests and the elders of the people came to the decision to put Jesus to death. They bound Him, led Him away and handed Him over to Pilate, the governor, (Matthew 27:1-2). Pilate was not popular, but the Jews had no choice if they wanted Him dead He had to go before the Roman governor of the region. We pray to look for Life and not death in deciding who Jesus is to us. **Please say a prayer of thanksgiving for this most holy time of the year. 3-I Western Farm Show-Jeff Goss.**
23. When Judas, who had betrayed Him (Jesus), saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. I have sinned, he said, for I have betrayed innocent blood. So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself, (Matthew 27:3,5). Judas changed his mind but the religious leaders’ hatred for Jesus was more important to them than helping Judas find forgiveness. We pray to have a forgiving heart. **Please pray for the family of Billy Graham...he passed away recently.**
24. Upon hearing this (that Jesus started in Galilee), Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that Jesus was under Herod’s jurisdiction he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time, (Luke 23:6-7). Herod was greatly pleased. He hoped to see Jesus perform some miracle. He asked Jesus many questions but when Jesus wouldn’t answer him, Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate. We pray to worship Jesus for who He is and not for what He can do for us. **Mid-America Farm Show, Salina, KS, Jeff Goss...New Mexico AgEXPO, Portales, NM, Jerry Rice, Peanut Proud Festival-Blakely, GA, Walter Powell**
25. Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers of the people, and said to them, you brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined Him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against Him. Neither has Herod, for he sent Him back to us, as you can see He has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish Him and then release Him, (Luke 23:13-17). Pilate knew Jesus was innocent and that the Jewish leaders were jealous of Him. He tried three different times to let Jesus go free. But the leaders had incited a riot. The very people who praised Jesus as King just a few days before now condemned Him for proclaiming to be that very King. Crucify Him they shouted till Pilate gave in. We pray to keep our eyes upon Jesus and not the crowd around us. **Palm Sunday**