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FCFI Prayer Guide - December 2019

- 1. Grace to you and peace from God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ, (Philemon 3). A greeting from Paul. We pray to greet others in our hearts in such a manner. Please pray for Mike and Leona, great friends of FCF, he struggles with cancer.
- 2. Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation, (Hebrews 1:14). Angels are spiritual beings created by God and under His authority. We pray to minister to those we come in contact with that we might be considered angels on earth. **Please pray for those who are caregivers.**
- 3. Who is wise and understanding among you: Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom, (James 3:13). True wisdom can be measured by the depth of a person's character. We pray to be peacemakers. Please pray for Emma, a strong Christian woman in Lancaster, she has cancer and only a short time here. 3-5 Peoria Farm Show, Peoria, IL, Dennis Schlagel. 3-5 Amarillo Farm Show, Amarillo, TX, Jerry Rice.
- 4. For in Scripture it says, see I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in Him will never be put to shame, (1 Peter 2:6). Jesus is the cornerstone

of the Church. We pray to not overlook the greatest stone of all. **Please pray to stay focused on the greatest gift of all.**

- 5. For they mouth empty boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desire of sinful human nature, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error, (2Peter 2:18). Jesus frees us to serve Him, a freedom that results in our ultimate good. We pray to submit ourselves to Christ who sets us free from sin. Please pray for the Walking Stick Ministry that many will come to Christ.
- 6. Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness, (1John 2:9). Christian love is not a feeling but a choice. We pray to love others as Christ loves us. **Please pray for reconciliation of relationships.**
- 7. They have told the church about your love. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God, (3John 6). When we help someone who is spreading the Gospel we are in a very real way a partner in the ministry. We pray to support our fellow missionaries. **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.**
- 8. These men are grumblers and faultfinders, they follow their own evil desires, they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage, (Jude 16). Unbelievers, no matter how successful they may seem by worldly standards, are lost and in need of Salvation. We pray to not take witnessing lightly. **Please pray for churches, missionaries, and pastors this holiday season.**
- To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with Me on My throne, just as I overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne, (Revelation 3:21). As Believers we are joint heirs with Christ! We pray for strength and wisdom to be an overcomer.
 Please pray for those who are struggling with their walk in Christ.
- 10. Then he (Abraham) said, May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there? He (God) answered, for the sake of ten, I will not destroy it, (Genesis 18:32). God had told Abraham He was going to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah and Abraham was pleading for the righteous there. We pray to be found righteous in the presence of the unrighteous. 10-12 NE Power Farming Show, Lincoln, NE, Duane Reynolds

to worship the King. They brought gifts worthy for a king. We pray to give God all we have...time, talents and treasure... for it is He who gave us these gifts in the first place. As we prepare to start a whole new year please pray for God's direction and protection. Please pray for wisdom as FCF makes plans for **2020** and that God will provide the necessary funds.

- 30. When they (Magi) had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. Get up, he said, take the child and His mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the Child to kill Him, (Matthew 1:3). This was the second dream that Joseph received from God. We pray to be receptive to God's guidance. Please pray for traveling safety for those on the road this holiday season.
- 31. After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead, (Matthew 2:19). Joseph had taken baby Jesus and Mary to Egypt because of a dream and then took them back to Israel because of a dream. We pray to be discerners of God's Word. New Year's Eve. Please pray that people will not make foolish 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. FCFI – PO Box 15 – Lexington, IL 61753 FAX: (309) 365-7023 Phone: (309) 365-8710 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. **Christmas Day. Please pray for a time of sharing the real meaning of Christmas.**

- 26. 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 come in contact with...with word or deed. Please pray to have a bold witness.
- 27. 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 of that a mystery. The only thing we need to know is that wise men seek Him and rejoice when they 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! **Please pray to have a spirit of praise and a song on our lips.**
- 28. 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. **Please pray to be used by God.**
- 29. 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 and frankincense and myrrh, (Matthew 2:9-11). The magi sacrificed time and money to be able

- 11. Then the Lord said to Moses, tell the Israelites to bring Me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from each man whose heart prompts him to give, (Exodus 25:1,2). God is getting ready to build His tabernacle. He is using the offering of the people so they will have sacrificed something and thus making it more personal to them. We pray to give with a sacrifice of joy. **Please pray that those who give to non-profit organizations will consider FCFI during this time.**
- Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and everything in it, and so consecrated them, (Leviticus 8:10). The tabernacle was built and now God wanted it consecrated. We pray to consecrate our lives to Christ. 12-14 Tulsa Farm Show, Tulsa, OK, Ken Werner Indiana Farm Equipment and Technology EXPO
- 13. The 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 those** who are struggling with the flu.
- 14. 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 a 16 year old young man with Leukemia. Pray that treatments work for him.
- 15. 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 for those who are homeless during this cold weather and holiday season.
- 16. 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 those who will not be home for the holidays.**
- 17. 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 for those** who are grieving...the holidays compounds their grief.

- 18. 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.
- 19. 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 that as Christians we will let our actions this season be a drawing card to Christ.
- 20. 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 with us. **Please pray for our farmers as the year ends and they are making decisions for the up- coming year.**
- 21. 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. **Please pray for Milton as he heals from surgery.**

- 22. 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 pray for Wayne, FCF Canada, as he continues to gain strength after a very serious heart operation.**
- 23. 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 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. **Please pray for Phil as he heals from a vicious fall.**
- 24. 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. Christmas Eve. We are thankful for St. Nichols but are blessed because of Christ. Please say a prayer of thanksgiving.
- 25. 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