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FCFI Prayer Guide - May 2020 All shows for May have been cancelled or postponed due to Corona Virus. We will give updates as we have them. Mdjones11@ att.net

- 1. Yet, in her (Jerusalem) wickedness she has rebelled against My laws and decrees more than the nations and countries around her, (Ezekiel 5:6). Jerusalem was and is the apple of God's eye and yet, the people still sinned. **Pray for protection and health for everyone.**
- 2. Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king (Belshazzar) watched the hand as it wrote, (Daniel 5:5). The king was so frightened his legs gave way. We pray to be a people who will not be afraid of the writing on the wall of our lives. Please pray for our leaders as they take counsel as to when to open our county back up.
- 3. Then I (God) will go back to My place until they admit their guilt. And they will seek My face. In their misery they will earnestly seek Me, (Hosea 5:15). God was determined to judge Israel and even the great nations around them could not help them. We pray to be a people of repentance. **Praise Report! Richard and Mellissa's little one, Josiah, is home from the hospital and** gaining weight!!



- 4. Let the priests, who minister before the Lord weep between the temple porch and the altar. Let them say, Spare Your people, Oh Lord. Do not make Your inheritance an object of scorn, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, Where is their God, (Joel 2:17). Though this was written about the Israelites, it could be speaking of America today. We pray to repent and turn back to God before His wrath falls on our nation. Please pray for all of our Doctors and Nurses and other front-line people in the midst of this national disaster.
- 5. You should not march through the gates of my people in the day of their disaster, not look down on them in their calamity in the day of their disaster, nor seize their wealth in the day of their disaster, (Obadiah 13). God was judging Israel but He was also judging those who gloried in their disaster. We pray to be a people who supports God's chosen people. Please pray for the Ranck and Steele families as they have lost loved ones to death recently.
- 6. But the Lord said, You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight, (Jonah 4:10) Jonah was angry about a vine but failed to be concerned for the lost people of Nineveh. We pray to be a people who is concerned about other people's salvation. Please pray for those who have to be traveling during these times for safety from this coronavirus!
- 7. Listen, you leaders of Jacob, you rulers of the house of Israel. Would you not know justice, (Micah 3:1). The leaders, who should have known the law and taught it to the people had set the law aside and had become the worst of sinners. We pray to be an example of God's order of things. Please pray for God fearing churches as they haven't been able to assemble in these times.
- 8. Everyone who hears the news about you (Assyria) claps his hands at your fall, for who has not felt your endless cruelty, (Nahum 3:19). Ruthlessness comes back to the ruthless person or nation. We pray to be people of love and kindness. Please pray for church leaders as they are having to learn new technology to continue to send out God's Word.
- 9. For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea, (Habakkuk 2:14). God is in control and will be in control and His glory will rule. We pray

- 30. Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him (James1:12). The way to be in God's winners' circle is by loving Him and staying faithful even under pressure. We pray to persevere even under trials and pressures. FCFI Golf Tournament, Woodgate Pine, Boonville, NY, Bill Brown
- 31. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen, (1Peter 4:11). All of our abilities are to be used to serve others, nor are for our own exclusive enjoyment. We pray to find our strengths and use them for the own going of the Kingdom of God. Please pray we will be able to keep all the shows for June and thus spread the Word of God to many!!

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, Text: 229-339-0126) 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

- 25. He (God) called you to this through our Gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, (2Thessalonians 2:14). God worked through Paul to share the Gospel...the good news is He will work through us as well!! We pray to be a people who spread the Good News! Memorial Day! Pray a prayer of thanksgiving as we remember those who gave more than enough!
- 26. The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons, (1Timothy 4:1). It is not enough that a teacher appears to know what he is talking about, is disciplined and moral, or says that he is speaking for God. If his words contradict the Bible, his teaching is false. We pray to be a people of the Word of God. Please pray for the lonely and disheartened that God will send someone to give them hope. Pray to be that person.
- 27. Preach the Word, be prepared in season and out of season, correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience and careful instruction, (2Timothy 4:2). Half of the people who have EVER lived are still alive today. We believe in Christ today because people like Timothy were faithful to their mission. We pray to be preachers, teachers and sharers of the Gospel. Please pray for those in nursing homes who have been separated from their loved ones and especially those who don't understand what is going on.
- 28. Remind the people to be subject to ruler and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men, (Titus 3:1,2). Christians are not above the law...if we want a law changed, we need to get involved and go through the proper channels. However, we should never sit idle when we know a law goes against the Word of God. We pray to be a people involved in our political issues. Please pray for our hearts and actions to bring America back home in the business world.
- 29. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, Know the Lord because they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest, (Hebrews 8:11). The Holy Spirit reminds of God's words, activates our consciences, influences our motive and desire and makes us want to obey. We really have no excuse except willful disobedience. We pray to be obedient to God's Word. Please pray to be a people that buys locally and only USA.

to be a people who seek the glory of the Lord rather than the things of this world. Please pray for Pastors as they preach to empty churches.

- 10. This is what the Lord Almighty says: If you (Joshua) will walk in My ways and keep My requirements, then you will govern My house and have charge of My courts, and I will give you a place among these standing here, (Zechariah 3 :7). Zechariah warned the people to flee from Babylon when they were released because God was going to send judgement to Babylon...many people rejected his warning. We pray to be a people who follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Mother's Day! Please pray for all Mothers and want to be Mothers.
- 11. While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, a woman came to Him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on His head as He was reclining at the table. I tell you the truth, wherever this Gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her, (Matthew 26:7,13). The disciples missed the whole point of this beautiful, selfless act of sacrifice and worship. We pray to be a people of worship and sacrifice. Please pray for small business owners as they struggle to recoup what was lost during this past month to six weeks.
- 12. Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, and they plotted to arrest Jesus in some sly way and kill Him, (Matthew 26:3-4). Religion is not the answer...accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior is what being Saved is all about...these leaders were scared He would take away their control. They didn't understand that would be the beginning of their notoriety. **Please pray for a softening of the hearts of people in our country.**
- 13. Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that He and His disciples were not even able to eat, (Mark3:20). Jesus had become a celebrity rather than the long-awaited Messiah. We pray to be a people to worship Jesus and not worship what He can do for us. Please pray that people will attack the problems and not each other.
- 14. He (Zachariah) asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, His name is John, (Luke 1;63). Zachariah

had doubted, but now he believed what the angel had said. We pray to be people who loved to be guided by the Holy Spirit. Please pray for our children as they are under a lot of pressure to be at home all the time and still do school work and many of them have never been home-schooled.

- 15. Jesus answered, I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit, (John 3:5). Physical birth is represented by the water birth. Our spiritual birth is represented by the Holy Spirit. First, we must be born and then we must be "born again" by dying to ourselves and being born unto Christ. We pray to be a people of born again Believers and to lead others to the same decision. **Please pray for the weather to be compatible with farming this growing season**.
- 16. When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate call Beautiful. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him, (Acts3:9). God uses ordinary people to His glory. We pray to be a people recognizes we are nothing without Christ and everything He needs us to be with Him. Please pray for those who have lost loved ones to death and cannot grieve them properly.
- 17. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves, (Romans 12:10). When people march off to war and stand ER rooms and live in foreign lands as missionaries, they are putting others first. When we live our everyday lives in the same way we are doing the same. We pray to be a people who live our lives in service to God. Please pray for the Rooks family. The beloved Matriarch of those families has passed and will be missed by all.
- 18. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; when we are slandered, we answer kindly, (1Corinthians 4:12-13). Confront to restore and no more. When we judge others, we invariably consider ourselves better. We pray to be a people of humility. Please pray for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren as children.
- 19. For He (God) says, In the time of My favor I heard you, and in the day of Salvation I helped you. I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of Salvation, (2Corinthians 6:2). There is no

time like the present to receive God's forgiveness. We pray to be a people who draw others to Christ. Please pray for our youth as they are searching and struggling to find out who they are and what they are to become.

- 20. The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the Gospel in advance to Abraham, All nations will be blessed through you, (Galatians 3:8). All Believers in every age and from every nation share Abraham's blessing. We pray to be a people of faith. Please pray for our high school seniors. This should be a great time of celebrating their achievements and setting new goals. Instead they are in isolation.
- 21. Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, (Ephesians 3:8). If we feel our role is minor, we may be right...except that we have forgotten what a difference God makes. We pray to be a people of power through our Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray for our teachers as they are not getting proper closure on the school year.
- 22. In all my prayer for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now, (Philippians 1:4). The Philippians were a people who supported Paul's work. We pray to be a people willing to be used by God in whatever way He wants us to do. Please pray a prayer of thanksgiving as companies have pulled together to produce products quickly needed during these troubled times.
- 23. For He (God) has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom for the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins, (Colossians1:13-14). Believers have been rescued from the kingdom of darkness into the Light. We pray for our conduct to reflect the Son allegiance. Please pray for our people in uniform...usually means their jobs make them most vulnerable.
- 24. Therefore, he who rejects this instruction (to live a holy life) does not reject man but God, who gives you His Holy Spirit, (1Thessalonians 4:8) The Holy Spirit works in us, conforming us into the image of Christ. We pray to be continually transforming through Christ. Please pray for those in flood danger areas as winter snow melts and spring rains downpour.