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### **FCFI Prayer Guide - August 2020**

1. *When we put bits in the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal, (James 3:3).* James was talking about taming our tongues. We pray to be people who say the right things at the right times. **1-4 Layolsock Valley Antique Machinery Show, Williamsport, PA, Michael Steele**
2. *As a result (Salvation), he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God, (1Peter 4:2).* When we become Believers, we become new creations and in doing so we live to serve God and not our old human ways. We pray to lay aside our sinful ways and obey the teachings of the Bible. **2-8 West End Fair, Laurelton, PA, Pete DePinto**
3. *But in keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of the righteousness, (2Peter 3:13).* We can look forward to God's plan being fulfilled in His time. We pray to be ready and to help as many others as we can to be ready when Jesus returns. **Please pray for Karen Steele, back surgery, August 10**
4. *I write you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of His name, (1John 2:12).* There is none righteous, no, not one. We pray to understand we are all saved by God's grace in Jesus Christ, as we confess Him as Savior and make Him Lord of our lives. **Please pray for Pete and Donna, husband and wife with COVID.**

5. *These are the words of Him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What He opens no one can shut, and what He shuts no one can open* (Revelation 3:7). Christ has authority over heaven and earth. We pray to remember Him who is holy and true. **Please pray for Duane, who has COVID**
6. *Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe,* (Genesis 12:10). Abraham used his common sense to go where his family could be taken care of. God used this time as a testing for him. We pray to use our intelligence as well as our spiritual understanding to be used by God. **Please pray for Dianne Potter. She has stage 4 metastatic breast cancer and needs a miracle!**
7. *Pharaoh quickly summoned Moses and Aaron and said, I have sinned against the Lord your God and against you,* (Exodus 10:16). Pharaoh couldn't get it right, but even he knew who to call on to make it right! We pray to be people who trust in the Lord our God and get it right! **Please pray for Marghi Odell, she has ovarian cancer that has spread to her lungs.**
8. *But any sin offering whose blood is brought into the Tent of Meeting to make atonement in the Holy Place must not be eaten, it must be burned,* (Leviticus 6:30). The sin offering was a sacrifice and not to be used as food but to be sacrificed entirely. We pray for our lives to be a sacrifice of joy and thanksgiving to the Lord. **Please pray for Rob and Bonnie Grogan. They were in a motorcycle wreck.**
9. *Let us pass through your country. We will not turn aside into any field or vineyard, or drink water from any well. We will travel along the king's highway until we have passed through your territory,* (Numbers 21:22). As the Israelites were leaving Egypt and moving per God's instructions, they came to the land of Moab. They requested passage through the land but was denied. We pray to live peacefully, if possible, with those around us. **Please pray for Mary. She has knee pain.**
10. *You may say to yourselves, these nations are stronger than we are. How can we drive them out? But do not be afraid of them, remember well what the Lord your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt,* (Deuteronomy 7:17-18). God was giving guidelines to

the Israelites and to us when we are facing insurmountable odds...we can't but God can. We pray to keep our eyes on Jesus rather than our problems. **Please pray for our students as they return to schools and for their parents, making decisions as to whether to send them or homeschool.**

11. *When Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets before the Lord went forward, blowing their trumpets, and the ark of the LORD'S covenant followed them, (Joshua 6:8).* The fall of the walls of Jericho was not by strength but by obedience. We pray to obey God's Word in our lives. **Please pray for school teachers as they try to juggle many new hats this coming school year with the unprecedented COVID complications.**
12. *The Lord was with the men of Judah. They took possession of the hill country, but they were unable to drive the people from the plains, because they had iron chariots, (Judges 1:19).* God had instructed the Israelites to destroy the people when they took over the land. Some clans were not strong enough to do that and so co-mingled with the unbelieving people. We pray to live separate from the world even as we live in the world. **Antioch Baptist Church Block Party, Williamsport, PA, Michael Steele**
13. *When she heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of His people by providing food for them, Naomi and her daughters-in-law prepared to return some from there, (Ruth 1:6).* Naomi's husband had taken his family to Moab when there was a famine in Israel. Naomi heard the famine was over and she was ready to go home. We pray to listen and act on God's provision. **13-16 61st Annual Steam Gas and Threshing Show, Pinkneyville, IL, Jeff Goss**
14. *There was a Benjaminite, a man of standing, whose name was Kish, son of Abiel, the son of Seror, the son of Becorath, the son of Aphiah of Benjamin. He had a son named Saul, an impressive young man without equal among the Israelites, a head taller than any of the others, (1Samuel 9:1).* We often think events just happen to us. As we read the story of Saul, we are reminded God can use any circumstance and anything to accomplish His will. We pray to be ever diligent that the happenstances of our lives are really God's provision for us. **Please pray for the economy of our country.**

15. *During the war between the house of Saul and the house of David, Abner had been strengthening his own position in the house of Saul, (2Samuel 3:6). Abner was really running the country during this time because his power had been so great. We pray to be a people of unity so our rulers will have our backing and our power behind them. **Please pray for our farmers. Days are long, and temperatures are extreme - too much rain or not enough.***
16. *After seeking advice, the king (Jeroboam) made two golden calves. He said to the people, it is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt, (1Kings 12:28). False religion often seems right at the onset...at least it is familiar and easy. We pray to be people of the Word and know what we stand for. **East Avon Flea Market, East Avon, NY, Michael Steele***
17. *Time and again Elisha warned the king, (about the whereabouts of their enemy) so that he was on his guard in such places, (2Kings6:10). God Gave Elisha discernment and he used it for good. We pray for God's spiritual and physical discernment to keep us out of trouble in our lives. **Please pray for people making home repairs. The struggle is real.***
18. *The Rubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh had 44,760 men ready for military service, able-bodied men, who could handle shield and sword, who could use a bow, and who were trained for battle, (1Chronicles 5:18). **Roseboom Antique Show, Roseboom, NY, Bill Brown.** Although these armies had instinct and skill as soldiers their true strength was that they cried out to the Lord or guidance and victory. We pray to seek the Lord first in all we do. *God is with us; He is our leader. His priests with their trumpets will sound the battle cry against you. Men of Israel, do not fight against the Lord, the God of your fathers, for you will not succeed, (2Chronicles 13:12).* Israel and Judah were in conflict because men of Israel were following Jeroboam rather than God. We pray not to get sidetracked but to stay the course of following God. **Please continue to pray for our doctors and nurses and other first responders.***
19. *This is what Cyrus, King of Persia says: The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and He has appointed*

*me to build a temple for Him at Jerusalem in Judah, (Ezra 1:2). Cyrus was not a Jew, but God used him to get the Temple rebuilt. When circumstances are out of our control, God can still work things to His glory! We pray to place our faith in the God that is greater than circumstances. **Please pray for our young brides and grooms to be patient as they have had to postpone their weddings.***

20. *But they were scheming to harm me, so I sent messengers to them with this reply: I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you, (Nehemiah 6:3)? When we are busy for the Lord there will always be people trying to stop us. We pray to be people too busy to allow distractions to dissuade us. **Please pray for men and women who are in a dispute over child custody. Please pray for God's wisdom and intervention for the best for the children.***
21. *But when the attendants delivered the king's command, Queen Vashti refused to come. Then the king became furious and burned with anger, (Esther 1:12). Queen Vashti didn't know her insurrection to the king was part of God's plan for His people. We pray to remember that when don't go as we had planned it still might be part of God's plan for us. **Please pray for those who work in sex trafficking, trying to keep our children safe.***
22. *If only my anguish could be weighed, and all my misery be placed on the scales! It would surely outweigh the sand of the seas...no wonder my words have been impetuous, (Job 6:2-3). Job's whole life and lifestyle had been destroyed and he was in mourning. His friends came to comfort him. We pray to be true comforters and not those who condemn. **Please pray for our president.***
23. *Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help, (Psalm 22:11). David felt isolated and forgotten by his friends and is calling out to God to be his source of strength and help. We pray to remember David's words when we are struggling with rejection. **Please pray for the unsaved.***
24. *The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day, (Proverbs 4:18). Pre-dawn lightness seems to glow. We pray to glow for God. **Please pray for the panic over COVID to settle down so our lives can get back to some kind of normal.***

25. *Wisdom is a shelter as money is a shelter, but the advantage of knowledge is this: that wisdom preserves the life of its possessor,* (Ecclesiastes 7:12). We should not depend on human wisdom to be our savior. We can use the sense God gives us to enrich our lives. We pray for wisdom and guidance but to remember that it still comes from God. **Please pray that the hate and hostility that is dividing our country is replaced by love and peace.**
26. *Your head crowns you like Mount Carmel. Your hair is like royal tapestry, the king is held captive by its tresses,* (Song of Songs 7:5). Hair was considered the mark of youth and vitality. The woman was being praised for that. We pray to keep our bodies in good shape as we are the temple of the Lord. **Please pray for our Pastors as they lead services via social media as well as in house. Please pray each congregation will have tech people to help with this transition.**
27. *Wail, O ships of Tarshish! For Tyre is destroyed and left without house or harbor. From the land of Cyprus word has come to them,* (Isiah 23:1) Isiah was prophesying about the future fall of Tyre and all who depended on her for their livelihood. We pray for wisdom to do the right thing even when doing wrong is easier.  
**28-9/1 Wyoming County Fair, Meshoppen, PA, Wayne Laidacker  
28-9/1 Walworth County Fair, Elkhorn, WI, Mike Brehm  
28-9/2 Wyoming County Fair, Dallas, PA, Doc DeVoe**
28. *Although you wash yourself with soda and use an abundance of soap, the stain of your guilt is still before me, declares the Sovereign Lord,* (Jeremiah 2:22). The stain of sin is more than skin-deep. Israel had stains that could not be washed out, even with the strongest cleansers. We pray for a Spiritual cleansing that reaches deep into the heart. **Please pray for those who are caregivers for patients or loved ones with dementia or other disabilities. Life can be hard.**
29. *How the gold has lost its luster, the fine gold become dull! The sacred gems are scattered at the head of every street,* (Lamentations 4:1). After the siege of Jerusalem, it was found even gold had little meaning, there was nothing to buy or sell. We pray to place our prosperity in spiritual wealth. **Please pray for our newborn babies and their parents - and their grandparents!**

30. *He (the Lord) answered me, the sin of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great, the land is full of bloodshed and the city is full of injustice. They say, The Lord has forsaken the land, the Lord does not see. So, I will not look on them with pity or spare them, but I will bring down on their own heads what they have done, (Ezekiel 9:9,10).* Israel had made excuses for their sin. We pray not to rationalize sin but to see it as it is, an abomination to the Lord. **Please pray for our area leaders and other workers with FCFI. Pray for their safety and new ways to spread the Gospel as they are facing cancelled events.**
31. *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set our minds on things above, not on earthly things. (Colossians 3:1-2)* These are such uncertain times and we tend to worry and fret over what is happening in our country. Pray that we will set our minds on things above, not on earthly things!! **Pray for God's people to bring encouragement and an eternal perspective to those who are fearful.**

**Please send your prayer requests to Mary Jones at [mdjones11@att.net](mailto:mdjones11@att.net)**

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## **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](mailto: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 Schlager (email: [fellowship@fci.org](mailto:fellowship@fci.org)) at the FCFI office.

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