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FCFI Prayer Guide - April 2021

We are doing several FFA Shows, some are in-person, some are virtual. In the virtual shows we will be submitting a video which shares the gospel to the FFA students and gives them a link which connects to our website www.fcfi.org, showing our gospel presentation with the five colored tractors narrated by Mike Weaver. Pray that the students will respond to the gospel message. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers.

1. 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! **Please pray for our workers as they are being exposed to Covid at events.**
2. And when the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, Who will roll the stone away from the tomb. But when they looked, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side and they were alarmed. Don't be alarmed, he said. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen!!! He is not here. See

the place where they laid Him. Go tell His disciples and Peter, (Mark 16:1-7). The women did what they could. They stayed at the cross, followed Jesus' body to the tomb, and prepared spices for His body. God blessed their diligence and devotion by letting them be the first to witness the resurrection. We pray to take advantage of the opportunities we have and do what we can for Christ, instead of worrying about what we cannot do. **Please pray for those struggling with their faith during this pandemic.**

3. When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had driven seven demons. She went and told those who had been with Him and who were mourning and weeping. When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen Him, they did not believe it, (Mark 16:9-11). The resurrection provides the substance of the church's witness to the world. We do not merely tell lessons from the life of a good teacher; we proclaim the reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ! We pray to proclaim He is Risen!!! **Please pray our country will soon be open so more events can be scheduled and the Gospel can be spread.**
4. So, Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying here but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally, the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went inside. He saw and believed, (John 20: 3-8). The graveclothes were left as if Jesus had passed right through them. A grave robber could not possibly have made off with Jesus' body and left the linens as if they were still shaped around His body. We pray to believe what Scripture says and proclaim Jesus as our Risen Savior! **He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!**
5. Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary Magdalene stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, woman why are you crying? They have taken my Lord away, she said. I don't know where they have put him, (John 20:10-13). Proof that the disciples and women who loved Jesus did not steal His body or fabricate the story comes in their surprise and devastation that His body was missing. We pray to look ahead to the future as we see behind the empty tomb. **Please pray for the summer conference in July, that restrictions will be lifted and people will not have to isolate.**

8:1). Elisha had concern for this woman as he just healed her son. We pray to have empathy and concern for those whom God puts in our lives. **27-28 FFA Oklahoma In Person, Jeff Goss**

28. Shallum son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah and his fellow gatekeepers from his family (the Korahites) were responsible for guarding the thresholds of the Tent (Temple) just as their fathers had been responsible for guarding the entrance to the dwelling of the Lord, (1Chronicles 9:19). The gatekeepers had to be reliable, honest, and trustworthy. They also had to be humble enough to do menial work at the Temple. We pray to be people of integrity in our personal lives and in our work lives. **Please pray for our farmers as they plant their crops and make plans for the upcoming year.**
29. And Hiram added, Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, who made heaven and earth! He has given King David a wise son, endowed with intelligence and discernment, who will build a temple for the Lord and a palace for himself, (2Chronicles 2:12). King David had wanted to build the Temple but God said because he was a man of war, he would not be the one...so he gathered the materials and Solomon built it. We pray not to go beyond what God has assigned us to do and to not make excuses for what He has called us to do. **29-30 Ohio FFA Virtual. No FCFI presence. Pray that we can have a presence next year in 2022.**
30. And the people of any place where survivors may now be living are to provide him with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with freewill offerings for the Temple of God in Jerusalem, (Ezra 1:4). God used Cyrus to free His people so they could return to their homeland and rebuild the Temple. God used even non-Jews to do His work and He can use non-Christians as well. **Please pray for healing for our country. God is Sovereign!**

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.

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but did he have the courage for such an enormous task? We pray to remember when God calls, he equips...sometimes years before we need it. **Please pray for Louise and her husband Bruce as she has been hospitalized lately.**

22. The Lord answered, Judah is to go. I have given the land into their hands, (Judges 1:2). God had assured them over and over the land was theirs... they just had to go out and conquer the people. Many times, we lose site of the blessings God has assured for us because we are not willing to put in the work to get the job done. We pray to be people whose confidence is in the Lord our God. **Please pray for workers at the opening events as people are sick or afraid of becoming sick.**
23. Then Naomi took the child, laid him in her lap and cared for him. The women living there said, Naomi has a son. And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David, (Ruth 4:16). Ruth and Boaz had a son but in legal tender it was if he was Naomi's son. He was David's grandfather. We pray to not give up when things are less than ideal in our lives and trust that God will provide. **April 19-May 15, FFA Georgia Virtual**
24. When the man Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfill his vow, Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the Lord and he will live there always, (1Samuel 1: 21,22). To do what she promised, Hannah would give up what she wanted most, her son. We pray to be people of our word. **Please pray for Yvonne as she is lonely and needs God to send her some good friends.**
25. Abner called out to Joab, Must the sword devour forever? Don't you realize that this will end in bitterness? How long before you order your men to stop pursuing their brothers, (2 Samuel 2:26). Confront to restore and no more! We pray to be people of peace and peaceful ways. **Bloomsburg Renaissance Jamboree, Bloomsburg, PA, Wayne Laidacker**
26. Benaiah, son of Jehoiada answered the king, (David) Amen! May the Lord the God of my Lord the King, so declare it. As the Lord was with my Lord the King, so may He be with Solomon to make His throne even greater than the throne of my lord King David, (1Kings 2:36,37). King David was at the end of his life and wanted to be sure Solomon was well established as king before his death. We pray to be people of faith and action! **26-27 Interstate Farm and Home Show, Coffeyville, KS, Mike Weaver**
27. Now Elisha had said to the woman whose son he had restored to life, Go away with your family and stay for a while wherever you can, because the Lord has decreed a famine in the land that will last seven years, (2Kings

6. At this, she (Mary Magdalene) turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. Woman, He said, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for? Thinking He was the gardener, she said, sir if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have put Him and I will get Him. Jesus said to her, Mary. She turned toward Him and cried out in Aramaic, Rabboni! (Which means teacher), (John 20:14-16) In the moment that changed all eternity, Jesus called Mary's name. We pray to listen as God calls our name first for salvation and then for service. **Please pray for Ron Herrold as he is struggling with aftereffects of Covid.**
7. Jesus said, do not hold on to Me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, I am returning to My Father and your Father to My God and your God. Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news, I have seen the Lord! And she told them all He had said to her, (John 20:17-18). Mary had searched for Him but He had found her in the midst of her greatest need and weakest moment. In her uncertainty He revealed Himself. All He asked was that she share the news with others. We pray to never be quiet again in revealing who Jesus is! **7-9 FFA Nebraska, Virtual...no Exhibitors**
8. Now on the same day two of them(disciples) were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus Himself came up and walked along with them, but they were kept from recognizing Him, (Luke 24:13-16). The two disciples at first missed the significance of history's greatest event because they were too focused on their disappointment and problems. We pray to look for Jesus in our midst and experience the power and help He can bring. **7-9 Great Bend Farm, Ranch, Hemp EXPO. Great Bend KS, Jeff Goss**
9. He (Jesus) asked them, what are you discussing together as you walk along? They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them named Cleopas asked Him, are You only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days? What things? He asked, (Luke 24:17-19). The news about Jesus' crucifixion had spread throughout Jerusalem, because it was Passover Week. People from all over the Roman Empire knew about His death and the circumstances surrounding it. We pray to not only know about Jesus and His death but to also know HIM! **9-11 Susquehanna Home Builders Show, Williamsport, PA, Michael & Karen Steele**
10. About Jesus of Nazareth, they replied. He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers

handed Him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified Him. But we had hoped that He was the one who was going to redeem Israel, (Luke 24:19-21). The Believers had lost all hope because they had counted on Jesus to be a great military leader and to rescue them from their enemies. We pray to see that Jesus' death offered the greatest hope of all. **11-13 FFA South Dakota, In-Person, Marlyn Bunger, Jeff Goss, Mike Weaver**

11. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find His body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said He was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see, (Luke 24:21-24). Despite the prophecies of this great event and the eyewitness account, these disciples failed to understand Christ's death was His path to glory. We pray to be the living, breathing Christians that other need to see the living Savior. **11-13 FFA South Dakota, In-Person, same point men as above**
12. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, (Luke 24:31). Jesus is the scarlet thread woven through the Scriptures. We pray to read the Scripture to strengthen our relationship with Christ. **Please give a big shout out of praise that while some are struggling with their faith, others are coming to faith and salvation!!! Over 150 in the Florida events.**
13. They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and said, it is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon. Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when He broke bread, (Luke 24:33-35). Their excitement surely caused a stir with the downcast disciples. We pray to keep our eyes on Jesus and not our disappointment. **Please continue to pray for Bobby Brown, a 24-year-old young man struck by a hit and run. He lost one leg and the doctors are trying to save the other one.**
14. While they were still talking about this, Jesus Himself stood among them and said to them, Peace be with you, (Luke 24:36). Jesus resurrected body was immortal. This is the kind of body we are promised at the resurrection of the dead. We pray to use your physical bodies to glorify the risen Savior. **Missouri FFA-Virtual. Please pray for Mary as she recovers from surgery.**
15. They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands. Touch Me and see, a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have, (Luke 24:37-39). Jesus' body was not a figment of

their imagination, the disciples touched Him, and He ate food. We pray to believe in faith that this is true and apply it to our lives. **15-17 Oklahoma City Farm Show, Oklahoma City, OK, Tony DeGiusti**

16. He said to them, This is what I told you while I was still with you. Everything must be fulfilled that was written about Me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms, (Luke 24:44). The entire Old Testament points to the Messiah. We pray to read and the believe the whole Bible. **16-18 FCF Canada Annual Meeting, Bill Brown**
17. Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures, (Luke 24:45). The Holy Spirit does this in our lives as we read the Bible. We pray to be open to the leading of the Spirit of God as we study Scriptures. **Please pray for all who have heard the Gospel through the walking stick ministry, that they will receive the message through the Holy Spirit.**
18. He told them, This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem, (Luke 24:46-47). God wants the whole world to know the life-saving plan of salvation. We pray to spread the Gospel in our Jerusalem then to the uttermost parts of the earth. **18-20 FFA Iowa (in person), Jeff Goss**
19. He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned, (Mark 16:15-16). The driving force that carries people all over the world with the Good News is the resurrection of Christ. We pray to shine the light of Salvation in whatever corner of the world we are. **19-20 FFA Arkansas (Virtual, Scavenger Hunt)**
20. After the Lord had spoken to them, He was taken up into heaven and He sat at the right hand of God. Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed His Word by the signs that accompanied it, (Mark 16:19-20). Jesus' physical presence left the disciples. Him sitting at God's right hand signifies the completion of His work. We pray to be a servant of Christ and work till our time is complete. **19-23 FFA Michigan. No FCFI presence. Pray we can have a presence there in 2022.**
21. After the death of Moses, the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua, son of Nun, Moses's aid, Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them, to the Israelites, (Joshua 1:1,2). Joshua had been with Moses and was a man of faith, so he was qualified to lead the people,