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FCFI Prayer Guide - May 2021

1. *Zion stretches out her hands, but there is no one to comfort her. The Lord has decreed for Jacob that his neighbors become his foes, Jerusalem has become an unclean thing among them, (Lamentations 1:17).* God was Israel's comforter, but because of the people's sins He had to turn away from them and become their judge. We pray to get our comfort and wisdom from an all wise God. **Please pray for Fred and Bronwen VanNamee. Fred has been diagnosed with ALS.**
2. *I will make a covenant of peace with them and rid the land of wild beasts so that they may live in the desert and sleep in the forests in safety. I will bless them and the places surrounding My hill, (Ezekiel 34:25,26).* In contrast to the evil in the land God was saying He was sending a good shepherd (Jesus). When we accept Him as Savior, we have a time of peace, contentment, fulfillment, and security. We pray to accept Jesus as our Savior and to spread the good news to all who will listen. **Please continue to pray for Wayne and Edith as they deal with Wayne's health issues.**
3. *Therefore, as soon as they heard the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp and all kinds of music, all the peoples, nations and men of every language fell down and worshiped the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up, (Daniel 3:7).* Nebuchadnezzar had said all who didn't worship his idol would be thrown into a

fiery furnace, therefore, the people fell down and worshipped. We pray to have the courage of Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego to only worship the Lord God Almighty. **Please pray for Steve and Chris Brown as they head up the FCF Golf Tournament later this month. Donations will be accepted and appreciated till May 10. Contact the Home office if you feel so led.**

4. *Hear the Word of the Lord, you Israelites, because the Lord has a charge to bring against you who live in the land. There is no faithfulness, no love, no acknowledgment of God in the land, (Hosea 4:1).* America finds herself in the same predicament as the Jews of old. We have forgotten our beginning, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly. We pray to turn back the God of our Salvation and our Savior. **Please pray for Jeremiah as he serves in Ethiopia with limited contact with the outside world amidst a Civil War.**
5. *Blow the trumpet in Zion, Declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly, (Joel 2:15).* Joel reached a turning point in his prophecy. He stopped prophesying about judgement, to proclaiming an outpouring of God's forgiveness and blessing. We pray to give up our known sins and come in repentance to a loving and gracious God. **Please pray for the family of Phyllis Louise Bodtke, a friend of FCF, who passed away.**
6. *I overthrew some of you as I overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. You were like a burning stick snatched from the fire, yet you have not returned to me, declares the Lord, (Amos 4:11).* Many believe their wealth and religion makes them secure, but, like the Israelites, our hope comes only in the Lord. **Please pray for good farming weather as our farmers are planting the fields.**
7. *You should not wait at the crossroads to cut down their fugitives, not hand over their survivors in the day of their trouble, (Obadiah 14).* Edom betrayed their blood brothers in times of crisis and aided their brothers' enemies. We should treat our fellow believers with respect. We pray to lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ. **Please raise a Halleluiah for doctors, nurses, and modern medicine.**
8. *But I, with a song of thanksgiving will sacrifice to You. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the Lord, (Jonah 2:9).* Jonah rebelled against God and was swallowed by a great fish.

29. *He (the antichrist) will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshipped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God, (2Thessalonians 2:4).* The work of the antichrist is already going on. God will save His people. We pray to be diligent in sharing the Gospel as time seems shorter than ever. **Please pray for Tina as she continues a long healing process from a broken leg and ankle from a bad fall.**
30. *In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us, (Titus 2:7,8).* If we expect others to act a certain way, we must live that way ourselves. We pray that our lives will reinforce what we teach. **Please pray for local businesses that can't get workers to keep their doors open for business.**
31. *In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's Word all over again. You need milk, not solid food, (Hebrews 5:12).* In order to grow in Christ, we must step out of our comfort zone and be willing to be teachable. We pray to open our minds to God's Word and to the teachers He sends us. **Please pray for people who have signed up for mission trips - for their safety and for the Gospel to be spread because of their efforts.**

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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24. *Am I now trying to win the approval of men or of God: Or am I trying to please men: If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ,* (Galatians 1:10). Being a people pleaser seems like the right thing to do, until you find that in the end no one is pleased and you wasted a lot of time. Rather, obey Christ and He will be pleased and you will be satisfied. We pray to put Christ first in our lives. **Please pray for Sue as she recovers from back surgery.**

25. *For He (Christ) Himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,* (Ephesians 2:14). Christ has knocked down the barriers and united all Believers in one family. We pray that the cross will be the focus of our unity. **Please pray for little baby Bennett, he is scheduled for his third brain surgery.**

26. *For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh,* (Philippians 3:3). It is easy to place more emphasis on religious effort than on internal faith, but God values the attitude of our hearts above all else. We pray to not judge a person's spirituality by our standards. **Please pray for Janet, she has lung cancer.**

27. *For this reason, (they had become Believers) since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding,* (Colossians 1:9). God wants us to grow in Him and to put that knowledge into practice by sharing the good news to others. We pray to be sharers of the Word. **Please pray for those in the adoption process.**

28. *For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter might have tempted you and our efforts might have been useless,* (1Thessalonians 3:5). Satan has no power over a Believer's salvation but he can make our situations such that we will question our own beliefs. We pray to Satan has on dominions over us when we accept Christ as our Savior and Lord of our lives. **Please pray for Mike. He has liver cancer.**

From inside the fish he prayed to the Lord his God and sang a song. We pray to be thankful for God's mercy. **Please pray for wisdom for our farmers for the coming crop year.**

9. *The remnant of Jacob will be in the midst of many peoples like dew from the Lord, like showers on the grass, which do not wait for man or linger for mankind,* (Micah 5:7). So many today are living in the drought and parchness of this world...people of the Way should be refreshing to those around them. We pray to be a shower in a dry land. **Please pray for salvation for many in this year of 2021.**

10. *O king of Assyria, your shepherds slumber, your nobles lie down to rest. Your people are scattered on the mountains with no one to gather them,* (Nahum 3:18). Assyria was powerful, wealthy, prestigious and hated by all the nations because they were ruthless. When their empire fell, everyone was happy. We pray to not lust after power but seek the Lord. **Please pray for financial assistance for the farmers that need it for the coming crop year.**

11. *Your eyes are too pure to look on evil, you cannot tolerate wrong. Why then do You tolerate the treacherous? Why are You silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves,* (Habakkuk 1:13)? Habakkuk was appalled that God would use a most wicked nation to punish Judah. Babylon only wanted more power so they didn't care. We pray to be obedient and when we need correction, we pray to not complain about the rod God uses to get our attention.

12. *The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing,* (Zephaniah 3:17). A message of hope for those of us who endure to the end. From despair to hope which each person who gives their heart to Jesus. We pray to remember that God takes great delight in us. **Alabama State Virtual FFA Convention, Pete Singer**

13. *This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remain among you. Do not fear,* (Haggai 2:5). When we are saved it is like we came out of bondage. God's Spirit is with us always. We pray to remember we are not alone. **Please pray for Shirley's daughter, she had a kidney removed because of a mass.**

14. *But did not My words and My decrees, which I commanded My servants the prophets, overtake your forefathers. Then they repented and said, The Lord Almighty has done to us what our ways and practices deserve, just as He determined to do, (Zechariah 1:6).* We are responsible before God for our actions. We are trapped by our heredity or environment. We are free to choose and individually we must return to God and follow Him. We pray to learn the lessons of God's Word so we will not have to repeat past mistakes. **Please pray for the Kaiser, Walker family. Their 3-year-old drowned. Please pray for the recipients of his organs that were donated.**
15. *Has not the Lord made them one? In flesh and in spirit they are is. And why one? Because He was seeking godly offspring. So, guard yourself in your spirit and do not break faith with the wife of your youth, (Malachi 2:15).* God hates divorce because it takes children away from both parents and a stable environment. We pray to be faithful to our spouses in word and deed and guard our spirits. **15-17 Middlecreek Valley Antique Association, Michael Steele**
16. *Now when He saw the crowds, He went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to Him and He began to teach them, (Matthew 5:1,2).* These verses are the beginning of what is called the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus taught on what is important in His kingdom, faithful obedience from the heart. We pray to be faithful and obedient. **Please pray for April's son. He fell off a roof and has several complicated injuries.**
17. *The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him (John the Baptizer). Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, (Mark 1:5).* John taught them they could/should confess individually and paved the way to relate to God through Jesus. We pray to admit our sins and ask God to forgive us and see us through Jesus having paid for our sins. **Please pray for Linda's daughter, Ann. She has troubling spirits, as Linda described it.**
18. *One the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, but his mother spoke up and said, No! His is to be called John, (Luke 1:59,60).* This same John the Baptist was born to older parents who God blessed in their old age with a child. He was the forerunner of Christ preaching repent and be baptized. We pray to be mentors of those younger in spirit than us. **Please pray for Chloe, a young married woman who now has serious liver issues.**
19. *Now while He (Jesus) was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many people saw the miraculous signs He was doing and believed in His name, (John 2:23).* It is easy to believe when a lot of others are believing, but to keep your faith even when it isn't popular or accepted is real faith. We pray to be grounded in our faith as we are grounded in Scripture. **Please pray for Tammy. She is very sick, her mother said.**
20. *But God raised Him from the dead freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him, (Acts 2:24).* For Jesus death was an agony because He is life and gives us eternal life as we believe and ask Him to come into our hearts. We pray to receive and then share the grace of Jesus. **Please pray for Kade and all those going into the service.**
21. *Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him, (Romans 4:7,8).* We can get rid of our guilt from past sins as we ask for forgiveness. We pray to remember that Jesus is willing and able to forgive every sin. **21-23 Four State Farm Show, Pittsburg, KS, Jeff Goss**
22. *Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak, (1Corinthians 8:9).* Christian freedom does not mean that anything goes, but is inseparably tied to Christian responsibility. We pray to be responsible for our actions and how they may affect others. **FCFI Golf Tournament, Boonville, NY, Steve Brown.**
23. *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come, (2 Corinthians 5:17).* We are not rehabilitated or reeducated when we are redeemed...we are re-created in the likeness of Christ. We pray the new us will reflect God's glory. **Please give a shout out to God for Beverly, after 60 days on the ventilator, she is breathing on her own!!!!**