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FCFI Prayer Guide - June 2021

- 1. When the King's (Xerxes) order and edict had been proclaimed, many girls were brought to the Citadel of Susa and put under the care of Hegai. Esther also was also taken to the king's palace and entrusted to Hegai, who had charge of the harem, (Esther 2:8). Xerxes was looking for a new queen and young women were brought to the palace to be prepared for him to choose one from among them. Esther was beautiful in features but also in heart and soul and won Hegai's favor and he looked after her personally. We pray to have joyful hearts which in turn will make our countenance glow. Kansas FFA (Virtual FCFI video submitted) 1&4&9, Illinois FFA (Virtual FCFI video submitted)
- 2. Why did I not perish at birth, and die as I came from the womb? (Job 3:10) Job was grieving deeply for all his losses. He was lamenting as to why he was even born. Grief is hard work, and every emotion is magnified. Job had every right to mourn. We pray to remember grief is a normal part of loss and to allow for a time to mourn. Please pray for the Bob Carpenter family.
- 3. Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love, according to great compassion blot out my transgressions, (Psalm 51:1). No sin is too great to be forgiven. We pray to have repentant hearts and forgiving of others who sin against us. Please raise a halleluiah for JF recovering from COVID and is home now!!!

- 4. Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched? (Proverbs 7:27,28). Sin begins as desire; Satan provides attractive bait and compromise follows. Someone is always hurt by behavior that God hates. We pray to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and not things of this world. 4-6 Nittany Antique Machinery Show, Centre Hall, PA, Mike Steele.
- 5. As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them? (Ecclesiastes 5:11). If we try to create happiness by accumulating wealth, we will find we never have enough. We pray that whatever financial situation we are in to not depend on money to make us happy but place our wealth in the Lord. 5-6 Vermont Dairy Festival-Enosburg Falls, VT-Bill Brown
- 6. Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter, (Isaiah 5:20). When we make excuses for our actions, we break down the distance between right and wrong. We pray to use God's Word as our standard and not the world's reasoning.
 D-day WW2. Please remember our wounded veterans who sacrificed so much. Western NY Dairy Festival-Springville, NY-Bill Brown
- 7. Return faithless people, I will cure you of backsliding. Yes, we will come to You, for You are the Lord our God, (Jeremiah 3:22). Jeremiah was predicting a time of renewal and revival when worship would be reinstated. We pray to be a people of worship. **Antique Tractor Show, Madrid, NY Dave Porter**
- 8. How deserted lies the city, once so full of people! How like a widow is she, who once was great among the nations. She who was queen among the provinces has now become a slave, (Lamentations 1:1). Jeremiah's lament for Jerusalem's destruction. Each year this book was read aloud to remind all the Jews that their great city fell because of their stubborn sinfulness. We pray to be on guard of our hearts to keep sin from attraction us to certain destruction.

 8-10 Mississippi FFA, Starkville, MS-live show-Mike Weaver
- 9. Zion stretches out her hands, but there is no one to comfort her. The Lord has decreed for Jacob that his neighbors become his

- News. We pray to be a people who shares the Gospel with all peoples. Millville Carnival, Millville, PA, Wayne Laidacker
- 29. For it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to men, (1Corinthians 4:9). As Christians we are always on parade... people watching...either admiring or waiting for us to trip and fall. We pray to be the Christian example to the world with our lives. Please pray for John as he continues to rehab after surgery and a stroke.
- 30. And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will, (2Corinthians 8:5). We share the Good News only as we are concerned with helping others. We pray to be a people who are eager to spread the Gospel. Please pray for our country... We need God as our leader again.

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 (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 those who are having to** "start over" after surgery or sickness.

- 25. 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 businesses will have enough workers to keep their doors open. Please pray for Gary, that he can continue to stay off dialysis.
- 26. On 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 name 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 repentance and baptism. We pray to be mentors of those younger in spirit than us. **Danville Spring Fling-Danville, PA, Doc DeVoe**
- 27. I (Jesus) have spoken to you of earthly things, and you do not believe, how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? (John 3:12). Nicodemus knew the Old Testament thoroughly, but he didn't understand that it pointed to the Messiah. Knowledge is not Salvation. We pray to know the Word and that it is all about Jesus. 28-30 Tennessee FFA-live show-Jeff Goss & Mike Weaver
- 28. Those who had been scattered by the persecution in connection with Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, telling the message only to Jews. Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the Good News about the Lord Jesus. The Lord's hand was with them and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord, (Acts 11:19-21). Jews had a knowledge of God and sharing the Gospel with them was harder and easier. Gentiles who didn't believe in the God of all creation, came hungering for the Good

- 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 the recent high school and college graduates as they find their place in the world.
- 10. 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. FCFI, New Zealand is developing a new ministry website.
- 11. 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. 12-Chenango County Dairy Fest, Norwich, NY, Bill Brown
- 12. 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, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly. We pray to turn back to the God of our Salvation and our Savior. 12-13-Meredith Dairy Fest, Meridale, NY Bill Brown
- 13. 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. 12-13-Violet Festival, Dolgeville, NY, Bill Brown

- 14. 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. 12-13-Antique Tractor Show, Sharon Springs, NY, Bill Brown
- 15. You should not wait at the crossroads to cut down their fugitives, not had 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. 14-18 Florida FFA, live show, Orlando, FL, Jeff Goss
- 16. 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. From inside the fish he prayed to the Lord his God and sang a song. We pray to be thankful for God's mercy. 16-17 Strawberry Festival, Owego, NY, Bill Brown
- 17. 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. 14-17-Indiana FFA, live show, Mike Weaver, and 17-Branford Festival, Branford, CT, Bill Brown
- 18. 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. Praise report on Beverly Luke...after 80 days in the hospital, much of that in ICU and ventilator, she is HOME!!
- 19. 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. 19-20 Sandhills Ranch EXPO, Bassett, NE
- 20. 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. Father's Day...please pray for all fathers.
- 21. 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. 21-23 South Carolina FFA (Virtual FCFI video submitted)
- 22. 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 Katelynne, a young lady officer shot multiple times in the line of duty.
- 23. 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. Please pray for Angela, she had a miscarriage at age 39 with her first child.
- 24. 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,