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FCFI Prayer Guide - August 2021

- 1. Blessed is the man God corrects, so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty, (Job 5:17). This advice was good but did not apply to Job. We pray to thoroughly understand a person's situation before offering advice. Please pray for Bill Brown and his health issues.
- 2. Why, O Lord, do You stand far off? Why do You hide Yourself in times of trouble? (Psalm 10:1). Another way of saying, Hurry to my aid, O Lord! We pray to be a people of prayer, rather than complaining. Please pray for Marty and his diabetic issues...especially his leg.
- 3. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you, love her, and she will watch over you, (Proverbs 4:6). All wisdom comes from God. As we ask for and receive wisdom we can then share with others. We pray to ask God for worldly and spiritual wisdom. **3-5 Empire Farm Days, Pompey, NY Bill Brown**
- 4. I thought in my heart, Come now, I will test you with pleasure and find out what is good. But that also proved to be meaningless, (Ecclesiastes 2:1). Solomon searched for life's meaning with experiments and found pleasure was meaningless in itself. We pray to let God's desire for our lives give us our meaning. 4-6 Minnesota Farm Fest, Redwood Falls, MN, Doug Peterson

- 5. My dove in the clefts of the rock, in the hiding places on the mountainside, show me your face, let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet and your face is lovely, (Song of Solomon 2:14). As lovers look for each other, we pray to hear God's voice filling our hearts with love. 4-8 Niagara County Fair, Lockport NY, Bill Brown
- 6. Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool, (Isaiah 1:18). Red dye is almost impossible to remove from clothing. Sin seems equally permanent and only God can remove that sin's stain as we give our lives to Him. We pray to accept Jesus as our Savior and Lord and to be cleansed from our sins. 5-8 Corn Festival, Eden NY, Bill Brown
- 7. Long ago you broke off your yoke and tore off your bonds, you said, I will not serve You! Indeed, on every high hill and under every spreading tree you lay down as a prostitute, (Jeremiah 2:20). Jeremiah was talking to the Israelites in his day and time but he could be talking to Americans. We pray to stand firm in God even though all the world around us is turning from God. 7 Centerpoint Church Music Festival, Barneveld, NY, Bill Brown
- 8. Let all their wickedness come before You, deal with them as You have dealt with me because of all my sins. My groans are many and my heart is faint, (Lamentations 1:22). We often want to see others get what they deserve when we are doing the same or worse. We pray to be forgiving as God has forgiven us. Please pray for Christa...she has Acute Immune Hepatitis
- 9. Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me a loud rumbling sound, May the glory of the Lord be praised in His dwelling place, (Ezekiel 3:12). Ezekiel was having a vision. We can be lifted up in the Spirit as we ask God to so enter our lives. We pray to live our lives as being lifted in the Spirit. 9-14 Montour-Delong Fair, Washingtonville, PA, Doc DeVoe
- 10. He (King Nebuchadnezzar) said, Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like the son of the gods, (Daniel 3:25). The king had 3 men thrown into the fire

- We pray to prepare and then rely on the work of the Holy Spirit. Please pray for healing for Charles and his wife. Please join Willard and Kathleen in prayer that the Good News Clubs will return to schools in the fall.
- 29. For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as servants for Jesus sake, (2 Corinthians 4:5). Our message must introduce Christ...not ourselves. We pray to put self and our accomplishments aside and preach and teach Jesus. Please join Tom in prayer for our government to seek God's direction for our country.
- 30. I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the One who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel... which is really no gospel at all, (Galatians 1:6). Some were teaching that Gentiles had to follow Jewish laws and customs. The Bible says, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved. We pray to add nothing to the salvation message, nor take away anything. Please pray for Allen's grandchildren that they will come to the Lord. Please join James in prayer for rain in North Central lowa.
- 31. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast, (Ephesians 2:8,9). Our Salvation is a gift, paid for by Christ. We pray to be joyful people. 31-9/2 Farm Progress Show, Decatur IL. Jeff Goss

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 except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me. The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is He who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God, (John 1:32-34). John's ministry was based on repentance and symbolized washing away of sins. Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit empowering us to live and teach the message of salvation. We pray to take every opportunity to share the Good News of salvation. Please continue to pray for Eldon and Doreen, their 50-year-old daughter passed away recently.

- 26. Utterly amazed, they asked, Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans: Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language, (Acts 2:7). At Pentecost the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and could speak in other languages so all could hear the message preached that day. God wants all to be saved. We pray to remember salvation is not limited by race or gender or nationality. Please pray for Carol, her husband Rick passed away recently.
- 27. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man. Though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us, (Romans 5:6-8). God sent Jesus to die for us, not because we were good enough but because He loves us. We pray to believe that Jesus died for our sins and to share that belief with others. Please pray for Tina and William...she had an accident and has been homebound because of injuries on her leg and foot...new employer would not help making workspace easy to access. William had a heart attack in July and is out of work...pray for healing, emotional and financial security.
- 28. When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified, (1 Corinthians 2: 1,2). We should follow Paul's example and keep our message simple and basic. The Holy Spirit will give power to our words and use the to bring glory to Jesus.

- so hot is should have consumed them instantly...instead they were fine because Jesus was with them. We pray to stand firm in our beliefs even if all are against us. **Please pray for Wren, he was in an ATV accident with several injuries.**
- 11. My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. Because you (priests) have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests, because you have ignored the law of your God, I also will ignore your children, (Hosea 4:6). Hosea was pronouncing God's judgement on some false priests spreading false doctrine. We pray to be leaders who lead others to God. 11 Antioch Baptist Church Block Party, Williamsport, PA, Michael Steele
- 12. I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten, the great locust and the young locust, and the other locusts and the locust swarm, my great army that I sent among you, (Joel 2:25). God is a jealous God and sent invading armies to capture Israel. He is also a merciful God who now promises to restore Israel and repay them. We pray to be a repentant people. Please pray for Bob, he is 85 and has stage 4 Prostate cancer.
- 13. This is what the Lord says: For three sins of Tyre, even for four, I will not turn back My wrath. Because she sold whole communities of captives to Edom, disregarding a treaty of brotherhood. I will send fire upon the walls of Tyre that will consume her fortresses, (Amos 1:9). Amos was pronouncing God's judgement on the entire nation of Philistia because they had harassed Israel for many years. We pray to build people up and not harass our fellow Believers. 13-14 Sunbury River Festival, Doc Devoe
- 14. You should not look down on your brother in the day of his misfortune, nor rejoice over the people of Judah in the day of their destruction, nor boast so much in the day of their trouble, (Obadiah 12). Edom was glad to see Judah in trouble and so God wiped out Edom. We pray to be people of gratitude and help our fellow man. 13-15 Chambersburg Tractor Show, Chambersburg, PA, Michael Steele
- 15. The Word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you, (Jonah 3:1). Jonah had run away from God but was given another chance. We

- pray to understand as we repent from past mistakes, God can use us as He will to spread His message of grace and forgiveness. **Please continue to pray for Fred, he as ALS**
- 16. Hear, O peoples, all of you. Listen, O earth and all who are in it, that the Sovereign Lord may witness against you, the Lord from His holy temple, (Micah 1:2). The people of Israel were always obeying and then living in a time of rebellion from God. God was often having to send tribulation to them to get their attention and draw them back to Him when they repented. We pray to have a repentant and forgiving heart as God has done with us. 16-19 Turner County Fair, Parker, SD, Marlyn Bunger
- 17. But with an overwhelming flood He will make an end of Nineveh, He will pursue His foes into darkness, (Nahum 1:8). God used Babylon to conquer Israel but then pronounced judgment on Nineveh because they were so hard on the Israelites. We pray to be merciful to those who are under our command and to whom we have control over. 17-19 Dakotafest, Mitchell, SD, Marlyn Bunger
- 18. Because you (Babylon) have plundered many nations, the peoples who are left will plunder you. For you have shed man's blood, you have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them, (Habakkuk 2:8). Babylon's riches had come from the plunder of others. They had allowed wealth to take the place of God. We pray to hunger for God and His riches in glory rather than wealth. 18-22 Annual Steam, Gas, and Threshing Show, Pinckneyville, IL, Jeff Goss
- 19. From beyond the rivers of Cush My worshipers, My scattered people, will bring Me offerings, (Zephaniah 3:10). A day of hope was coming to Israel. God's hand of judgement was being lifted. We pray to be those who offer hope to the hopeless. 19-20 Maine Farm Days, Clinton, ME, Bill Brown
- 20. The seed will grow well, the vine will yield its fruit, the ground will produce its crops, and the heavens will drop their dew. I will give all of these things as an inheritance to the remnant of this people, (Zechariah 8:12). God is promising to bless Jerusalem. With obedience comes blessings. We pray to be a thankful people as God blesses us. 19-21 Wolcott Fair, Wolcott CT, Bill Brown

- 21. And now this admonition is for you, O priests, If you do not listen, and if you do not set your heart to honor My name, says the Lord Almighty, I will send a curse upon you and I will curse your blessings, Yes, I have already cursed them, because you have not set your heart to honor Me, (Malachi 2:1). The priests in Malachi's day had stopped loving God and thus had stopped obeying His Word. We pray to be a people who love God and His ways with our mind, soul and spirit. 21 Roseboom Antique Show, Roseboom, NY, Bill Brown
- 22. John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River, (Matthew 3:4). John lived differently from others to show that his message was new. He also showed that he was willing to practice what he preached. We pray to be a people who live out what we say we believe. 20-22 Woodmen's Field Days, Booneville, NY, Bill Brown
- 23. On hearing this, Jesus said to them. It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners, (Mark 2:17). The self-righteous Pharisees jumped at the chance to put Jesus down for eating with sinners. Jesus spent time with anyone who wanted to hear His message. We pray to give time to those who seem most indifferent and most difficult to share God's love and forgiveness. Please pray for Dianne, she has terminal cancer.
- 24. But the angel said to him, Do not be afraid, Zechariah, your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth, (Luke 1:13). God answers prayer in His own way and in His own time. We pray to pray in faith that God answers prayers in accordance with His will. 21-24 Brooklyn Fair, Brooklyn, CT, Bill Brown
- 25. Then John gave this testimony, I saw the spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on Him. I would not have known Him,