1. The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know Your name will trust in You, for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You, (Psalm 9:9,10). No matter what we face in this life we can trust that God will be with us through it all. We pray to trust in God and His Word and turn to Him rather than run from Him in times of distress. 1-3 Harwinton Fair, Harwinton, CT, Bill Brown

2. My son, if you accept My words and store up My commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God, (Proverbs 2:1-6). Wisdom is God’s gift to us through His Word. As we seek so shall we find, like a treasure. We pray to seek spiritual wisdom first and then worldly wisdom will follow. 1-2 Outreach Meetings, NY, Bill Brown

3. Yet, when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind, nothing was gained under the sun, (Ecclesiastes 2:11). Solomon was the wisest man that has ever lived. He came to the conclusion, unless we are working in the spiritual realm, all is meaningless. We pray to seek God and His direction for our lives
so we won’t waste a lot of time doing meaningless things. 1-3

Ozark Fall Farmfest, Springfield, MO, Jeff Goss

4. The fig tree forms its early fruit, the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling, my beautiful one, come, with me, (Song of Solomon 2:13). The lovers were celebrating the beauty of the earth that God had created, in that moment, just for them. We pray to take time to enjoy the beauty of the world God has created just for us. Please pray for Ethan. He thinks he can work his way to heaven. Pray for the Holy Spirit to awaken him with the words that were shared with him.

5. Stop bringing meaningless offering! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations I cannot bear your evil assemblies, (Isaiah 1:13). Gifts and sacrifices mean nothing to God when they come from someone with a corrupt heart. As we put our love and trust in God and turn from our sin, then He is pleased with our sacrifices of time, money and service. We pray to get our priorities straight by putting God first. Please continue to pray for Area Leader Bill Brown and his health issues.

6. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future, (Jeremiah 29:11). These are words of encouragement God gave to the Israelites when they were in captivity in Babylon…that He had not forgotten them. Please pray for FCFI Board Member Bill N and his health issues.

7. Her foes have become her masters, her enemies are at ease. The Lord has brought her grief because of her many sins. Her children have gone into exile, captive before the foe, (Lamentations 1:5). Jeremiah was grieving for Jerusalem. She was in captivity because of her sinfulness. We pray to show our love by being obedient to God’s Word. Please pray for Russ. He had knee surgery and is in rehab.

8. Therefore, this is what the Sovereign Lord says, I Myself am against you, Jerusalem, and I will inflict punishment on you in the sight of the nations. Because of all your detestable idols, I will do to you what I have never done before and will never do again, (Ezekiel 5:8,9). God had sent prophets to warn the people of Jerusalem. They had ignored the warnings and continued in their blatant sin. We

in ICU with high temperature. Please pray for the Rountree family, husband, father, son/brother passed away at age 45 from massive heart attack

29. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight, (Ephesians 1:3,4). We are not saved because we deserve it but because God is gracious and freely gives salvation to all who believe. We pray to believe we are a chosen people. 30 Apple Fest Congregational Church, Salem, CT, Bill Brown

30. Yes, and I (Paul) Will continue to rejoice. For I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance, (Philippians 1:19). Paul knew his testimony of Jesus was worth whatever he endured. We pray to God first and ask Him to deliver us from our fears and live a life of faith. Mt Ephraim Baptist Church Family Day, Arcadia, FL, Bill Brown

31. For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your faith in Christ is, (Colossians 2:5). Just as the Colossian’s testimony went ahead of them, so does ours. We pray to be a delight to the Lord. Watsontown Light the Night, Milton, PA, Michael Steele

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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believed that promise had been fulfilled in Jesus. We pray to be waiting with expectation of the second coming of Jesus. **High Springs Flea Market, High Springs, FL, Bill Brown**

24. The Jews replied (to Jesus), It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and you are going to raise it in three days? But the temple He had spoken of was His body. After He was raised from the dead, His disciples recalled what He had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken, (John 2:20-22). The Jewish leaders believed only in what they could see, touch and hear with their own ears. The disciples began the step by step journey of a life of faith. We pray to be a people of faith. **23-24 Pioneer Days, Lake Wales, FL, Bill Brown**

25. **God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witness of the fact, (Acts 2:32).** Peter quoted Old Testament Scripture to see that David had prophesied about Jesus. He also told the people that he and others had witnessed and believed that Jesus was the Christ. About three thousand people believed and were baptized that day. We pray to keep our testimony available to share with others. **Please pray for our leaders and representatives to govern aright.**

26. **Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world, (1 Corinthians 1:20).** The Good News of Jesus is still foolish to many. Our society worships power, influence and wealth. We pray to share the Good News to all who will listen and help the foolish become wise. **Please pray for our health care providers...they are tired and have seen a lot.**

27. If (Paul) urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him (the repentant sinner), (2Corinthians 2:8). We pray to confront to restore and no more. **Please raise a halleluiah for Jim that his cancer has disappeared.**

28. **If while we seek to be justified in Christ, it becomes evident that we ourselves are sinners, does that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not,** (Galatians 2:17). Salvation does not depend on our efforts. Only our faith in believing that Jesus is God’s Son and He died in our place for our sins brings us Salvation. We pray to be a people of faith who also do good works. **Please pray for Lydia...**

pray to heed the commands of the Bible and keep our lives in line with God’s Word. **8-10 Flowerton Festival, Summerville, SC, Bill Brown**

9. Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego replied to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and He will recuse us from your hand, O King. But even if He does not, we want you to know O King, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up, (Daniel 3:16-18). If God always rescued those who were true to Him, Christians would not need faith. These three set their hearts on obeying God, regardless of the consequences. We pray to be obedient even when the outcome looks bleak. **8-10 Riverton Fair, Riverton, CT, Bill Brown**

10. The Lord said to me (Hosea), Go show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress. Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes, (Hosea 3:1). Hosea's wife had been unfaithful and had left him for another man. Hosea was able to preach God's grace through his actions. We pray to be a people of grace and mercy because God has shown us the same. **10-12 Tioga County Early Days, Whitneyville, PA, Michael Steele**

11. And afterward, I will pour our My Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams., your young men will see visions, (Joes 2:28). Joel was prophesying to the future. His words came true at Pentecost. God’s Spirit is available to anyone who calls on the Lord as Savior. We pray to understand we have the heart of the creator of the universe. **Please pray for Carol. She has/had Covid and has after effects.**

12. He, who made the Pleiades and Orion, who turns blackness into dawn and darkens day into night, who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out over the face of the land, the Lord is His name, (Amos 5:8). Amos is speaking to a people who believed in the stars as a way of travel. He was saying God made these stars...don’t worship them, worship Him. We pray to worship the Lord our God and not the objects He has made. **Please pray for Darrell. His desire is for Jesus light to shine through in this dark time.**
13. Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs, (Jonah 2:8). Idols take God’s rightful place in our lives. We pray to not worship objects of vanity and pride. Please pray for Keith, for his families’ health and other issues.

14. The day of building your wall will come, the day for extending your boundaries, (Micah 7:11). Micah was predicting that Israel would rise again and be out of captivity. We pray to have the faith of Micah when our troubles come…to wait till God raises us up again. Please pray for Woody…for wisdom in a relationship.

15. I am against you (Nineveh), declares the Lord Almighty. I will burn up your chariots in smoke, and the sword will devour your young lions. I will leave you no prey on the earth. The voices of your messengers will no longer be heard, (Nahum 2:13). Nineveh had used its power unwisely to the point of no turning back. God punished them by removing them for all times. Please pray for Roland’s marriage and other family issues.

16. Woe to him who says to wood, Come to life! Or to lifeless stone, Wake up! Can it give guidance? It is covered with gold and silver, there is no breath in it. But the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth be silent before Him, (Habakkuk 2:19,20). Idols have no life. The Lord God, maker of heaven and earth is in His Temple. He is alive and powerful and speaks to us. We pray to put all idols aside and read God’s Word, the Bible and wait for Him to speak to us. Please pray with Mark for his daughter’s health…she has RA…and for other family issues.

17. The Lord has taken away your punishment, He has turned back your enemy. The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you, never again will you fear any harm. On that day they will say to Jerusalem, Do not fear, O Zion, do not let your hands hang limp, (Zephaniah 3:15,16). Zephaniah was proclaiming a day of hope for the Israelites. We pray to remember what God has done and not give up in our times of despair. Please pray for the Nichols family. Their son/brother passed away suddenly at age 47.

18. The Word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai. Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house (the Temple) remains in ruin, (Haggai 1:3,4). After 15 years, the Israelites had not started building the Temple as God had instructed them. They had built their own homes. We pray to put first things first in God’s kingdom work. Please pray for Roland’s marriage and other family issues.

19. Listen, O High Priest Joshua and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to I am going to bring my servant, the Branch, (Zechariah 3:9). These verses were fulfilled hundreds of years later as Jesus came as our Savior. We pray to believe all the words of God’s Word and let it so fill our lives. Please join Loren and others as we pray for our country.

20. Now implore God to be gracious to us. With such offerings from your hands, will He accept you? Says the Lord Almighty, (Malachi 1:9). Our lives should be a living sacrifice to God. What we give God reflects our true attitude towards Him. We pray to give God our most valuable gifts.

21. You are the salt of the earth. But, if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men, (Matthew 5:13). If we are too much like the world, we are worthless as Christians. We pray to bring out the best in others, just as salt does. Please pray with Mark for his daughter’s health…she has RA…and for other family issues.

22. Jesus did not let him, but said, God home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how He has had mercy on you. So, the man (healed of demons) went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed, (Mark 5:19,20). The local people were afraid of Jesus’ power but the man healed of demon possession was a testimony of that same power. We pray to spread the Good News of how the power of Jesus has worked in our lives. Please pray for the Nichols family. Their son/brother passed away suddenly at age 47.

23. Simon took Him (Baby Jesus) in his arms and praised God, saying, Sovereign Lord, as You have promised, You now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen Your Salvation (Jesus), (Luke 2:28-30). Simeon lived in the Temple and had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would not dies until the saw the Messiah, he