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FCFI Prayer Guide - April 2022

1. *Peter replied, (for the third time) Man I don't know what you're talking about! Just as he was speaking the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times. And he went outside and wept bitterly, (Luke 22:60-62).* This experience changed Peter's life dramatically. He had been cocky and self-assured but half-hearted disciple. Now, after failure, he became repentant disciple. Finally, he became, God assured, the kind of person Christ could use to build His church. We pray to use every opportunity to help us grow spiritually. . . especially our failures. **1-3 Flowerton Festival, Summerville, SC, Bill Brown**
2. *The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so they could put Him to death. But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward, (Matthew 26:59-60).* The very people who should have been praising Jesus as the Son of God were looking for ways to condemn Him. **1-3 Susquehanna Home Builders Show, Lycoming Mall, Michael Steele**
3. *Yes, it is as you say, Jesus replied. But I say to all of you, in the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, He has spoken blasphemy! What do you think? He is worthy of death, they answered, (Matthew 26: 63-65).* The Romans allowed the Sanhedrin to make decisions over religious disputes, but a death sentence had to be approved by the Romans. We pray not to blame Jesus when things don't go the way we have planned. **Please pray for the country and people of Ukraine.**
4. *Early in the morning all the chief priests and the elders of the people came to the decision to put Jesus to death. They bound Him, led Him away and handed Him over to Pilate, the*

*governor, (Matthew 27:1-2). Pilate was not popular, but the Jews had no choice if they wanted Him dead, He had to go before the Roman governor of the region. We pray to look for Life and not death in deciding who Jesus is to us. **Please pray for Vickie. Her Mother, a good woman and a good mother, recently passed away and Vickie is struggling with her loss.***

5. *When Judas, who had betrayed Him (Jesus), saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. I have sinned, he said, for I have betrayed innocent blood. So, Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself, (Matthew 27:3,5). Judas changed his mind but the religious leaders' hatred for Jesus was more important to them than helping Judas find forgiveness. We pray to have a forgiving heart. **Please pray for those families who are divided with anger and unforgiveness.***
6. *Upon hearing this (that Jesus started in Galilee), Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time, (Luke 23:6-7). Herod was greatly pleased. He hoped to see Jesus perform some miracle. He asked Jesus many questions but when Jesus wouldn't answer him, Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate. We pray to worship Jesus for who He is and not for what He can do for us. **6-8 Nebraska FFA Convention, Lincoln, NE, Jeff Goss***
7. *Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers of the people, and said to them, you brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined Him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against Him. Neither has Herod, for he sent Him back to us, as you can see, He has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish Him and then release Him, (Luke 23:13-17). Pilate knew Jesus was innocent and that the Jewish leaders were jealous of Him. He tried three different times to let Jesus go free. But the leaders had incited a riot. The very people who praised Jesus as King just a few days before now condemned Him for proclaiming to be that very King. Crucify Him, they shouted till Pilate gave in. We pray to keep our eyes upon Jesus and not the crowd around us. **7-9 Oklahoma City Farm Show, Oklahoma City, OK, Tony DeGiusti***
8. *When Pilot saw that he was getting nowhere, but instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. I am innocent of the man's blood, he said. It is your responsibility. All the people answered, let His blood be on us and our children. Then Pilot released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed Him over to be crucified, (Matthew 27:24). Pilot thought Jesus was on trial but really Pilot himself was the one on trial, as well as the people and so are we all. We pray to know it costs little to know about Jesus but cost our lives to follow Him. **7-9 Great Bend Far, Ranch and Hemp EXPO, Great Bend, KS, Jeff Goss***
9. *As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. They came to a place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull).*

Hot Springs, Arkansas, Arkansas Convention Center.

27. *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 believe the whole Bible. **Please pray for our farmers. . . many will make or break this year with the increase in inputs. . . and thus our economy will be affected.***
28. *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. **Georgia FFA State Convention, Macon Complex, Macon, GA, Pete Singer, Dennis Schlagel.***
29. *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. **Please pray that God will inspire people and they will listen to help our world be more sustainable in all areas.***
30. *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. 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 16:15-20). 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. Jesus' physical presence left the disciples. Jesus sitting at God's right hand signifies the completion of His work. We pray to be a servant of Christ and work until our time is complete. **Bloomsburg Renaissance Jamboree, Bloomsburg, PA, Doc DeVoe.***

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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for Larry Waites as he continues to rehab from a severe stroke. 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! **Pioneer Days, Arcadia, FL, Bill Brown**

21. *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. **Please pray for Jeannie, she is continuing to have pneumonia repeatedly.**
22. *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 others need to see the living Savior. **Missouri FFA State Convention, Columbia, Jeff Goss**
23. *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. **23-24 Syracuse Gun Show, Syracuse, NY, Bill Brown.**
24. *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 pray for the salvation of many through the sharing of the Walking Sticks.**
25. *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 our physical bodies to glorify the risen Savior. **South Dakota State FFA Convention, Marlyn Bunger, Jeff Goss, Mike Weaver**
26. *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 imagination, the disciples touched Him, and He ate. We pray to believe in faith this is true and make it true in our lives. **25-27 Arkansas FFA State Convention,**

There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall, but after tasting it, He refused to drink it. When they had nailed Him to the cross, they divided his clothes by casting lots. And sitting down they kept watch over Him there, (Matthew 27:32-36). Jesus had been beaten, mocked, spit on and up all night. His physical body was weak. Simon was probably one of the thousands of Jews in Jerusalem because of the Passover celebration. To the soldiers this was just another crucifixion, except that Jesus' garment was made of one piece and they didn't want to rip it apart, so they played a game to see who would win the most precious garment in the world. We pray to see the cross as a place of life after we die to ourselves. **Please pray for our country. . . we need a whole lot of Jesus in a whole lot of hearts.**

10. *Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with Him to be executed. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him, Aren't (if) you the Christ? Save yourself and us! But the other criminal rebuked him. Don't you fear God, he said, since you are under the same sentence. We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong. Then he said, Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom. Jesus answered him, I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in paradise, (Luke 23:32,39-43).* Jesus had rebuked James and John for wanting to be next to Him in His kingdom. Here the two dying criminals teach us the way to the kingdom is by way of the cross. We pray to continually die to ourselves and live for Christ! **10-12 Iowa State FFA Convention, Ames, IA, Jeff Goss**
11. *It was now about the sixth hour (12 noon), and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour (3P.M.), for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn into from the top to the bottom. Jesus called out in a loud voice, Father into Your hands I commit My spirit. When He had said this, He breathed His last, (Luke 23:44-46).* Jesus forgave His enemies, forgave a sinner, took care of His mother, and GAVE up His life. He died. He was not unconscious; He had not passed out. He was dead. The Roman soldiers thrust a spear in His side to be sure. Everyone around Him knew Jesus' death meant something significant had happened. We pray for the world to see Jesus in our lives. **Please pray for our pastors and those involved in spreading the Gospel. Many will have an opportunity to reach people this coming Sunday that will not come again until next year this time.**
12. *Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with the Jewish burial customs. At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation (the day before the Sabbath which began at Sundown on Friday.*

*A person could only walk a limited number of steps on the Sabbath.) and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there, (John 19:38-42). Joseph went boldly to Pilate. His love for Jesus overcame his fear of the Jews. We pray to know we can't be neutral like Pilate tried, or secretive like Joseph tried. We pray for a crazy, bold love to shine through us. **Please pray for those who have strayed from their faith that this holy time of year will pull them back to the cross and to the Father.***

13. *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 Riley Faith, a young child with cancer, taking extensive treatments.***
14. *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.***
15. *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 for those who have autoimmune diseases.***
16. *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. **FCF Canada Annual Meeting, Virtual, Bill Brown***
17. *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. **EASTER SUNDAY!!!***
18. *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 Roy, he is starting treatment for throat and tongue cancer.***
19. *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! **Please pray for Lee Ana...she had a bowel obstruction and now a blood infection.***
20. *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 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 24:13-19). 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. Please pray*