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## FCFI Prayer Guide - November 2022

- 1. Now these are the people of the province who came up from the captivity of the exiles, whom Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, had taken captive to Babylon (they returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each to his own town, (Ezra 2:1). These people had to be able to prove they were descendants of Abraham to have full privileges of a Jew. We pray our lives reflect our heavenly Father. **Please pray for John, a young father with liver cancer.**
- 2. The words of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah: In the moth of Kislev in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem. They said to me, Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire. When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven, (Nehemiah 1:1-4). Jerusalem represented the Jews identity, with God's presence in the Temple. We pray to not let the gates of our hearts be broken and we live in disgrace as Christians. Please pray for Sarah's family as the matriarch of a large family her passing has left a big gap.
- 3. For a full 180 days he (King Xerxes) displayed the vast wealth of his kingdom and the splendor and glory of his majesty. When these days were over, the king gave a banquet lasting seven days, in the

enclosed citadel. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of the garden of the king's palace, for all the people from the least to the greatest, who were in the citadel of Susa, (Esther 1:4-5). Persian kings like to display their wealth and show their strength. We pray our spiritual strength is our true identity. **Please pray for safety for our farmers as the fall crops are being harvested.** 

- 4. His (Job's) sons used to take turns holding feasts in their home, and they would invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would send and have them, thinking, perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts. This was Job's regular custom, (Job 1:4-5). Job sacrificed for his children in genuine concern for their welfare. We pray to sacrifice time in prayer for our children. **4-13 Royal AG, Toronto, Canada, Jeff Goss**
- But You are a shield around me, O Lord, You bestow glory on me and lift up my head. To the Lord I cry aloud, and He answers me from His holy hill, (Psalm 3:3-4). Often, we feel defeated but David reminds us that God loves us. We pray to pray confidently, knowing God hears our prayers. Dragon Boat Festival, Lake Hernando, FL, Bill Brown
- 6. My son, do not forget My teaching, but keep My commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity, (Proverbs 3:1-2). Life is sometimes hard. Our spiritual wisdom must coincide with our worldly wisdom to make life easier. We pray for spiritual wisdom as we follow Gods teaching and commands. **Please pray for prices for our farm commodities to go up and stay up.**
- 7. Is there anything of which one can say, Look! This is something new! It was here already long ago, it was here before our time, (Ecclesiastes 1:10). Solomon had much but realized nothing apart from God made him happy. We pray to put God first in our lives. Please pray for mental and emotional healing for those struggling under a load of anxiety.
- 8. You are a garden locked up, my sister, my bride, you are a spring enclosed, a sealed fountain, (Song of Solomon 4:12). Solomon was praising his bride for being pure. We pray to live our lives in such a way as to bring praise to God. Please pray for Meg a young mother ready to deliver her second baby...she had complications with her first and is highly anxious.

30. *Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry,* (1Corinthians 10:14). There were several pagan temples in Corinth. Today our idols may be money and power. We pray to keep from us anything that would come between us and the Lord. *11/29-12/1 Amarillo Farm Show, Amarillo, TX, Jerry Rice* 

### **Volunteer for Disaster Relief!**

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers is busy helping people recover from flooding in Eastern Kentucky. We are currently set up in Jackson, Kentucky. Contact the FCFI Home Office to learn more about disaster relief opportunities in Eastern Kentucky. Area Leader Mike Weaver has been leading teams there since early August.

We are now assessing the damage from Hurricane Ian. Please find the previous eNewsletter for details. Briefly, we have a base camp set up in Arcadia, Florida, at the Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church. The first group going is now full, but more trips will be coming soon, as there is much to do.

Hurricane Rita hit South Louisiana in September 2005. FCFI is celebrating 16 years since Hurricane Rita by planning disaster relief work from several Hurricanes that made landfall in South Louisiana this past fall. Thank you for prayerfully planning a trip to help friends in the Bayou. FCFI is always in need of disaster relief workers for fence building, flood restoration, and general clean-up and repair. Join a work team today! Call Dennis Schlagel at 309-530-7004 or email at dennis@fcfi.org for details. Visit fcfi.org and sign up to volunteer!

### **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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# Please pray for Pastors who are making hard decisions for their futures.

- 26. In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert, (Luke 3:1-2). Pilate, Herod, and Caiaphas were the most powerful leaders of their time, but they were upstaged by a desert prophet from rural Judea. God chose to speak through John the Baptist. We pray to remember it isn't what we have or who we know but how obedient we are to God that counts as greatness. Please pray for Merri and her husband, he is in rehab and she is going to therapy.
- 27. *His (Jesus) Mother said to the servants, Do whatever He tells you,* (John 2:5). Jesus was about to perform His first public miracle because His mother asked Him to. She had faith in Him. We pray to ask in Faith for our daily needs. **Please pray for those who are having back issues and need healing through therapy or surgery.**
- 28. While the beggar (that was healed) held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. When Peter saw this, he said to them, Men of Israel, why does this surprise you Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus, (Acts 3:11-13). Peter used this opportunity to share the Gospel message. We don't have to wait for a miracle to happen before we can share the miracle of Jesus. We pray to use all circumstances to glorify God. **Please pray for our young people...so many are lost or have lost their way...pray for a great awakening for this generation.**
- 29. But now by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law (of sin and death) so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code, (Romans 7:6). Once we give our hearts to the Lord Jesus we are motivated by love and gratitude, not by the desire to get God's approval through trying to get it all right all the time. We shout a prayer of hallelujah that we don't have to be perfect, just forgiven! **29-Dec 1 Greater Peoria Farm Show, Peoria, IL, Dennis Schlagel**

- 9. The ox knows his master, the donkey his owner's manager, but Israel does not know, My people do not understand, (Isaiah 1:3). The Israelites were God's chosen people, yet they didn't obey or serve Him. We pray to put our faith and trust in God alone. **Please pray for Betty, she has vertigo.**
- 10. Then the Lord reached out His hand and touched my (Jeremiah) mouth and said to me, Now, I have put My words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant, (Jeremiah 1:9-10). Every Christian has a purpose but some people are appointed for specific tasks. We pray to be open for God's leadership in our lives. **Please pray for Phyliss, she has cancer and is still trying to work full time.**
- 11. Her (Israel) filthiness clung to her skirts, she did not consider her future. Her fall was astounding, there was none to comfort her. Look, OLord, on my affliction, for the enemy has triumphed, (Lamentations 1:9). This passage sounds so much like the U.S. today. We pray to remember obedience is a sign of love. Please pray for Riley, a young girl, maybe 3-4, who has been fighting cancer since before she was one.
- 12. He said, son of man, I am sending you (Ezekiel) to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me. They and their fathers have been in revolt against Me to this very day. The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, This is what the Sovereign Lord says, (Ezekiel 2:3-4). Ezekiel's success was not if the people listened but that he fulfilled his purpose of God's calling on his life. We pray to be faithful and obedient servants. **Please pray for Mike...he is having heart issues.**
- 13. As for me (Daniel), this mystery has been revealed to me, not because I have greater than other living men, but so that you, O king, may know the interpretation and that you may understand what went through your mind, (Daniel 2:30). King Nebuchadnezzar had troubling dreams. None of his wise men could explain them. Daniel asked his friends to pray for wisdom for him to explain the dreams and thus save lots of lives. We pray to remember others in our prayers and actions. **Please pray for Grace, she was in a bad accident.**
- 14. They (Israelites) consult a wooden idol and are answered by a stick of wood. A spirit of prostitution leads them astray. They are unfaithful to their God, (Hosea 4:12). Like us, the Israelites would try and

make their way without God. We pray to be faithful in reading God's Word and living by His guidelines. **Please pray for Joyce, she has a mass on her pancreas.** 

- 15. The threshing floors will be filled with grain, the vats will overflow with new wine and oil, (Joel 2:24). God was promising His grace and forgiveness to His people of old and He still promises us that same restoration. We pray to let our relationship with God be first and foremost in our lives. **Please pray for Brooklynn and all children who are being bullied.**
- 16. Hear this word the Lord has spoken against you, O people of Israel, against the whole family I brought up out of Egypt, (Amos3:1). Israel was chosen by God to be the people through which other nations would get to know Him. We pray to be the Christian through which others can see Christ. **Please pray for Tiffany, she had reconstructive surgery on both breasts, after having cancer.**
- 17. Then they (the men on the boat) took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. At this the men greatly feared the Lord, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows to Him. (Jonah 1:15-16). God is able to use even our mistakes to help others come to Him. We pray to be honest and vulnerable. **17-19 Mecum "Gone Farmin" Auctions**
- 18. Should it be said, O house of Jacob, Is the Spirit of the Lord angry? Do not My words do good to him whose ways are upright, (Micah 2:7). God's people had rejected what was true and righteous. He was telling them they could not blame Him for their evil deeds. We pray to listen when God speaks even if the message is hard to take. Please pray for Pam, she recently had bypass surgery.
- You have increased the number of your merchants till they are more than the stars of the sky, but like locusts they strip the land and then fly away, (Nahum 3:16). No power on earth can protect us from God's judgment. We pray to put our trust in God above all else.
  Please pray for the safety of Makenna, a young teen, she is missing.
- 20. They (Babylonians) laugh at all fortified cities, they build earthen ramps and capture them. Then they sweep past like the wind and go on, guilty men, whose own strength is their god, (Habakkuk 1: 10-11). The aim of idolatry is self-glory. The goal of Christianity is God's glory. We pray to ask God how we can serve Him. **Please pray for Ryder a small child with multiple issues.**

- 21. This is what the Lord Almighty says, In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land, (Haggai 2:6). God's timing is not limited by our finite thoughts. He was speaking of the time when the Messiah would come and shake up everything known until that time. We pray to be alert to God's words and what they mean to us. **22 Haven Holiday Market**, **Winter Haven, FL, Bill Brown**
- 22. Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. The angel said to those who were standing before him. Take off his filthy clothes. Then he said to Joshua, See I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you, (Zechariah 3:3-4). This passage describes God's mercy and grace. He takes our filthy sins and replaces them with righteousness through Jesus Christ our Lord. We pray to ask God to forgive us for our trespasses. **Christmas Bazarre, CT, Bill Brown**
- 23. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this, says the Lord Almighty and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it, (Malachi 3:10). We live in a time of "what's in it for me". We pray to know our tithes are a win win thing as we promote the advancement of God's kingdom!!! Please pray for those dealing with hurt, anger, and unforgiveness.
- 24. So, when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you, (Matthew 6:2-4). If our acts are God-centered rather than selfcentered we will be sure God gets the recognition and not us. We pray to be quietly generous with our giving. **Please pray for those we know who are unbelievers!**
- 25. Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to Him those He wanted, and they came to Him. He appointed twelve, designating them apostles, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons, (Mark 3:12-15). These men didn't have great talents or faith, but a heart to follow Jesus. We pray to keep our priorities straight.