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FCFI Prayer Guide - January 2023

1. *Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you, (1Timothy 4:14). Our gifts are improved by using them...they tend to waste away if not used. We pray to be ever involved in using our gifts for God's glory. **Please pray for Kathleen's grandson to return to Jesus.***
2. *The Lord knows those who are His, and, everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness, (2Timothy 2:19). The foundation of God's truths never changes. When we follow God's truth, He will never forsake us. We pray to be followers of God's truths. **Please pray with Charles for healing for himself and Joan.***
3. *Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled, (Titus 2:6). Many families today do not have male role models and in Titus' day they didn't take their job seriously either. We pray for good Christian role models for our young men of today. **Please join Richard in prayer for rain for the 23 crop year.***
4. *As has just been said, Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, (Hebrews 3:15). The Bible warns more that once for us to not stubbornly pit ourselves against God. We pray to trust that God always wants us to receive our best from Him. **Please pray for Stanley and his March ordination interview.***



5. *Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, Here's a good seat for you but say to the poor man, You stand here or sit on the floor by my feet., have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts, (James 2:2-4).* We often feel uncomfortable around those who are really rich or really poor. Avoiding either group can make us discriminate. We pray to love all people regardless of whether they are rich or poor. **Please join Bob in prayer for weight gain and strength for Adrian who has been sick for over a year.**
6. *Therefore, prepare your minds for action, be self-controlled, set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed, (1Peter 1:13).* Anticipating Christ's return should motivate us to live for Him, being mentally alert, disciplined and focused. We pray to stay focused on Christ's return. **Please pray for Chris. He needs a kidney transplant...and please pray for the donor.**
7. *As you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming, (2 Peter 3:12).* The second coming of Christ will be glorious to those who believe and are still here and terrible to those who have not accepted Him as Savior and Lord. We pray to be about the Father's business of spreading the Gospel. **7-14 Pennsylvania Farm Show, Harrisburg, Doc DeVoe**
8. *For everything in the world, the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does, comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever, (1John 2:16-17).* Our attachment to worldly things should not be stronger than our desire to live for Christ. We pray to remember one day all of our possessions will pass away. **Please pray for John, his wife of 55 years passed away.**
9. *So, if I come, I will call attention to what he (Diotrephes) is doing, gossiping maliciously about us. Not satisfied with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers. He also stops those who want to do so and puts them out of the church, (2John 3:7-10).* A troublemaker affects the whole church and leaves a bad name against Christians. We pray to live above reproach and to also know when to speak up

sat among the ashes. His wife said to him, Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die! He replied, You are talking like a foolish woman, Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble: In all this, Job did not sin in what he said, (Job2:7-10). Why do bad things happen to good people? We may never know but we do have a choice as to how we react to those situations. We pray we are able to use Job as an example when troubles come our way. **Please pray for those with hearing and sight problems...it is a miserable time.**

30. *Arise, O Lord! Deliver me, O my God! Strike all my enemies on the jaw, break the teeth of the wicked. From the Lord comes deliverance. May your blessing be on your people, (Psalm3:7-8).* We all feel like David from time to time. Our enemies may be stopped up sinks or technical problems, or real human adversaries. We pray for God to strengthen us and teach us as we encounter our personal enemies. **Please pray for our economy to strengthen.**
31. *Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck, (Proverbs 1:7).* Wisdom is more than knowledge...it is using our knowledge wisely. We pray to be open to discipline and learning. **Please pray for unbelievers to come to Christ in a mighty way this year.**

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@fci.org) at the FCFI office.

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Solomon was preparing to build the temple in Jerusalem, he came to the understanding God could not be contained in a building, no matter how elaborate. We pray to remember WE are the church and not the building we assemble in. **25-27 Sioux Falls Farm Show, Sioux Falls, SD, Jeff Goss**

26. *But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted for joy. No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise. And the sound was heard far away,* (Ezra 3:12-13). The former Temple had been destroyed and the people held captive. Now some had been returned and were rebuilding the Temple...younger people were elated and worshipped. Older people were so overcome with emotions they wept aloud, both from remorse and joy. We pray to be builders of God's kingdom. **26-29 Early Bird EXPO, Bloomsburg, PA, Doc DeVoe**
27. *Then I(Nehemiah) prayed to the God of heaven, and I answered the king, If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my fathers are buried so that I can rebuild it,* (Nehemiah 2:4-5). Nehemiah knew it was time for action and he had to be bold in asking for the King's blessing. We pray for the gracious had of our God to be upon us as we are bold for Him. **Please pray for Ronnie as he suffers from the affects of agent orange from the 60's**
28. *Yet, having learned who Mordecai's people were, he (Haman) scorned the idea of killing only Mordecai. Instead Haman looked for a way to destroy all Mordecai's people, the Jews, throughout the whole kingdom of Xerxes,* (Esther 3:6). Mordecai would not bow to Haman, the king's official. Haman was enraged and sought to destroy him. We pray to stay true to our beliefs, even if the circumstances say differently. **Please pray for Lee. A young man who has heart disease on both sides of his families. He had 3 stints put in and on medication for another blockage.**
29. *So, Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and afflicted Job with painful sores for the soles of his feet to the top of his head. Then, Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he*

and stop the trouble. **Please pray for Pete and Sandy as they minister from Florida to PA.**

10. *Be merciful to those who doubt, snatch others from the fire and save them, to others show mercy mixed with fear, hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh,* (Jude 22-23). Some people are drawn to Christ because of our compassion and kindness, others because we hate the sin but want the sinner saved. We pray to have discernment with our walk and talk for Christ. **10-12 Keystone Farm Show, York, PA, Michael Steele**
11. *To him who overcomes and does My will to the end, I will give authority over the nations,* (Revelation 2:26). We pray to be faithful to the end. **11-12 Nebraska Farm Show, Norfolk, NE, Don Walmseley**
12. *Adam lay with his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying, God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him,* (Genesis 4:25). Seth would take Abel's place as leader of a line of God's faithful people. We pray to lead other in drawing closer and being leaders of God's faithful people. **13-14 Valley Outdoor Cabin Fever EXPO, Lebanon, PA, Doc DeVoe**
13. *Then Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh. Go, worship the Lord your God, he said. But just who will be going? Moses answered, We will go with our young and old, with our sons and daughters and with our flocks and herds, because we are to celebrate a festival to the Lord,* (Exodus 10:8-9). Moses was trying to get Pharaoh to turn the Israelites loose. He was using the excuse they wanted to go into the desert to pray and celebrate. We pray to use wisdom when dealing with unbelievers. **13-14 Agrifest, Enid, Ok, Jerry Rice**
14. *But you must keep my decrees and My laws. The native-born and the aliens living among you must not do any of these detestable things, for all these things ere done by the people who lived in the land before you, and the land became defiled,* (Leviticus 18:25). God was giving His people standards to uphold when they entered the Promised Land. We pray to lives by God's standards. **13-14 Northern Louisiana Ag EXPO, West Monroe, LA, Jeff Goss**
15. *But Balaam answered, Even if Balak gave me his palace filled with*

silver and gold, I could not do anything great or small to go beyond the command of the Lord my God, (Numbers 22:18). Balak wanted Balaam to put a curse on the Israelites but God showed him to not respond to them in a positive manner. We pray to stand firm in temptation to go against God's will. **14-15 Florida Mantee Festival, Crystal River, FL, Bill Brown**

16. *But you(the Israelites) were unwilling to go up, you rebelled against the command of the Lord your God,* (Deuteronomy 1:26). Moses was retelling the story of how God's people who had seen many miracles were unwilling to go in and claim the land the Lord had already given them. We pray to focus on the positive while trusting God to overcome the negatives. **15-17 Quad Cities Farm Equipment Show, Richard Larabee**
17. *Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them,* (Joshua 1:6). God was charging Joshua with the responsibility of getting the children of Israel into the Promised Land. We pray to be strong and courageous in our calling from God. **17-19 Fort Wayne Farm Show, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Jeremy Stout**
18. *The men of Judah attacked Jerusalem also and took it. They put the city to the sword and set it on fire,* (Judges 1:8). Judah was attacking its own people. This is what happens when we stray from the Lord. We pray to be loyal and true to our fellow Believers. **18-19 Delta Ag Expo, Cleveland, Mississippi, Jeff Goss**
19. *Boaz to Ruth: May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge,* (Ruth 2:12). Ruth had found favor in the eyes of Boaz because of how she had taken care of Naomi. We pray to be hardworking, loving, kind, faithful, and brave like Ruth. **18-20 Virginia Farm Show, Fisherville, VA, Michael Steele**
20. *One night, Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called Samuel,* (1Samuel 3:2-4). God was preparing Samuel at an early age

to hear His voice and obey His commands. We pray to be like Samuel and say, Here I am. **Please pray for Walter as he heals from knee surgery.**

21. *David asked him (an Amalekite), Why were you not afraid to lift your hand to destroy the Lord's anointed?* (2Samuel1:14). This man may have thought he would find favor in David's eyes, instead he found wrath. We pray to remember God is in control, even in politics. **Please continue to pray that Bill remains cancer free and he and Kathy stay free from health problems.**
22. *Then David rested with his fathers and was buried in the City of David. He had reigned forty years over Israel, seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. So, Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established,* (1Kings 2:10-11). David was about 70 when he died and to well establish Solomon's throne, David had given him names of those who would be against him and those he needed to destroy. We pray to gain wisdom from those who have lived long before us. **Please pray for little Everleigh, she is an infant that was born with reflux of her kidneys and was in the hospital for a month.**
23. *When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, stay here, the Lord has sent me to Bethel,* (2Kings 2:1-2). Elisha knew something was about to be up and he didn't want to miss it. We pray to always be looking for God at work and join Him there. **23-24 SC AgriBiz, Florence, SC, Bill Brown**
24. *The men listed above by name were leaders of their clans. Their families increased greatly, and they went to the outskirts of Gedor to the east of the valley in search of pasture for their flocks. They found rich, good pasture, and the land was spacious, peaceful and quiet. Some Hamites had lived there formerly,* (1Chronicles 4:38-40). Simeon's descendants conquered this part of the land, as God had told them to, so they could live there in peace. We pray follow the leadership of God. **Please pray for our farmers as they make plans for the coming year.**
25. *But who is able to build a temple for Him, since the heavens, the highest heavens, cannot contain Him,* (2Chronicles 2:6). As