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FCFI Prayer Guide - February 2023

Please pray for the family of Ginny, who passed away on the 4th of January with cancer. Ginny has been FCFI's printer along with her daughter and husband Gary, (who passed several years ago with cancer). Please uphold Melissa and her siblings in your prayers.

Also, Dean Cernek, father of Steve, president of the board and Kevin, chaplain of the board, passed away on the 5th of January. Please uphold the Cernek family in your prayers as well.

Thank you for your faithful prayers.

1. *The words of the teacher, the Son of David, king in Jerusalem: Meaningless! Meaningless! Says the Teacher. Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless, (Ecclesiastes 1:1-2).* Solomon had it all, wisdom, wealth, power, respect and still he realized this meant nothing without God. We pray to keep our eyes upon Jesus. **1/31- 2/2 Iowa Ag EXPO, Des Moines, IA, Jeff Goss**
2. *I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys, (Song of Solomon 2:1).* These were common flowers, made uncommon by our Savior! We pray to speak the love language of our souls! **1/28-2/3 ECHO, Ft. Meyers, FL, Ron and Deb Harrold**

3. *Zion will be redeemed with justice, her penitent ones with righteousness. But rebels and sinners will both be broken and those who forsake the Lord will perish, (Isaiah 1:27-28).* God is once again promising Israel He will redeem them after punishing them for their rebellion but He will not let them go unpunished. We pray to be faithful. **Please pray for the people in the South...we have had several weather fronts come through with areas having heavy damage.**
4. *Have you not just called to Me: My Father my friend from my youth, will You always be angry? Will Your wrath continue forever? This is how you talk, but you do all the evil you can, (Jeremiah 3:4-6).* It is a temptation to let sin into our lives and then minimize it rather than confessing it. We pray to be ever alert. **Please pray for Louise, she was in the hospital recently and needs prayers for strength.**
5. *The visions of your prophets were false and worthless; they did not expose your sin to ward off your captivity. The oracles they gave you were false and misleading, (Lamentations 2:14).* False prophets have always been around whispering half-truths and telling people what they want to hear rather than the truth. We pray to be discerners of truth. **Please pray for Ron's Dad, he had Covid recently and is feeling the challenges of aging.**
6. *Say to them (people of Jerusalem) This is what the Sovereign Lord says: This oracle concerns the prince in Jerusalem and the whole house of Israel who are there, Say to them, I am a sign to you, (Ezekiel 12:10-11).* God gave Ezekiel specific instructions as how to act in front of the people so they would see him and know what was coming if they didn't repent. We pray to have a repentant heart. **Please pray with Michael for salvation and revival for his four children.**
7. *Then the herald loudly proclaimed, This is what you are commanded to do, O peoples, nations and men of every language. As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute,*
26. *If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness, (2Corinthians 3:9).* The Ten Commandments brought condemnation to righteousness; the cross brings righteousness to condemnation! We pray to embrace the cross of Christ. **24-26 Swamp Cabbage Festival, LaBelle, FL, Bill Brown**
27. *You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified, (Galatians 3:1).* Many in Galatia thought they had to obey certain laws to be saved. We pray to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord of all...that will encourage us to follow laws...not vice versa. **Please pray for Amy, her Mother had breast cancer; she has the gene so she opted to have her breasts removed and is healing.**
28. *All of us also lived among them (the spiritually dead) at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath, (Ephesians 2:3).* None of us should be spiritually arrogant because all of us started from a sinful nature. We pray to live a life that glorifies God. **Please pray for Michael, he had extensive back surgery and continues to have problems. He is 50.**

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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23). Jealous people try and deflect glory from others. Jesus showed how impossible the Pharisees theory was. We pray to bring glory to God and guard our hearts against jealousy. **Please pray for Dot, age 81 who has broken femur.**

21. *The Lord has done this for me (Elizabeth), she said. In these days He has shown His favor and taken away my disgrace among the people,* (Luke 1:25). Zechariah and Elizabeth had been faithful for many years but still childless and she was feeling like a failure. God blessed them in His time. We pray to be faithful even when our circumstances are not ideal. **Please pray for Fredda's Dad, he has come home on Hospice.**
22. *To those who sold doves He (Jesus) said, Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market,* (John 2:16). Jesus took the flagrant disrespect for God as an insult and dealt with it promptly. We pray to use our anger in ways to right injustice and not for trivial personal problems. **23-25 NY Farm Show, Syracuse, NY, Bill Brown**
23. *Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,* (Acts 3:19). It is hard to give up certain of our sins. But we are reminded as we confess and turn from our sins, we will have a time of spiritual refreshing. We pray to confess and return. **23-25 Western NY Farm Show, Buffalo, NY, Bill Brown**
24. *Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters,* (Romans 14:1). We are commanded to not confuse new believers with trivial arguments and disagreements. We pray to build up new believers and not tear them down with unnecessary arguments. **24-26 Western Farm Show, Kansas City, MO, Jeff Goss**
25. *By His power God raised the Lord from the dead, and He will raise us also,* (1Corinthians 6:14). We pray to ask Jesus into our lives so that we will be raised with Him into eternal life. **24-25 Mid-South Farm and Gin Show, Memphis, TN, Jeff Goss**

zither, lyre, harp, pipes and all kinds of music you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up, (Daniel 3:7). As the supreme ruler of Babylon Nebuchadnezzar's pride demanded complete obedience. We pray to not let our pride make us overly sensitive to being an authority figure rather than a leader. **Please pray with Bruce for higher prices for cattle and lower prices for seed, fuel, fertilizer and lime.**

8. *For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings,* (Hosea 6:6). Sacrifice without obedience is just an empty ritual. We pray for grace and mercy to rule our hearts as we humbly seek the Lord in all we do. **Please pray for Tom and Tammy and their two daughters who are estranged from them.**
9. *Be glad, O people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for He has given you the autumn rains in righteousness. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before,* (Joel 2:23). Joel had prophesied God's judgement on Israel and now he was prophesying God's mercy. We pray rest assured in God's timing in our lives. **Please pray for Cathy, she fell and broke bones in her leg and maybe knee.**
10. *People from the Negev will occupy the mountains of Esau, and the people from the foothills will possess the land of the Philistines. They will occupy the fields of Ephraim and Samaria, and Benjamin will possess Gilead,* (Obadiah 19). Edom vanished because of God's judgement. Other people took over their land. We pray to stay on track with God so our ministry will not have to be taken over by others. **Please pray for Josiah's Dad...he has congestive heart failure.**
11. *Then the Lord God provided a vine and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head and ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the vine,* (Jonah 4:6). God had every right to destroy Jonah for his angry defiance. Instead, God ministered tenderly to him and taught Jonah a lesson.

We pray to use our anger in ways to glorify God and not in direct rebellion to Him. **Please pray for Wayne and Betty, he has been in the hospital recently.**

12. *Hear this you leaders of the house of Jacob, you rulers of the house of Israel, who despise justice and distort all that is right, who build Zion with bloodshed and Jerusalem with wickedness,* (Micah 3:9-10). Both spiritual and worldly leaders must be under the leadership of God for our lands to prosper. We pray to be a light in the darkness of this world. **Please pray for Gary's brother, Dennis. He has health issues and has fallen and fractured his hip.**
13. *The crack of whips, the clatter of wheels, galloping horses and jolting chariots,* (Nahum 3:2). The sounds of destruction for Nineveh. We pray for our nation to turn back to the Lord God and avoid the same destruction as Nineveh!!! **Please pray for Sandy, she recently had a wreck...pray for no issues to follow her.**
14. *I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwelling places not their own. They are a feared and dreaded people, they are a law to themselves and promote their own honor,* (Habakkuk 1:6-7). The Babylonians rose to power suddenly and God used them for the judgement of His people. We pray to be in right standing with God to avoid the destruction of our ministry and legacy. **14-16 World A EXPO, Tulare, CA, Jeff Goss**
15. *I (the Lord) said to the city, Surely you will fear Me and accept correction! Then her dwellings would not be cut off, nor all My punishments come upon her. But they were still eager to act corruptly in all they did,* (Zephaniah 3:7). God is full of mercy and grace...He gives us many chances to get it right but the ultimate choice is ours. We pray to make right choices. **15-18 National Farm Machinery Show, Louisville, KY, Dennis Schlagel**
16. *This is what the Lord Almighty says, These people say, The time is not yet come for the Lord's house to be built,* (Haggai 1:2). The people of Jerusalem were back from exile but were making excuses about rebuilding their city and especially the Temple. We pray to be a people of action and not excuses. **Please continue to pray for Chris, he received a new kidney...and pray for the donor's family as well.**
17. *Then He (God) said to Joshua, See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you. Then I said, Put a clean turban on his head, so they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the Lord stood by,* (Zechariah 3:3-4). There was no high priest during exile so this Joshua was being installed by God to be the new high priest. We pray to be usable by God. **Please pray for Pastor Jackson's wife...her brain cancer has come back aggressively.**
18. *It is you, O priests, who show contempt for My name. But you ask, How have we shown contempt for Your name: You place defiled food on My altar. But you ask, How have we defiled You? By saying that the Lord's table is contemptible,* (Malachi 1:7). The priests were allowing sacrifices of blind, crippled and diseased animals...not giving God their best. We can be just as corrupt with our worship. We pray to worship God with our time, money and energy. **18-25 National FFA Week**
19. *He (Jesus) said to them, If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out? How much more valuable is a man than a sheep! Therefore, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath,* (Matthew 12:11-12). We are not to place laws over human need. We pray our beliefs will allow us to help others in need. **Please pray for our farmers...they have difficult decisions to make**
20. *And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, He is possessed by Beelzebub! By the prince of demons, he is driving out demons. So, Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables. How can Satan drive out Satan?* (Mark 3:22-