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FCFI Prayer Guide - March 2023

1. *Sanctify them by the truth, Your Word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify Myself, that they too may be truly sanctified, (John 17:17-19). The Bible is our standard...not what the world says is true. We pray to live by the guidelines of the Bible. **2/28-3/2 Iowa Hawkeye Farm Show-Cedar Falls, IA, Jeff Goss***
2. *My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us so that the world may believe that you have sent Me, (John 17:20,21). We have been set apart with a purpose to witness. We pray to give glory to God. **2-5 Pioneer Days, Wauchula, FL, Bill Brown***
3. *I have given them the glory that You gave Me, that they may be one as we are One. I in them and You in Me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me, (John 17:22,23). As a Christian the Holy Spirit abides in us and a glory should surround us. **Please pray with Pete for Novgorod Church***
4. *Father, I want those You have given Me to be with Me where I am, and to see My glory, the glory You have given Me because You loved Me before the creation of the world. Righteous Father, though the world does not know You, I know You, and they know that You have sent Me. I have made You known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love You have for Me may be in them and that I Myself*

may be in them, (John 17: 24,25). We are a purchased possession of Christ and He is interceding for us to the Father. We pray that others will see Jesus in us. **FCFI Dinner Meeting, Avon Park, FL, Bill Brown**

5. *Now the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some sly way to arrest Jesus and kill Him, (Mark 14:1).* The Jewish leaders plotted secretly to kill Jesus because of His popularity. We pray not to be ashamed to openly claim Jesus as our Lord. **4-5 Strawberry Festival, Floral City, GL, Bill Brown**
6. *He was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on His head, (Mark 14:3).* There is a question as to whether this woman was Mary who anointed Jesus' feet. There is no question that this was an act of purest worship. We pray to give our best in worship and praise to Jesus. **Please pray for those who are showing early signs of dementia...such an ugly disease.**
7. *Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them, (Mark 14:10).* Whatever Judas motive was it presented itself as greed. His greedy desires could not be fulfilled if he followed Jesus, so he betrayed Him in exchange for money and favor from the religious leaders. We pray to lay aside our own persona; desires or worldly greed and put Jesus first. **Please pray with Gary for his brother Dennis who broke his hip and has had to have three surgeries.**
8. *The disciples left, went into the city, and found things just as Jesus had told them. So, they prepared the Passover, (Mark 14:16).* Jesus sent Peter and John to find a man carrying a water jar...which was usually a woman's job. We pray to find miracles in our everyday life. **Please pray for our farmers as they begin their new crop year here in the South.**
9. *When the evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. While they were reclining at the table eating, He said, I tell you the truth one of you will betray Me who is eating with Me, (Mark 14:17-18).* Judas had already determined to betray Jesus, but in hypocrisy he shared the fellowship of this meal. We pray our words and actions will line up with our hearts in obedience to Christ. **9-11 Commodity Classic, Orlando, FL, Dennis Schlagel**
10. *While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, take it, this is my body, (Mark 14:22).*

our farmers can make a living supporting our country and their families.

30. *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. **Please pray for weather that is good for preparing the ground and planting crops for the year.**
31. *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 others, and so are we all. We pray to know it costs little to know about Jesus but cost our lives to follow Him. **3/1-4/2 Flowerton Festival, Summerville, SC, Bill Brown...3/1-4/2 Susquehanna Home Builders Show, Lycoming Mall, 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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*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. **24-25 Interstate Farm and Home Show, Coffeyville, KS, Mike Weaver....25 Pioneer Days, Arcadia, FL, Bill Brown***

26. *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 Amy. Her mom had breast cancer early and passed after several relapses. Amy has the same gene and has opted to have surgery. Pray for her physical and emotional healing.***
27. *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 Michael. After extensive back surgery to repair damage from a fall as a child, he is still having issues.***
28. *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 opportunities to share God's love during this Easter season.***
29. *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. **Please pray for commodity prices to stay at a level that***

After the usual Passover meal and ritual, Jesus gave the passing of the bread and the drinking of wine a new meaning that night. We call it Communion. We pray to remember the significance of the Last Supper when we take Communion. *9-12 Triumph of Ag EXPO, Omaha, NE, Ron Neidermeyer*

11. *Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and offered it to them, and they all drank from it. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many, He said to them, (Mark 14:23,24). Judas, the betrayer, Peter, the denier, and Thomas, the doubter were among this group. We pray to believe the spotless Lamb of God shed His blood for our sins. **ECHO Global Food and Farm Festival, Ft Myers, FL, Bill Brown***
12. *But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed, but woe to that man who betrays Him, (Luke 22:21,22). The other disciples had no idea what was about to take place, but Judas did. We pray for discernment in all areas but especially in spiritual matters. **10-12 York RV Show, York, PA, Michael Steele***
13. *For who is greater, the one who is at the table of the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves, (Luke 22:27). The most important event in human history was about to take place, and the disciples were still arguing about their prestige in the kingdom! We pray to have a servant's heart. **Please pray for commodity prices to stay high enough our farmers can make a living.***
14. ***Jesus answered, I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know Me,** (Luke 22:34). Jesus predicted Judas would betray and Peter would deny Him. Two similar wrongs but Peter would repent of his wrongdoing. We pray to have a repentant heart. **Please pray for those struggling with unforgiveness in their hearts.***
15. *Then Jesus went with His disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to the disciples, sit here while I go over there and pray. He took Peter, James, and John along with Him, and He began to be sorrowful and troubled, (Matthew 26:36,37). The divine course was set for Jesus, but in His humanity, He was in great anguish. We pray to use His example of strength in our times of anguish. **Please give a shout of praise that Lucas is doing well after a serious accident is with major injuries on his legs and feet.***
16. *Going a little farther, He fell to the ground and prayed that, if possible, the hour might pass from Him. Abba, Father, He said, everything is*

possible for You. Take this cup from Me. Yet not what I will but what You will, (Mark 14:35,36). Jesus taught us though Salvation is freely given, it costs everything we own. We pray to say Abba, Father, not my will but Thine be done. **16-20 Oregon FFA State Convention, Redmond, OR, Terry Morrison**

17. *And being in anguish, He prayed more earnestly, and His sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground,* (Luke 22:44). Jesus was in extreme agony, such that the strain pushed His blood to the surface of His brow. Still, He did the will of our Father. We pray to not give in and not give up in times of peril and pressure. **Please pray for Paul Clark's family. He passed suddenly and they are struggling.**
18. *Returning the third time, He said to them, (His disciples) are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners,* (Mark 14:41). The disciples were asleep and lest we feel better than them let us remember the times we have been asleep in our devotion to Christ. We pray to not be insensitive or unprepared for Christ's work. **17-19 Home Condo and Outdoor Show, Ocean City, MD, Michael Steele**
19. *Now Judas, who betrayed Him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with His disciples. So, Judas came to the grove, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns, and weapons,* (John 18:2,3). The temple guards were Jews given authority by the religious leaders to make arrests for minor infractions. The Roman soldiers accompanied them for security. We pray to use our authority in Christ to further the work and not hinder it. **19-22 Tennessee FFA State Convention, Gatlinburg, TN**
20. *Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to Him, went out and asked them, who is it you want? Jesus of Nazareth, they replied. I am He, Jesus said. Judas the traitor was standing there with them. When Jesus said, I am He, they drew back and fell to the ground,* (John 18: 4-6). An encounter with Jesus does not go unmarked in our lives. We fall to our knees in praise or fall back out of fear or disbelief. We cannot help but react to His power and authority. We pray to fall toward Jesus and not away from Him. **Please pray for Wayne. He was on chemo and had a stroke...after rehab he has started back on chemo and is struggling with severe sickness.**
21. *Now the betrayer, (Judas) arranged a signal with them. The one I kiss is the man. Arrest Him and Lead Him away under guard. Going at once to Jesus, Judas said Rabbi, and kissed Him,* (Mark 14:44,45). Traditions

says it was a full moon night. We know the arresting group had some lanterns. All men dressed similarly and similar in height and build made it difficult to establish who was who. Judas gave what has been called the kiss of death and Jesus was arrested. We pray to give the kiss of healing, hope and health. **Please pray for all children who have cancer and are going through terrible treatments rather than playing as a child should.**

22. *Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound Him and brought Him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year,* (John 18: 12,13). God had ordained who the High Priests would be, but the Romans changed that and the Jews allowed it to become a position of authority and wealth, rather than an opportunity to serve and listen to God. Annas was a former High Priest and had NO authority. It is supposed Jesus was led to him first so that a quorum of the Sanhedrin could be gathered because it was well before daybreak. We pray to be always awake and on guard in our Spirit so we may not betray our Lord and Savior. **22-24 Mid America Farm Show, Salina, KS, Dave Ferris**
23. *Then Annas sent Him, still bound to Caiaphas the High Priest,* (John 18:24). Jesus had six trials that night and early morning. Each one a mockery of justice. First to Annas, Caiaphas, Sanhedrin, Pilate, Herod and lastly back to Pilate again. None of them except the Jewish leaders could find anything against Jesus. Plainly the Jews wanted His influence removed. We pray for spiritual guidance in all matters and pray to listen to God's Word rather than man's word. **Please pray for our hearts to prepare for the upcoming Easter season...a perfect opportunity to share the love of Jesus.**
24. *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 a half-hearted disciple. Now, after failure, he became a 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. **24-25 Mecum Auction, East Moline, IL, Dennis Schlagel**
25. *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,*