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FCFI Prayer Guide - March 2023

1. *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"). There they offered Jesus some 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 Vicky and Mary Lisa as they both have health issues.***
2. *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 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, "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! **Please pray for Wayne, his cancer has returned, and he is upping treatment.***

3. *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 from top to 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 to 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 Easter season.***
4. *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 Walt...a young man with a large family who suddenly was in respiratory distress...he had surgery and is now in serious recoup time with lots of pain.***
5. *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! **5-8 Idaho FFA, Mike Weaver, Terry Morrison***
6. *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*
26. *Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do, (James 2:18). Good deeds can never earn salvation, but true faith always results in a changed life and good deeds. We pray to put feet to our faith. **Bloomsburg Renaissance Jamboree, Bloomsburg, PA, Doc DeVoe.***
27. *As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as He who called you holy, so be holy in all you do, for it is written Be holy because I am holy, (1Peter 1:14,15). Our God is holy and He yearns for us to be holy. We pray to honor God with our decisions and lifestyle. **27-28 Georgia FFA Convention, Macon Centreplex, Macon, GA, Dennis Schlagel***
28. *Many will follow their (false teachers) ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping, (2Peter 2-3). Teachers that are "in it for the money" will teach what is popular and not necessarily what is true. We pray to have more teachers who stand on the truth of God's Word.*
29. *They left us but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us. But their going showed that none belonged to us, (1John 2:19). As long as there has been a church there have been false teachers. Some are genuinely fooled themselves by not knowing the Bible. Others intend to deceive from the get-go. We pray to ask for discernment from the Holy Spirit. **Bloomsburg Renaissance Jamboree, Bloomsburg, PA, Doc DeVoe***
30. *It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the father commanded us, (2John 1:4). We, as parents, want the good for our children, especially the spiritual truth, to take hold in their lives. We pray to be more concerned with our children's spiritual well-being than their social status. 4/30-5/01 Missouri FFA Convention, Columbia, Missouri, Jeff Goss*

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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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 whichever corner of the world we are. Jesus' physical presence left the disciples. Him sitting at God's right hand signifies the completion of His work. We pray to be a servant of Christ and work till our time is complete.

21. *But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I(Paul) rejoice,* (Philippians 1:18). God can and does use people with all motives to promote the Gospel. Paul was a prime example. We pray to have the right motives but to be open to God using the most unlikely people to further His kingdom. **Pioneer Days, Arcadia, FL, Bill Brown.**
22. *To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,* (Colossians 1:27). Paul proclaims here that Salvation is for all. We pray to spread the Gospel to all we meet. You know, brothers, that our visit to you was not a failure. We had previously suffered and been insulted in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you His Gospel in spite of strong opposition, (1Thessalonians 2:1,2). Paul had been imprisoned in Philippi. In spirit he was with the Thessalonians long before he got there to preach to them. We pray to be faithful no matter our circumstances. **Syracuse Gun Show, Syracuse, NY, Bill Brown 22--23**
23. *May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all,* (2Thessalonians 3:18). Paul was ending his two letters to the Thessalonians with a powerful prayer for God to be with them. We pray in the name of Jesus, not as a fix all but in His power and glory. **Please pray for Pastor Jackson's wife. Her brain cancer has returned aggressively after years.**
24. *I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God,* (1Timothy 2:9,10). We women of the Way should dress decently in respect to God in us. We pray to be an example that would encourage other women their worth is not in exposing their body. **24-26 Arkansas FFA, Hot Springs convention Center, Jeff Goss**
25. *But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry,* (2Timothy 4:5). Our calling in life if we are Believers. We pray to live out this verse in our everyday lives. Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death, that is, the devil and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death, (Hebrews 2:14,15). Every person must die, but death is not the end. It is a doorway to a new life given to us through Christ's death and resurrection. We pray to share with others that the fear of death has been defeated. **Please pray for those who are feeling depressed, overwhelmed and defeated.**

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 the Salvation of many through the sharing of the Jesus Sticks.**

7. *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 Petrina, her chemo is not doing enough, and she has started on immunotherapy.**
8. *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. **Please pray that many will attend Church tomorrow, for whatever reason and hear the story of Jesus' love.**
9. *Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary Magdalene stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to investigate 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, 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!!! Sing and shout the Julibee!!!***
10. *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, Rabbani! (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. **Susquehanna County Farm and Home Day Show, Doc Devoe.**

11. *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 Pete, his health keeps throwing him surprises.**
12. *Now, on the same day two of the 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. 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**
13. *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. When we have lost our way, we pray to keep our focus on what Jesus has already accomplished in our lives. **13-15 Oklahoma City Farm Show, Oklahoma City, OK Jerry Rice**
14. *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 other need to see the living Savior. **Please pray for Dawn, her mother passed away when she was a child and now her father recently passed, and she is struggling.**

15. *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. **FCF Canada Annual Meeting, Virtual, Bill Brown**
16. *They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled 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. 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 your physical bodies to glorify the risen Savior. **16-18 Iowa State FFA Convention, Ames, IA, Mike Weaver**
17. *They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, why are you too 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 that this is true and make it true in our lives. **South Dakota State FFA convention, Brookings, SD, Marlyn Bunger, Mike Weaver, Dennis Schlagel.**
18. *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. 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. **Please pray for those living on the streets.**
19. *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 to do their part to help our world be more sustainable in all areas.**
20. *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*