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### FCFI Prayer Guide - July 2023

July is a time of slow down because of the heat and rev up because of the short time to get all family vacations in before school starts back. July is also the time we celebrate the birth of our nation, The United States of America! May God bless America and may America bless God!!!

1. *The men (spies) said to her (Rahab), this oath you made us swear will not be binding on us unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house, (Joshua 2:17,18).* Rahab had seen the evidence that the God of the Israelites was real and asked for protection when her town was to be invaded...the spies told her to tie the red cord in her window and she and her family would be saved. This cord represents the red blood of Jesus that run through the whole Bible. We pray to believe that only the red blood of Jesus can save us. **1-8 Millville Carnival, Millville, PA Doc DeVoe**
2. *And you (the Israelites) shall not make a covenant with the people of this land (Canaan), but you shall break down their altars, (Judges 2:2).* God gave the land to His people but they had to conquer the people living there and either kill or drive them out so as not to intermingle with them. However, in many places a remnant of the people was left to live there as slaves or pushed into areas they couldn't leave. There was always trouble from this remnant. We pray to follow God's directions for our lives...a little bit of sin will cause a lot of

destruction. **Please pray for healing for Wesley ...a young man who had eye surgery for a growth that was affecting his vision.**

3. *So, Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning, (Ruth 1:22). Naomi had left with her husband and two sons over ten years before during a famine. Her husband and sons had died and this daughter-in-law, Ruth, saw something in her mother-in-law that made her want to go with Naomi when she returned home. Ruth became the great grandmother of King David. We pray to connect our lives to God fearing people. **3-4 Fort Plain 4th on the Weekend, Fort Plain, NY, Bill Brown***
4. *Then I (God) will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who will do according to what is in My heart and mind. I will firmly establish his house, and he will minister before my anointed one always, (1Samuel 2:35). Eli knew his sons were abusing their appointed office and God had affirmed He would not let this continue. Samuel was Hannah's son, whom she had prayed for many years. God was preparing him to take over as priest of His people. We pray to be faithful and obedient in our calling from God. **INDEPENDENCE DAY!!! Please pray for safety while many celebrate!***
5. *In the course of time, David inquired of the Lord, Shall I go up to one of the towns of Judah? He asked. The Lord said, Go up. David asked, where shall I go? To Hebron, the Lord answered, (2Samuel 2:1). David and his followers had been living in caves and running from Saul. When Saul died, David asked the Lord if it was okay to come out of hiding and live in real houses in a town. David would not go against Saul as long as he was alive even though David himself had already been anointed king with God's direction and blessing. We pray to be patient and wait on God's timing in our lives. **Cheddar Cheese Festival, Adams, NY, Dave Porter***
6. *Also, the royal officials have come to congratulate our lord King David, saying, may you God make Solomon's name more famous than yours and his throne greater than yours! And the king bowed in worship on his bed and said, Praise be to the Lord, the God oof Israel, who has allowed my eyes to see a successor on my throne today, (1Kings 1:47). One of King David's sons appointed himself king to succeed David in his old age. Adonijah has having a celebration when he received news that David had made Solomon king. We pray to be content with our place in God's army and not overstep our bounds to try and*

*abounds, (Habakkuk 1:3). Habakkuk questioned God's acceptance of injustice and God answered that in His timing He would take care of it. We pray to pour out our hearts in faith to God for the injustices of this world. **Please pray for the prices of farm commodities to stay high enough to keep our farmers farming.***

29. *At that time, I will deal with all who oppressed you, I will rescue the lame and gather those who have been scattered. I will give them praise and honor in every land where they were put to shame, (Zephaniah 3:19). Make no mistake in thinking that God will not ultimately look after His people the Jews. We pray to be careful to support God's chosen people. **Please pray for some young farmers to take the place of the people who are aging out and retiring.***
30. *Many nations will be joined with the Lord in that day and will become My people. I will live among you and you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent Me to you, (Zechariah 2:11). Since the coming of Jesus, the Messiah, this promise is being fulfilled. People from all nations are coming to God through Him. We pray to be a witness for Christ where ever we are. **We pray for people to stop making personal attacks verbally and physically to those they disagree with.***
31. *His (God's) pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor His delight in the legs of a man. The Lord delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love, (Psalm 147: 10,11). When God has our reverence and faith, He knows he has our heart and that our abilities will be used for Him. We pray us give God the glory with our abilities and talents. **We pray for our nation to come back to God our creator.***

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### 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 - put Prayer Guide in the subject line in text or email) 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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*not my people, they will be called sons of the living God,* (Hosea 1: 10). Although the people of Israel were unfaithful, God's promises and commitment to them remained the same. He would punish and then forgive and restore them. We pray to be a committed and faithful people. **22-23 Milwaukee Air and Water Show, Dave Adams**

23. *Despair you farmers, wail, you vine growers, grieve for the wheat and the barley, because the harvest of the field is destroyed,* (Joel 1:11). Joel was warning the people of Judah of complete devastation, either by actual locusts or by an invading army. Judgement would invade every factor of their lives. We pray to know there is a time of reckoning for sin and repent and be restored to our holy God through Jesus Christ. **Please pray for our youth...many are struggling as they have had no real leadership nor stability in their lives.**
24. *I (God) also raised up prophets from among your sons and Nazirites from among your young men. Is this not true, people of Israel,* (Amos 2:11). Prophets challenged the people to live holy lives and the Nazirites took vows to live holy lives. We are influenced by those we know and in turn others are influenced by us. We pray to be a Godly influence on others. **24-29 Troy Fair, Troy, PA, Michael Steele**
25. *To the roots of the mountains I (Jonah) sank down, the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you brought my life up from the pit, O Lord my God,* (Jonah 2:6). Jonah thought he was going to drown and called out to the God he was running from. We pray to run toward God rather than away in the midst of our troubles. **Please pray for Del and Meg and their young family...one of the children is always sick.**
26. *If a liar and deceiver come; and says, I will prophesy for you plenty of wine and beer, he would be just the prophet for this people,* (Micah 2:11). Little has changed in all these years. People still want to hear what they want to hear and not the truth. We pray to be truth seekers. **26-28 FCFI Annual Conference -Dubuque, IA**
27. *From you O Nineveh, has one come forth who plots evil against the Lord, and counsel is wickedness,* (Nahum 1:11). Nineveh was a wicked city run by wicked rulers. Although God used them as judgement for Israel, He ultimately judged and destroyed them. We pray to have hearts filled with God's love. **Please continue to pray for Donald as he is struggling with new health issues.**
28. *Why do You make me look at injustice? Why do You tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me, there is strife, and conflict*

take someone else's calling as our own. **6-9 Madison County Fair, Brookfield, NY, Bill Brown**

7. *As they (Elijah and Elisha) were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel,* (2 Kings 2:11,12). Elisha was determined to be with Elijah when he was taken up to heaven. It was hard for those around him to believe this happened so they went out in search of Elijah but didn't find him. We pray to be faithful to the end. **6-9 Four Seasons Craft and Flea Market, Carleton, MN**
8. *Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, oh that You would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let Your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain. And God granted his request,* (1Chronicles 4:10). Jabez is remembered for his prayer life, rather than his actions. We pray to be prayer warriors!
9. *Send me (King Solomon) therefore, a man skilled in work in gold and silver, bronze and iron and in purple, crimson and blue yarn, and experienced in the art of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem with my skilled craftsmen, who my father David provided,* (2Chronicles 2:7). Solomon was about to start building the Temple in Jerusalem as God had commanded. He sent a letter to Hiram, king of Tyre, asking for help. We pray to not be afraid to ask for help in our ministry. **Cowlesville, Flea Market, Cowlesville, NY**
10. *This is what Cyrus, king of Persia, says: The Lord, the God of heaven, given me all the kingdoms of the earth and He has appointed me to build a temple for Him at Jerusalem in Judah,* (Ezra 1:2). The original temple had been destroyed when the Israelites were taken captive by Persia. After their 70 years of captivity was over the Israelites were given permission from the king to go home and also to rebuild the temple. We pray to know that God can use anyone to accomplish His purposes. **12-22 Lycoming County Fair, Hughesville, PA, Doc Devoe**
11. *So, I went up the valley by night, examining the wall (of Jerusalem). Finally, I turned back and reentered through the Valley Gate. The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, because as yet I had said nothing to the Jews or the priests or nobles or officials or any other who would be doing the work,* (Nehemiah 2:15,16). Often God uses one person (Nehemiah) to express a vision and others to

turn it into reality. We pray to be open to God's vision for our lives.  
**11-14 Stick Work Days, Marcy, NY**

12. *The king's (Xerxes) edit granted the Jews in every city the right to assemble and protect themselves, to destroy, kill and annihilate any armed force of any nationality or province that might attack them and their women and children, and to plunder the property of their enemies,* (Esther 8:11). Haman had tricked the king into issuing a decree to have all the Jews killed on one day in the future. Esther revealed the plan to the King and he had it revised so the Jews could defend themselves. God showed favor on His people and there was a time of killing the enemies of the Jews. We pray to be bold in our prayers and victorious in our battles. **11-14 Texas State FFA Convention, Dallas, TX, Art Free**
13. *I(Job) have no peace, no quietness. I have no rest, but only turmoil,* (Job 3:26). Job had lost his children, livestock and property. He was in turmoil and his good friends came to sit with him in sackcloth. Tragedy can bring out the best in us or the worst. Job's example that even though great tragedy may come, God is still there for us. We pray to turn toward God in our times of trouble and now away from Him. **13-16 North Stonington, Fair, North Stonington, CT, Bill Brown**
14. *You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning, my God turns my darkness into light,* (Psalm 18:28). God takes our troubled times and works them to His glory if we will turn those times over to Him. We pray to walk in the Light as He is in the light. **14-16 Two Cylinder Expo, Canandaigua, NY**
15. *Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men, from men whose words are perverse,* (Proverbs 2:12). There is worldly wisdom and spiritual wisdom...then there is discernment. We pray to have discernment in both worldly and spiritual matters. **Please pray for JW, he was let go from a long- term technical job because of family -owned company decided to close up shop!**
16. He (God) has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men, yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end, (Ecclesiastes 3:11). God has placed in us a spiritual thirst that on He can satisfy. He has shown us a glimpse of heaven here on earth in all the beauty He has given us. We pray to not get so caught up in the ways of the world that we forget to enjoy life as we go along. **11-16 Benton Rodeo, Doc Devoe**
17. *Come O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord,* (Isaiah 2:5). Just as in our day, the Israelites lived in and among people of darkness. Isiah was reminding them to rise above the darkness and to be a light in the dark world. We pray to be such a light. **Please pray for Jana. She was fired after 34 years at the same job because of change in upper management.**
18. *For as a belt is bound around a man's waist, so I bound to the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah to Me, declares the Lord, to be My people for My renown and praise and honor. But they have not listened,* (Jeremiah 13:11). Just as an object can become useless when not taken care of so may our lives become useless unless we listen to God's calling. We pray for discernment as we study our Bible. **18-20 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, Loyal, WI, Pastor Dave**
19. *In the days of her affliction and wandering Jerusalem remembers all the treasures that were hers in days of old,* (Lamentations 1:7). The rebellious Israelites lost their freedoms as captives of Babylon. The same way we don't appreciate the good we have until it is gone, water, AC, heat, lights are all taken for granted until something disrupts their flow. We pray not to be a rebellious, stiff-necked people. **Please pray for our farmers as they are in full production for this year's crops.**
20. *At the end of seven days the Word of the Lord came to me, (Ezekiel), Son of man I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel, so hear the word I speak and give them warning from Me,* (Ezekiel 3:16,17). A watchman stood on the city gates and called out to the people within if he saw approaching danger. Ezekiel was the spiritual watchman for Israel. His job was to call out to the people of approaching judgement if they did not repent as a nation. We pray to listen and learn...and to be a warning to others in our testimonies. **Please pray for families as they travel for vacations this month.**
21. *Finally, these men (Daniel's fellow administrators) said, we will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it is something to do with the law of his God,* (Daniel 6:5). The jealous officials were trying to keep the king from appointing Daniel third in all the kingdom. The only hope they had to discredit him was for his religion. Little has changed in this world. We pray to live in a way that nothing but our religion can be attacked and that we allow God to fight that battle for us. **21-23 Lamoille County Fair, Johnson VT**
22. *Yet the Israelites will be like the sand on the seashore, which cannot be measure or counted. In the place where it was said to them, you are*