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## FCFI Prayer Guide - August 2023

1. *I (John) baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He (Jesus) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire, (Matthew 3:11).* John the Baptist was giving the people he preached to an opportunity to give a show of faith that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus gives us the same opportunity by filling us with the Holy Spirit when we agree in faith that He is the Messiah. We pray to be more like John and spread the Good News of Christ. **2-5 Clinton County Fair, Mill Hall, PA, Doc Devoe**
2. *Simon's Mother-in-Law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her. So, he went to her, took her hand, and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them, (Mark 1:30,31).* After this, people came to Jesus bringing their sick to Him to be healed. We pray for our inward heart to be healed as well as our outward body. **2-6 Niagara County Fair, Lockport, NY, Bill Brown**
3. *Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the Word, (Luke 1:1,2).* Luke tells Jesus' story from a Gentile, physician perspective. He was concerned about getting an accurate account from the beginning. We pray to be grounded in God's Word so we know our facts when faced with questions or life's circumstances. **3-5 Empire Farm Days, Pompey, NY Bill Brown**

4. *They (two of John's disciples) said, Rabbi (Teacher) where are You staying? Come, He replied and you will see. So, they went and saw where He was staying, and spent that day with Him. It was about the tenth hour, (John 1:38,39).* These two were Andrew and probably John. They realized Jesus was the true reason for John's ministry and turned to follow Him. We pray to lead other to Jesus and let them decide to follow Him. **4-6 Eden Corn Festival, Eden, NY, Bill Brown**
5. *In those days (after Jesus ascended) Peter stood up among the Believers (a group numbering about a hundred twenty), (Acts 1:15).* Peter was conducting the first Church conference! They were to choose a replacement for Judas. We pray to be a party to organized, orderly, prayerful business meetings. **Old Home Days, Vernon Center, NY, Bill Brown**
6. *For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse, (Romans 1:20).* Everything around us and in us tells us there is a higher power than mortal man. We need to share the Good News that Higher Power is God who made heaven and earth. We should tell people about Jesus and how, through Him, they can have a personal relationship with God. We pray to spread the Gospel message boldly with a dash of humility. Please pray for our students as they begin a new school year.
7. *I (Paul) always thank God for you (The Corinthian Church) because of His grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in Him you have been enriched in every way, in all of your speaking and in all of your knowledge, because our testimony about Christ is confirmed in you, (1Corinthians 1:4-6).* Paul was affirming what God has already accomplished with this group. We pray to affirm others in their ministry. **Please pray for a little orphan from Peru that was adopted by people in the US who now don't want her. Pray for the family who has decided to take her in and whether they should adopt at a time in their lives they are enjoying grandchildren.**
8. *To one we are the smell of death, to the other the fragrance of life. And who is equal to such a task? Unlike many, we do not peddle the Word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God*

(Deuteronomy 1:15,16). Moses could not hear all the disputes so with God's blessing he appointed judges over the people. We pray to be fair in our dealing with others. **Please pray that God will raise up some young farmers to take the place of those that are aging out and want to retire.**

29. *Then they (the Israelites) answered Joshua, whatever you have commanded us we will do and wherever you send us we will go, (Joshua 1:16).* God's people were about to go and conquer the promised land. They promised they would do as told but soon did things their own way...as usual. We pray to seek God's guidance and to obey His word. **29-31 Farm Progress Show, Decatur, IL, Dennis Schlagel**
30. *Nor did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites living in Gezer, but the Canaanites continued to live there among them, (Judges 1:29).* God told the Israelites to either kill or drive out the people living in the Promised Land...they didn't and had trouble until today with these decisions. We pray to fully follow God's calling on our lives. **8/30-9/4 Wyoming county Fair, Meshoppen, PA, Doc Devoe**
31. *He (Obed) will renew your (Naomi) life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth, (Ruth 4:15).* Obed, Ruth and Boaz's son, was king David's grandfather and in the lineage of Jesus. We pray to open ourselves to life and live it fully as we never know whom God will plan to use in our lineage. **Please pray for those who are having to make life changing decisions, pray for discernment and guidance.**

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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@fci.org) at the FCFI office.

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four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints, (Revelation 5:8). When we think our prayers are not going above the ceiling, we need to know they are incense before the one and true living God of heaven and earth. We pray to pray! **24-27 Brooklyn Fair, Brooklyn, CT, Bill Brown**

25. After the treaty had been made at Beersheba, Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his forces returned to the land of the Philistines. Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there he called upon the name of the Lord, the Eternal God, (Genesis 21:32,33). Abraham's enemies made a treaty with him because they were smart enough to see that God's hand of blessing was with Abraham. We pray to seek out those whom God is using and come along beside them and help in their ministry. **Please pray for caregivers, they are exhausted and need wisdom, patience and self-care.**
26. Then the Lord said to Moses, Tell the Israelites this, you have seen for yourselves that I have spoken to you from heaven, do not make any gods to be alongside Me, do not make for ourselves gods of silver or gods of gold, (Exodus 20:22,23). The maker of heaven and earth will not share His glory with wood and metal objects. We pray to worship the Creator and not the created. **Farmer's Market, Syracuse, NY, Bill Brown**
27. This is to be a lasting ordinance for you, Atonement is to be made once a year for all the sins of the Israelites. And it was done, as the Lord commanded Moses, (Leviticus 16:34). The whole book of Leviticus is rules and regulations from God to the Israelites of how to deal with sin before the death burial and resurrection of Jesus. We pray to know there is only one atonement for sin...Jesus Christ. **Please pray for our farmers. This is a critical time...too little rain or too much rain in some areas are making this a year of many doubts.**
28. So, I (Moses) took the leading men of your tribes, wise and respected men, and appointed them to have authority over you, as commanders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of tens and as tribal officials. And I charged your judges at that time: hear the disputes between your brothers and judge fairly, whether the case is between brother Israelites or between one of them and an alien,

with sincerity, like men sent from God, (2 Corinthians 2:16,17). For those who reject it the Gospel has the smell of death...to those who accept it there is the fragrance of life. We pray to spread Life wherever we go. **Please pray for Faye, she has kidney stones and a UTI.**

9. When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face because he was clearly in the wrong, (Galatians 2:11). Paul recognized the problem and went straightway to correct it. Compromise is important in getting along with others. However, the truth of God's Word should never be compromised. We pray to be discerners of the truth and to act on that discernment. **Please pray for Tyson, an infant born with difficulties.**
10. Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen, (Ephesians 3:20). This prayer of praise sums up the whole Gospel message. We pray to be thankful for all Jesus has done for us and to share our praise with others. **Please pray for young families during these crazy financial times.**
11. The latter do so (preach the Gospel) in love, knowing that I (Paul) am put here (in prison) for the defense of the Gospel. The former, preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains, (Philippians 1:16,17). Paul then summed up either way the Gospel is being shared and he rejoiced for that. We pray to keep our motives checked in every area of our lives. **11-13 CVAEMA Steam Show, Chambersburg, PA, Michael Steele**
12. All over the world this Gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth, (Colossians 1:6). Paul shared the Gospel wherever he went, whether in prison, to Gentiles or Jews who rejected him. We pray to be fruit bearers...we never know whom our message will touch and what God can do through that person. **Antioch Baptist Church Block Party, Williamsport, PA, Michael Steele**
13. But, brothers, when we were torn away from you for a short time (in person, not in thought), out of our intense longing we made every effort to see you. For we wanted to come to you, certainly I, Paul, did,

*again and again, (Thessalonians 2:17,18). Paul said clearly that Satan was the blame for disrupting their ability to get back to the Thessalonian church. Rather than griping to God when our plans don't work out, we should ask Him to rebuke Satan. We pray to understand Satan is real, but he is NOT more powerful than God. **Please pray for Charlie, he was born really early due to some problems with mom's body. He has been diagnosed with CP and he struggles with things his younger brothers can do easily.***

14. *All this (troubles and trials) is evidence that God's judgement is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering, (2 Thessalonians 1:5). I am the first to wail when things don't go my way. I pray to understand, one more time, that God will make it right in the end and all suffering will be worth it! **Please pray for Jacob. A teen who had a simple procedure and had major complications for weeks.***
15. *He (a leader in the church) must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil, (1Timothy 3:6). Pride was the devil's downfall and he uses it to trap others, especially immature Christians. We pray to be grounded in our faith before we take on positions of leadership. **15-17 Dakota Fest, Mitchel, SD, Jeff Goss***
16. *Although I (Paul) hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions that, if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in the truth, (1 Timothy 3:16). We can serve in the local church by becoming prayer warriors, teachers, witnesses, peacemakers by being obedient servants of the Lord. **16-20 Annual Steam, Gas and Threshing Show, Pinckneyville, IL, Jeff Goss***
17. *But it (grace) has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. And of this Gospel I (Paul) was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, (2 Timothy 1;10,11). Paul said grace had been with us from the beginning but has been revealed through Jesus. We pray to be graceful people...both receiving and giving out grace. **Please pray for Jayden, a teen with recently diagnosed cancer and complications from therapy.***
18. *Teach slaves (employees???) to be subject to their masters*

*(employers???) in everything, to try to please them, not talk back to them, and not steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive, (Titus 2:9,10). Employers lose millions each year to untrustworthy employees. We pray to be faithful and true to others...especially when they are not around. **18-19 Sunbury River Festival, Sunbury, PA, Doc Devoe***

19. *Such a High Priest (Jesus) meets our need, one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens, (Hebrews 7:26). God appointed Jesus as our High Priest, unlike the other High Priests He does not need to make sacrifices for His sins nor daily for people's sins...He did that once and for all! We pray to accept Jesus as our Savior and High Priest. **Roseboom Antique Show, Roseboom, NY, Bill Brown***
20. *Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this, to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world, (James 1:27). People often say they don't want or don't believe in organized religion. Mostly they are talking the politics of the church...here Paul tells us what real religion is...and that we should be a part of it. We pray to be a part of God's plan in looking after those who need help and in keeping ourselves safe in His arms of love. **18-20 Woodsmen's Field Days, Boonville, NY, Bill Brown***
21. *For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God, (1Peter 2:19). There is always someone who is willing to blaspheme us as we try to do right. We pray to do right anyway... to lead those ridiculing us to Christ.*
22. *Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking, (2Peter 3:1). We pray to have a pure mind for Christ. **22-26 Northumberland County Fair, Sunbury, PA, Doc Devoe***
23. *But anyone who obeys His Word, God's love is truly made complete in him, (1John 2:5). Accepting Christ as Savior and then obeying His Word is showing ourselves and others, we are truly followers of Christ. We pray to manifest Christ in our daily walk. **Please pray for Fred. He has cancer and new locations have been found.***
24. *And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-*