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### FCFI Prayer Guide - September 2023

1. *This sin of the young men was very great in the Lord's sight, for they were treating the Lord's offering with contempt, (1Samuel 2:17).* Two of Eli's sons were abusing their power as priests and God was offended. The offerings were given by the people to show honor and respect to God while seeking forgiveness for their sins. God harshly judged Eli's sons because they lead His people astray in their greed. We pray to be careful in our calling to bring people closer to God and not make worship more confusing. **1-4 Walworth County Fair, Elkhorn, WI, Mike Brehm, Dennis Schlagel**
2. *And David knew that the Lord had established him as king over Israel and had exalted his kingdom for the sake of His people Israel, (2Samuel 5:12).* David had been anointed by Samuel many years before but had not taken over as king because he was honoring God's anointing of Saul. WE pray to be in God's timing in our lives and our calling. **1-3 Sullivan County Fair, Forksville, PA, Doc Devoe**
3. *King David said, Call in Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet and Benaiah's son of Jehoiada. When they came before the king, he said to them, take you lord's servants with you and set Solomon my son on my own mule and take him down to Gihon, (1Kings 32,33).* David was about to die and even though another son was claiming to be king, David was proclaiming Solomon to be his successor, because God had already ordained that. We pray to be

faithful to then end in carrying out God's directions in our lives.

**1-3 Montour Antique Farm Machinery Show, Michael Steele**

4. *A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe grain, along with some heads of new grain. Give it to the people to eat, Elisha said. How can I set this before a hundred men? his servant asked. But Elisha answered, give it to the people to eat. For this is what the Lord says, they will eat and have some left over, (2Kings 4:42,43). With God nothing is impossible. We pray to remember that God goes before us and will make a way in the wilderness and a stream in the dessert. **1-4 Spencer Fair, spencer, MA, Bill Brown....1-4 Sandusky County Restorers Antique Power Show, Gibsonburg, OH, Bill Brown***
5. *The people of the half-tribe of Manasseh were numerous, they settled in the land from Bashan to Baal Hermon, that is to Senir (Mount Hermon). These were the heads of their families: Ephraim, Ishi, Elisha, Azriel, Jeremiah, Hodaviah and Jahdiel. They were brave warriors, famous men, and heads of their families. But they were unfaithful to the God of their fathers and prostituted themselves to the gods of the peoples of the land, whom God had destroyed before them, (1Chronicles 5:23-25). These men were famous and successful among their peers, but unworthy before God. They were taken in captivity and never returned to their homeland. We pray to be faithful and true to God rather than seek praise of man. **6-7 Wyoming Farm, Ranch and Hemp EXPO, Hawk Springs, WY, Jeff Goss***
6. *Give me (Solomon) wisdom and knowledge that I may lead this people, for who is able to govern this great people of Yours, (2Chronicles 1:10). When God asked Solomon what he desired, Solomon had a short answer with long ramifications. We pray to know the God of the universe and that he can bestow all wisdom and knowledge on us as His Believers. **6-10 Luzerne County Fair, Dallas, PA, Wayne Laidacker, Dave Merithew***
7. *Anyone of His (God's) people among you, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem in Judah and build the temple of the Lord, the God of Israel, the God who is in Jerusalem, (Ezra 1:3). After 70 years in captivity God inspired a pagan king of Persia to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. We pray to believe that even in our most difficult situations - often years - God is still working out things for our good. **7-10 Hebron Harvest Fair, Hebron, CT, Bill***

*fields will not cast their fruit, says the Lord Almighty. Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land, says the Lord Almighty, (Malachi 3:11,12). God was reminding Israel to put Him first in everything but especially in their tithes and offerings...and He would bless them as they blessed Him. We pray to take a step of faith in giving our tithes...putting God first. **Give a shout of halleluiah for Phil's bladder cancer surgery being a success.***

29. *You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven, (Matthew 5:14-16). If we live for Christ, we will glow like lights and draw others to Him. We pray to let our lights so shine among mankind that we draw them like moth to a flame to Jesus. **Please pray for our cotton farmers...good looking crop but with searing temperatures the flowers and boles drop off the plant.***
30. *Jesus answered them, (His disciples) How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them, (Mark 2:19). John and his disciples were fasting waiting on Jesus to manifest Himself as Savior...so they fasted. Jesus' disciples already had Him, so they didn't need to fast. When we fast, we pray to empty ourselves of the world around us as we do our body of food and ask for forgiveness of our sins and seek God's guidance. **Please pray for safety for our farming families as harvesting season will soon be upon us.***

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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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without enlightenment from God, but we can rest assured that God is directing all things according to His plan and purposes. We pray to not let our impatience override our faith that God is still in control. **23-24 Underhill Market Festival, Underhill, VT, Bill Brown**

25. *I (God) will stretch out my hand against Judah and against all who live in Jerusalem. I will cut off from this place every remnant of Baal, the names of the pagan and the idolatrous priests, those who bow down on the roofs to worship the starry host, those who bow down and swear by the Lord and who also swear by Molech, turn back from following the Lord and neither seek the lord nor inquire of Him, (Zephaniah 1:4-6). Over and over God's chosen people turned from following Him as the one true God. People are the same today. Many follow this fad of worship and run to another...don't know the Bible well enough to know what we believe. We pray to fill our minds and our lives with the truth of God's Word! **23-30 Bloomsburg Fair, Bloomsburg, PA, Doc Devoe***
26. *On the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai, Speak to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of people. Ask them, who of you is left who saw this house (Temple) in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing? But now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the Lord. Be strong, O Joshua's son of Jehozadak, the high priest, (Haggai 2:1-4). The remnant had come back to Jerusalem from captivity. Haggai was encouraging them to remember the former glory of the Temple to encourage them to rebuild it. We pray to be an encourager! **Please pray for Manny. He has two head injuries.***
27. *Do not be like your forefathers, to whom the earlier prophets proclaimed: This is what the Lord Almighty says, Turn from you evil ways and your evil practices. But they would not listen or pay attention to me, declares the Lord, (Zechariah 1:4). God had given the Israelites many warnings and chances though the earlier prophets. The people were stubborn and hard-hearted, much like us today. Here he encourages us to pay attention and live a righteous life. We pray to follow God's teachings and warnings. **Please pray for Rodney. He had a heat stroke and is having trouble with anxiety as the result of his incident.***
28. *I will prevent pests from devouring your crops and the vines in your*

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8. *They (friends) said to me (Nehemiah), Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire, (Nehemiah 1:3). Visitors brought sad news to Nehemiah that even though the people were back in Jerusalem for a long time the walls had not been rebuilt. We pray to be busy about God's work. **7-10 Nittany Antique Machinery Show, Centre Hall, PA, Michael Steele***
9. *Then let the girl who pleases the king be queen instead of Vashti, this advice appealed to the king, and he followed it, (Esther 2;4). Queen Vashti was being replaced because she disobeyed King Xerxes. Esther became queen and later saved the Jews from nihilation... all part of God's plan. We pray to be open to new adventures and avenues in life as we never know what God will use to bless us and others. **Canajoharie Street Fair, Canajoharie, NY, Bill Brown***
10. *Does Job fear God for nothing: Satan replied. Have You not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse You to your face, (Job 1:9-11). Satan's accusation of Job is the same he has for each of us. What Satan didn't know is that adversity strengthens real faith. We pray to run to God in our times of affliction. **9-10 Lycoming County Balloon Fest, Hughesville, PA, Michael Steele***
11. *Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my sighing. Listen to my cry for help, my King, and my God, for to You I pray, (Psalm 5:1,2). The secret to a close relationship with God is prayer. The prayers of the saints are incense to God. We pray to lift our prayers of thanksgiving, praise, and petition to our loving God. **10-13 four Town Fair, Somers, CT, Bill Brown***
12. *Let love and faithfulness never leave you, bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man, (Proverbs 3:3,4). Use love as an action word. Treat others with respect and be loyal to friendships. We pray to be loving and faithful to God and man. **12-14 Husker Harvest Days, Grand Island, NE, Jeff Goss***
13. *I denied myself nothing my eyes desired, I refused my heart pleasure. My heart took delight in all my work, and this was the reward for*

*all my labor, (Ecclesiastes 2:10). Solomon had anything and everything he wanted but concluded that none of that mattered in the long run. Whether little or much we pray to be right with the Lord, the only thing that really matters.*

14. *See how the faithful city has become the harlot! She once was full of justice, righteousness used to dwell in her, but now murderers, (Isaiah 1:21). Jerusalem which was the soul of Israel had become what America is today...burdensome to God. We pray to turn our hearts and our country back to God. **15-16 Country Living Farm and Home Show, Frankfort, NY, Bill Brown***
15. *Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, all you clans of the house of Israel, (Jeremiah 2:4). Hear the Word of the Lord our God O America and all you peoples who gather here. We pray to call out to God in the distress of our country and times. **14-17 MD Bike Week, Ocean City, MD, Michael Steele***
16. *This is why I weep and my eyes overflow with tears. No one is near to comfort me, no one to restore my spirit. My children are destitute because the enemy has prevailed, (Lamentations 1:16). All of Lamentations is a funeral song for Jerusalem and Israel. We pray for our nation to turn back to God before it is too late. **Cream Cheese Festival, Lowville, NY, Bill Brown***
17. *But when I speak to you, I will open your mouth and you shall say to them, this is what the Sovereign Lord says, Whoever will listen let him listen, and whoever will refuse let him refuse, for they are rebellious houses, (Ezekiel 3: 27). Ezekiel was only allowed to speak when God had a message for the people...so they didn't have to wonder if the message was just Ezekiel speaking or if it was God. We pray to keep our hearts in tune with God so we can hear His words and direction for us. **16-17 Pennsylvania Heritage Day, Easton, PA, Michael Steele***
18. *In every manner of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom. And Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus, (Daniel 1:20,21). Daniel and his friends were found to be the best of the best by their captive kings. Daniel was able to use his influence to advise the pagan kings. We pray to be able to adapt to the changes in our lives while staying grounded in our faith. **14-23 Gratz Fair, Gratz, PA, Wayne Laidacker***
19. *They have the appearance of horses; they gallop along like cavalry.*

*With a noise like that of chariots they leap over the mountaintops, like a crackling fire consuming stubble, like a mighty army drawn up for battle, (Joel 2:4,5). Joel was describing the army of locusts God was sending to judge His people. We pray to be a people who do not need an army of locusts to judge us. **19-21 Farm Science Review, London, OH, Dennis Schlagel***

20. *Hate evil, love good, maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the Lord God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph, (Amos 5:15). Even in pronouncing judgment, God was speaking of second chances. We as Americans need to take heed to this Scripture before it is too late. We pray to hate evil, love good and maintain justice in the courts. **19-23 International Plowing Match, Bowling Green, Ontario, Bill Brown***
21. *I (Jonah) said, I been banished from Your sight, yet I will look again toward Your holy temple, (Jonah 2:4). Jonah prayed while inside the great fish. His prayer of repentance was a sweet-smelling incense to God and he was released from the fish. We pray to listen to God's calling and obey instead of running away. **Don asked for prayer for a benefit for FCFI fundraiser...A John Deere 4020.***
22. *I (God) will bring them (Jews) together like sheep in a pen, like a flock in its pasture, the place will throng with people, (Micah 2:12). Even while He is judging His people, God is promising restoration. We pray to remember God loves us and wants a close relationship with us. **22-24 Wolcott Fair, Wolcott, CT, Bill Brown***
23. *Charging calvary, clashing swords and glittering spears! Many casualties, piles of dead, bodies without number, people stumbling over the corpses, all because of the wanton lust of a harlot, alluring, the mistress of sorceries, who enslaved nations by her prostitution and peoples by her witchcraft, (Nahum 3:3,4). Nineveh seemed too large and too protected to be conquered...but God's wrath was against her and two countries invaded and conquered her just as Nahum predicted. We pray not to be proud, stiff-necked, and arrogant, but humble and obedient to God. **23-24 Remsen Barn Festival, Remsen, NY, Bill Brown***
24. *The violence you have done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, and your destruction of animals will terrify you. For you have shed man's blood, you have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them, (Habakkuk 2:17). Some things we will not understand here*