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FCFI Prayer Guide - January 2024

*Prayer Warriors as we start a new year, may we do so in faith and hope and love toward all Mankind. May we offer healing, hope, and help through Jesus Christ our Savior by using the Jesus Sticks. **Happy New Year to all.***

1. *They (Overseers and Deacons) must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith and a clear conscience. They must first be tested, and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons, (1Timothy 3:9,10). Deacons are held at a higher standard, like Pastors. We Pay for our Deacons and Overseers. **Please pray for Charles, he is experiencing low blood pressure and low kidney output.***
2. *I (Paul) thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you (Timothy) in my prayers, (2Timothy 1:3). Paul and Timothy were separated by miles but together in Spirit and Truth. **We pray for our prayers to pass through any barrier. Please pray for our farmers to be good stewards of the land they work.***
3. *Every High Priest is selected from among men and is appointed to represent them in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people, (Hebrews 5:1-3). Aaron and his descendants were the High Priests, and their*

duties and sacrifices points us to our High Priest, Jesus. We pray to know our High Priest intercedes for us with the Father. **Please pray for long-haul truck drivers, they are backbone of our country and move lots of farm products.**

4. *Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. As you know we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, (James 5:10,11). Suffering for the sake of the Gospel is considered a blessing, but not an easy thing to remember in the battle. We pray for those who suffer for the sake of the Gospel, may God show them mercy. **Please pray for those whose lives have been changed forever in the aftermath of storms.***
5. *A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, (1Peter 2:8). People "stumble over" Jesus while their lives are in ruins. We pray they recognize Him as savior and lord. **6-13 Pennsylvania Far Show-Harrisburg, PA, Doc DeVoe***
6. *This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of sinful nature and despise authority. Bold and arrogant, these men (unbelievers) are not afraid to slander celestial beings, yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not bring slanderous accusations against such beings in the presence of the Lord, (2Peter 2: 10-11). Many people believe "what you see is what you get". They don't believe in anything spiritual. We pray to be a light in their dark world. **Please pray for all unbelievers, that they will give their souls to Jesus.***
7. *I (John) am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray, (1John 2:26). A Christians we have the Holy Spirit in us and Scripture to guide us. We pray to be true to God's Word. **Please pray for Believers to be more in God's Word.***
8. *Yet, these men (unbelievers) speak abusively against whatever they do not understand, and what things they do understand by instinct, like unreasoning animals, these are the very things that destroy them, (Jude 10). Unbelievers cannot and do not see things the way Christians do. We pray for their souls. We pray to be among those who will enlighten them. **Please pray for Peter. His cancer has returned.***
9. *These are the Words of the Son of God whose eyes are like blazing fire*

*my distress, be merciful to me and hear my prayer, (Psalm 4:1). We have all prayed this prayer many times...and will have to pray it many more. Distress come easily but so does peace when we remember God is our protection and peace. We pray to place our confidence in our God. **Please raise a halleluiah for God's mercy and grace.***

29. *He (God) holds victory in store for the upright, He is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for He guards the course of the just and protects the way of His faithful ones, (Proverbs 2:7-8). God is faithful to His children. We pray our lives will honor and glorify Him. **Please pray for our country to come back to its Christian roots.***
30. *For the wise man, like the fool, will not be long remembered, in days to come both will be forgotten. Like the fool, the wise man too must die, (Ecclesiastes 2:16). Solomon is saying we will all die, but we will not all die equal, except by the blood of Jesus. We pray to remember that wisdom alone will not give us eternal life, only claiming Jesus as our Lord and Savior will do that. We pray to be remembered as one who spread the Gospel. **Please pray for mission teams as they go out to share the Gospel while helping others physically.***
31. *You have abandoned your people, the house of Jacob. They are full of superstitions from the East, they practice divination like the Philistines and clasp hands with pagans, (Isaiah 2:6). Forgive us Father God because we are still the same people!!! We pray, O Lord God you will remember your remnant that faithful. **Please pray for me. This is my son's birthdate. He died as the result of a wreck many years ago... so this day is bittersweet!***

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 Schlager (email: fellowship@fcfi.org) at the FCFI office.

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the width of the building and twenty cubits high, (2Chronicles 3:3-4). Solomon began building the Temple that David had made plans and preparations for. Each of us has a job in God's kingdom work. We pray to be diligent in doing our spiritual work of building up God's kingdom here on earth. **Please pray for Godly leaders for our country.**

24. *All of their neighbors assisted them with articles of silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with valuable gifts, in addition to all the freewill offerings, (Ezra 1:6).* Seventy years of captivity were over and some of the captives were going home to Jerusalem. Their fellow Israelites were sending them off with gifts for the journey and to start over when they got home. We pray to be generous to those in need. **24-26 Sioux Falls Farm Show, Sioux Falls, SD, Jeff Goss**

25. *When our enemies heard that we were aware of their plot and that God had frustrated it, we all returned to the wall, each to his own work, (Nehemiah 4:15).* Nehemiah was diligent in praying, with preparation and with planning. He also was an encourager. When the work is great and enemies surround us, we pray to believe our God is greater. **25-28 Early Bird EXPO, Bloomsburg, PA, Doc DeVoe**

26. *Esther had not revealed her nationality and family background, because Mordecai had forbidden her to do so. Every day he walked back and forth near the courtyard of the harem to find out how Esther was and what was happening to her, (Esther 2:10-11).* Esther was a Jew and was called to the palace with many other young women to be considered as wife of King Xerxes and thus Queen. Trouble would come but God would protect her for she was here for such a time as this. We pray that we can make a positive difference in God's kingdom work. **Please pray for those who are struggling with unbelief because of turmoil in their lives.**

27. *That night, may thick darkness seize it, may it not be included among the days of the year nor be entered in any of the months, (Job 3:6).* Job was mourning the day he lost everything. He finally came to a resolution of his grief but not before he sunk very low. We pray to remember no matter how bad our day or a time in our lives is...there will be better days. **27-2/2 ECHO, Ft Meyers, FL, Ron and Deb Herrold**

28. *Answer me when I call to You, O my righteous God. Give me relief from*

and whose feet are like burnished bronze, (Revelation 2:18). God was commenting on the eight churches. He alone can search our hearts. We pray to have our hearts fixed on Him. **9-11 Keystone Farm Show, York, PA, Jerry Rice**

10. *The man (Adam) said, this is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh, she shall be called woman, for she was taken out of man, (Genesis 2:23).* God has formed and equipped men and women for jobs but for the same goal...honoring God. We pray to know there is no reason for thinking one sex is better than the other. **Please pray for our farmers as they make plans for another year.**

11. *The elders of Israel will listen to you (Moses). Then you and the elders are to go to the king of Egypt and say to him, The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Let us take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the Lord our God, (Exodus 4:18).* God was giving Moses specific orders for getting the Israelites out of Egypt. We pray to listen for God's direction for our lives. **12-13 Northern Louisiana AG EXPO, West Monroe, LA, Jeff Goss.**

12. *He (God) said Speak to the Israelites and say to them, when any of you brings an offering to the Lord, bring as your offering an animal from either the herd or the flock, (Leviticus 1:1-2).* An offering is often considered a gift to God out of an overflowing heart of praise. A sacrifice is often thought of as asking for forgiveness of sin. We pray to have a heart of offerings and sacrifices of praise. **12-13 KNID Agri Fest, Enid, OK, Jerry Rice**

13. *But Moses and Aaron fell face down and cried out, O God, God of the spirits of all mankind, will You be angry with the entire assembly when only one-man sins, (Numbers 16:22).* Korah and a small group of his followers revolted against Moses and Aaron. God was going to kill all the Israelites, but Moses and Aaron responded quickly with their prayers. We pray that God will open the earth and let it swallow those who persecute the righteous...especially the children. **13-14 Florida Manatee Festival, Crystal River, FL, Bill Brown**

14. *Do not be afraid of any man, for judgment belongs to God. Bring me (Moses) any case too hard for you, and I will hear it. And at that time, I told you everything you were to do, (Deuteronomy 1:17-18).* Moses had divided the people into groups with judges over them. He had chosen them and charged them to be and act with

wisdom, understanding and respect. We pray to be people who are above reproach. **14-16 Quad Cities Farm Equipment Show, Richard Larabee**

15. *I (God) will give you (Joshua) every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates, all the Hittite country to the Great Sea on the west, (Joshua 1:3-4).* Moses was dead and Joshua was now the leader appointed by God to take over the leadership of the Israelites. God was reaffirming His promises to Joshua. We pray to listen as God reaffirms us over and over as we conquer new territory in our lives. **Please pray for Nancy... she is in the last stages of a degenerative muscle disease...pray for her family as well.**
16. *As Moses had promised, Hebron was given to Caleb, who drove from it the three sons of Anak. The Benjamites, however, failed to dislodge the Jebusites who were living in Jerusalem, to this day the Jebusites live there with the Benjamites, (Judges 1:20-21).* God had told His people to drive out or kill all the peoples in Canaan. They failed to do so in several places. We pray to not let spiritual apathy keep us from doing what we know is right. **16-18 Fort Wayne Farm Show, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Jeremy Stout**
17. *Boaz asked the foreman of his harvesters, whose young woman is that? The foreman replied, she is the Moabitess who came back from Moab with Naomi. She said, please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the harvesters. She went into the field and has worked steadily from morning till now, except for a short rest in the shelter, (Ruth2;5-7).* Ruth stood out among the other workers. Boaz had already heard of her good deeds to Naomi. Our reputations really do precede us. We pray to be people who stand up and out for good. **17-18 Nebraska Farm Show, Norfolk, NE, Don Walmsely**
18. *But to Hannah he (Elkanah, her husband) he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the Lord had closed her womb, (1Samuel 1:5).* Elkanah had two wives, one with children and Hannah without children. Hannah mourned and the other wife provoked her. Without her understanding at the time God had a plan for Hannah and her future child. We pray to understand our timing and God's timing are not the same. **18-20 Virginia Farm Show, Fishersville, VA, Michael Steele**
19. *They buried Abner in Hebron, and the king (David) wept aloud at Abner's*

tomb. All the people wept also, (2 Samuel 4:32). Abner and Joab had a long-standing dispute but both were loyal to David. Joab finally killed Abner. David did not take revenge on Joab at the time because of many reasons. We pray to know that quarreling and disputes only bring more trouble. **Please pray for Mrs. Glaze. Her hip replacement needs to be replaced and she is nearly 90 and doesn't want to go through the surgery.**

20. *Then King David said, "Call in Bathsheba. So, she came into the king's presence and stood before him. The king then took an oath, as surely as the Lord lives, who has delivered me out of every trouble, I will surely carry out today what I swore to you by the Lord, the God of Israel: Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he will sit on my throne in my place, (1Kings 1:20-30).* King David's sons were always seeking to usurp his power. But God had the answer in Solomon and King David obeyed that. We pray to listen to God speaking to us through His Holy Spirit. **Please pray for caregivers of those who can't help themselves for one reason or another.**
21. *Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy, (2Kings 5:1).* A young captive girl from Israel told Naaman's wife that Elisha could heal him. We never know what simple words of faith we speak can mean in our own and other's lives. We pray to speak out in faith, especially to unbelievers. **Please pray for rain to refresh our land and fill our ponds during this down time.**
22. *So, the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul, king of Assyria (that is, Tiglath-Pileser King of Assyria", who took the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh into exile, (1Chronicles 5:26).* These tribes were filled with good people in good standing, but they had disobeyed God. He gave them years to get it right but they never did and so he allowed them to be held captive. Some never returned home even after their time of captivity was over. We pray to be more concerned with obeying God than fitting in with others. **Please pray for guidance during this election year as to whom you should cast your vote for.**
23. *The foundation Solomon laid for building the temple of God was sixty cubits long and twenty cubits wide (using the cubit of the old standard). The portico at the front of the temple was twenty cubits long across*