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FCFI Prayer Guide - October 2023

1. *The angel answered, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true to their proper times, (Luke 1:19,20). The angel had told Zechariah he and Elizabeth would have a child in their old age. It is easy to understand his doubt. We pray to lay doubt aside when God gives us a mission. **Harwinton Fair, Harwinton, CT, Bill Brown***
2. *Nazareth! Can anything good come from there? Nathanael asked. Come and see, said Philip. When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, He said of him, here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false. How do You know me? Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you, (John 1:46-48). Nathanael was doubtful until he met Jesus' face to face. Thankfully he took that step and didn't hold on to his prejudiced attitude. We pray to witness to other and we pray they will accept Jesus as their savior. **2-3 Vendor Fair, Teel Farms, Barneveld, NY, Bill Brown***
3. *Indeed, all the prophets from Samuel on, as many as have spoken, have foretold these days. And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed. When God raised up His servant (Jesus) He sent Him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways, (Acts 3:24-26). God intended for the Jews to be a separate nation. He foretold hundreds of years earlier that Jesus was coming... instead of embracing Him the leaders rejected Him. We pray to step out in faith and proclaim Jesus as the way to Salvation. **Please pray for***

Cliff's grandson, Bryden, he broke his neck in a diving accident and has a long road of healing, please pray for complete healing.

4. *As it is written God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you, (Romans 2:24). The Jewish leaders prided themselves in following the law but failed to follow God in their hearts. The same can be said of many Christians today. We pray our lives reflect Christ and thus draw others to Him and not push them away. **Please join Anne and Kevin in prayer for Anya, a three-year-old girl with E. coli and other infections.***
5. *But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with Him in spirit, (1Corinthians 6:17). We are not supposed to live life alone. We must be careful to whom we unite ourselves with. We are influenced by those we hang with. We pray to be united in Christ and let our actions say so. **Please pray for Roger and families as they grieve the death of his wife.***
6. *We implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God, (2Corinthians 5:20-21). This one verse sums up the whole Bible...We are made to be in a relationship with God but are separated because of our sin. Christ took our sin upon Himself. We are now new creations in Christ...our only righteousness. We pray to be reconciled to God through Jesus our Salvation. **6-8 Ozark Fall Farm-fest, Springfield, MO, Jeff Goss***
7. *Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the Gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel, other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned, (Galatians 1:7,8). False prophets have been around as long as humanity has. There is only one Gospel. Jesus Christ and He crucified, dead, buried and risen! We pray to be grounded in our faith through Christ Jesus. **Wintergreen Harvest Festival, Canajoharie, NY, Bill Brown***
8. *In Him (Christ) we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will, (Ephesians 1:11). God's plan is for us to accept His gift of salvation through Jesus. He works that out in our lives in His time and purpose. We pray to be open to God's plan in our lives even if at times it is hectic and chaotic. **6-8 Riverton Fair, Riverton, CT, Bill Brown***
9. *I am torn between the two, I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far, but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body, (Philippians 1:23,24). Our natural desire is to remain here as long as possible. Our spiritual desire is to go on and be with the Lord. If we are here, we pray to share the Gospel with others in order they too can be united with the Lord when their worldly journey is over. **9-10 Tioga County Early Days, Whitneyville, PA, Michael Steele***

*riches and honor, so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in My ways and obey my commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life, (1 Kings 3:13,14). God came to Solomon in a dream and offered him his heart's desire. Solomon chose wisdom and God added Riches and honor and long life if Solomon kept God's commands. We pray for discernment and in that we will be rich in many ways. **28-29 Pioneer Days, Lake Wales, FL, Bill Brown***

30. *What can be done for her (the Shunammite woman)? Elisha asked. Gehazi said, "Well, she has no son, and her husband is old. Then Elisha said, "Call her. So, he called her, and she stood in the doorway. About this time next year, Elisha said, you will hold a son in your arms. No, my lord, she objected. Don't mislead your servant, O man of God! But the woman became pregnant, and the next year about that same time she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her, (2 Kings 4:14-17). This miracle shows us a tender and loving God when so much of the Old Testament is filled with wars and killings. The Shunammite woman showed Elisha a kindness and it was repaid to her. We pray to spread kindness like sowing seeds in the wind. Wherever it lands it will sprout and grow. **Please pray for hearts to be guided to financially support FCFI ministries.***
31. *The sons of Judah: Er, Onan, and Shelah. These there were born to him by a Canaanite woman, the daughter of Shua. Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the Lord's sight, so the Lord put him to death, (1Chronicles 2:3,4). Generations later this is all we know of Er. Each of us is making a reputation for ourselves. How we live will determine how we are remembered. We pray to develop personal qualities that will glorify God and be remembered as a tribute to us. **Please pray for those who are going through life altering changes in their lives.***

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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and all who belong to them, and that you will save us from death, (Joshua 2:12,13). Rahab was a remarkable woman. She heard the truth and believed it. And acted on it. Many today hear the same Good News about God but stop short of accepting and acting on it. We pray to understand our God is all powerful and all wise. **Please pray for the safety of our farm families as harvest season is going full blast.**

25. *They (the new generation of Israelites) followed and worshiped various gods of the peoples around them. They provoked the Lord to anger because they forsook Him and served Baal and the Ashtoreth, (Judges 2: 12,13).* Soon after the generation that took over the Promised Land were dead; their families began to assimilate into the culture of the peoples they were supposed to have driven out of the land...gods and all. We pray to stand strong, stand out, and make a difference. **Please pray for the prices of commodities to go up and stay up so our farm families can feed and clothe us and make a decent living doing so.**
26. *When Boaz had finished eating and drinking and was in good spirits, he went over to lie down at the far end of the grain pile. Ruth approached quietly, uncovered his feet, and lay down. In the middle of the night something startled the man, and he turned and discovered a woman lying at his feet. Who are you? He asked, (Ruth 3:7-9).* Foreign customs to Ruth and us but known to the Jews of the time. Ruth was basically asking Boaz to take care of her and Naomi. We pray to be a person who helps others and gives helpful information to those in need. **Please pray for our country and that God will guide us as to whom we should vote for as election rhetoric is broadcast 24/7 for the next year.**
27. *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, (1 Samuel 2:35).* Greed has changed a lot of well-meaning people into selfish self-centered individuals. Elis's sons were prime examples. We pray to leave greed out of our lives. **28 Apple Fest Congregation Church, Salem CT, Bill Brown**
28. *All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, we are your own flesh and blood. In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the Lord said to you, you will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler, (2Samuel 5:1,2).* David had already been anointed king by God but had honored Saul if he was alive. He then was crowned king over Judah and now king over Israel as a whole. We pray to be diligent and yet, patient as we work out our calling of God on our lives. **Watson Light the Night, Milton, PA, Michael Steele**
29. *Moreover, I(God) will give you (Solomon) what you have not asked for, both*
10. *If you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the Gospel. This is the Gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant, (Colossians 1:23).* Once we become reconciled to God through Jesus, Paul admonishes us to stand firm. We pray that our faith will set us free from doubts, fears and a wishy-washy relationship with Christ. **Please pray for Doug and Cindy as he goes through long term cancer treatments.**
11. *Paul, Silas, Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, you labor prompted by love and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, (1Thessalonians 1:1-3).* A church planted in a thriving passage of the world and yet the young in spirit Christians were working out their faith with love, hope, and endurance. We pray to find where God is working and join Him there in love hope and endurance. **Please pray for Butch's wife. She hurt her foot and ankle.**
12. *The sins of some men are obvious, reaching the place of judgment ahead of them, the sins of others trail behind them. In the same way, good deeds are obvious, and even those that are not cannot be hidden, (1Timothy 5:24,25).* Paul instructs the Church to choose leaders carefully because sometimes their sins are not obvious ...the same with good deeds... eventually all deed, good or bad, will come out into the open. We pray to make wise decisions as they will follow us for a lifetime. **Please pray for families with issues...every day we encounter hurting people from all walks of life.**
13. *But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, noy lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them, (2Timothy 3:1-5).* Wow sums up our days completely. We pray to be a light in this dark world, giving the hope that is in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. **Please pray for the FCFI schedules and events...pray for workers and for souls as they hear the Good News through the Walking Stick ministry.**
14. *Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus sends you greetings, (Philemon 23).* Epaphras was the founder of the Colossian church and worked to hold it together through the persecution of the Believers. Like Paul, even in prison he was preaching the Gospel and encouraging the saints. We pray to not get discouraged in times of persecution. We pray to reach out to others and encourage them and thus encourage

ourselves. **Please pray for the mission trips scheduled through the year as people with willing and giving hearts go out and minister to others in need.**

15. *When God made His promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for Him to swear by, He swore by Himself, saying, I will surely bless you and give you many descendants, (Hebrews 6:13,14).* God's promises are unchanging and trustworthy. His timing is also His own. We pray to be patient as God works in our lives, even though at times it seems He has forgotten us. **15-16 Fulton Fall Folk Festival, McConnelsville, PA, Bill Brown**
16. *Don't be deceived my dear brothers. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, (James 1:16,17).* God is good...all the time. We are not self-made men and women. God gives the increase. We pray to do our part by making wise choices even as we as God to bless us. **Please give a shout of halleluiah for all the answered prayers and for the goodness of God.**
17. *Trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them (prophets of old) was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow, (1Peter 1:11).* The prophets of the Old Testament predicted Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection but did not see it firsthand. Their desire was to know more about it, but these acts were not to be in their time. We pray to rest assured that God has a plan and even if we can't see it or understand it, God will work it to our good and His glory. **17-19 Sunbelt Agriculture Expo, Moultrie GA, Bill Brown**
18. *As for you, the anointing you received from Him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But, as His anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit, just as it has taught you, remain in Him, (1John 2:27).* True Believers have the Holy Spirit in them, teaching a rebuking as we go about our business daily. That anointing and covering is real and never leaves us as we remain in Christ. We pray to cherish our anointing of wisdom and glory for Christ Jesus. **Please pray for families who have lost the matriarch and patriarch of their families. We have had five deaths of 90's women in less than two weeks in our area. These were all fine Christian women who held their families together with Christian love.**
19. *Therefore, rejoice in your heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short, (Revelation 12:12).* We see the devil's handiwork everywhere and recognize him as an enemy. We also know the rest of the story. We pray to give a shout of Halleluiah that the battle has already been won and we just must wait till our time

is done. **Please pray for a great awakening in our country and the world over as people come in droves to know the Lord as Savior and Lord of their lives.**

20. *But the Lord inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram's wife Sarai, (Genesis 12:17).* Abrahams was good but he wasn't perfect. He was afraid Pharaoh would kill him and his people if he said Sarai, was his wife. Trusting God in times of stress is one way we can honor His name. We pray not to be afraid in times of stress and uncertainty but to place our faith in a never-changing Father. **Please pray specifically for salvation for men who are husbands, fathers, and grandfathers today. They have such a significant impact on the family, good or bad.**
21. *The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. God heard their groaning, and He remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. So, God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them, (Exodus 2:23-25).* Moses had fled Egypt as a prince and was living in the dessert as a shepherd. God was teaching him many things he would need in days to come when leading the Israelites in the dessert. We pray to know when things don't seem to go our way that God is preparing us for something different. **Mt. Ephriam Baptist Church Family Day, Arcadia, FL, Bill Brown**
22. *Every grain offering you bring to the Lord must be made without yeast, for you are not to burn any yeast or honey in an offering made to the Lord by fire, (Leviticus 2:11).* Yeast represented sin in the Bible...a little would multiply and grow affecting the whole portion of bread, just as a little sin affects everything in our lives. We pray to keep the working of sin out of our lives. **21-22 Hellers Orchard Apple Festival, Wapwallopen, PA, Michael Steele**
23. *There on the mountain you (Moses) have climbed you will die and be gathered to your people, just as your brother Aaron died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people, (Deuteronomy 32:50).* Moses had been leading the Israelites for 40 years in the desert and now it was his time to die. Because he and Aaron had disobeyed God, they were not able to enter the promised land with the people. We pray to do our best to obey God's Word. **Please pray specifically for Salvation for women today who are wives, mothers, and grandmothers. They have a great influence on their families, both good and bad.**
24. *Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Ge me a sure sign that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters,*