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FCFI Prayer Guide - December 2023

1. *For God, who said, Let light shine out of darkness, made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ, (2Corinthians 4:6).* Our inner light that reflects Jesus in our hearts should shine on our faces. We pray to be the light of Christ in a dark world. **Please pray for Carol...she prays for good health and to be used for God.**
2. *You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ, (Galatians 3:26-27).* We as Believers have laid aside the old clothes of the law and have put on Christ's new robe of righteousness. We pray to know who we are in Christ. **Benton Winter Fest Benton, PA, Michael Steele**
3. *God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus, (Ephesians 2:6-7).* As baptized Christians we are raised up different people and are already seated in heavenly places spiritually. We pray to live out our spiritual blessings daily. **Please pray for Eric as he has a back injury that surgery can't heal.**
4. *Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness, (Philippians 2:5-7).* Jesus did not give

up His deity to become human, but He did set aside the right to His glory and power. We humans set aside our rights and wants to live as Christ did. We pray to have the attitude of Christ. **Please pray for the Williams Family... they lost their patriarch to cancer in a short time and during harvest time.**

5. *Therefore, do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come, the reality, however is found in Christ, (Colossians 2:16-17).* Believers should focus on faith in Christ alone. Though our worship, traditions and ceremonies can help bring us close to God, we should remember that others feel just as close with different forms of worship, traditions, and ceremonies. We pray to focus on Christ alone. **5-7 Nebraska AG EXPO, Lincoln, NE, Jeff Goss**
6. *May He strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all His holy ones, (1Thessalonians 3:13).* Our goal as Christians is to glorify God and we are able to do that as we allow Him to strengthen our hearts through reading His Word. We pray to be Bible readers. **Please pray for families...many people are struggling in all areas of life during these tumultuous times.**
7. *Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored just as it was with you, (2Thessalonians 3:1).* As we are filled daily with the Holy Spirit, we shall be honored to share the Good News of Christ. We pray to be those who reach out to others. **7-9 Tulsa Farm Show, Tulsa, OK, Jeff Goss**
8. *The record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham, (Matthew 1:1).* The New Testament starts out by telling us who Jesus is. We pray to show others who Jesus is to us by sharing our testimony. **Please pray for our children...so many hurting during the Christmas season.**
9. *The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in Isaiah the prophet: I will send my messenger ahead of You, who will prepare Your way...a voice of one calling in the desert, Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him, (Mark 1:1-3).* John the Baptist was born with a purpose well defined, even if he didn't realize it at the time. We pray to remember as Christians we, too, have a purpose. **Please pray we keep the real meaning of Christmas in our spirits as we hurry and scurry at Christmas time.**

wisdom as FCFI makes plans for 2024 and that God will provide the necessary funds.

29. *When they (Magi) had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up", he said, "take the child and His mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the Child to kill Him"; (Matthew 1:3).* This was the second dream that Joseph received from God. We pray to be receptive to God's guidance. **Please pray for traveling safety for those on the road this holiday season.**
30. *After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead"; (Matthew 2:19).* Joseph had taken baby Jesus and Mary to Egypt because of a dream and then took them back to Israel because of a dream. We pray to be discerners of God's Word. **Please pray for Linda...she is suddenly separated from her love, her home, her pets through no fault of her own...her Mom died just before all this happened as well.**
31. *So, he (Joseph) got up, took the Child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, "He will be called a Nazarene"; (Matthew 2:21-23).* We pray to listen for God's direction in our lives. **New Year's Eve. Please pray that people will not make bad decisions tonight that will cost them and others much.**

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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a manger, (Luke 2: 15-16). The shepherds wasted no time in going to see Jesus. We pray to be excited about the birth of our Savior. **Christmas Eve...please pray for a great awakening in our world about Christ.**

25. *When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this Child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them, (Luke 2: 17-18).* The shepherds didn't keep the "Good News" a best kept secret and neither should we. We pray to share the Good News to all we come in contact with...with word or deed. Christmas Day. **Please pray for a time of sharing the real meaning of Christmas.**
26. *After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship Him", (Matthew 2:1-2).* There are many explanations as to who the "wise men" were and how many of them came and from where they came. God left all of that a mystery. The only thing we need to know is that wise men seek Him and rejoice when they find Him. When we encounter our Salvation, we want to give the best back to Him. We pray a prayer of adoration and praise to the Babe born in a manger and to the King of kings! **Please pray to have a spirit of praise and a song on our lips.**
27. *But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel, (Matthew 2:6).* Matthew was quoting the Old Testament prophet Micah...5:2. Most religious leaders believed the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. They should have been seeking Him themselves, rather they became His worst enemy. We pray to recognize when God is working in our lives. **Please pray to be usable by God.**
28. *After they heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the Child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the Child with His mother, Mary, and the bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh, (Matthew 2:9-11).* The magi sacrificed time and money to be able to worship the King. They brought gifts worthy for a king. We pray to give God all we have...time, talents, and treasure... for it is He who gave us these gifts in the first place. As we prepare to start a whole new year please pray for God's direction and protection. **Please pray for**
10. *And you, my child, (John the Baptist) will be called a prophet of the Most High, for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for Him, to give His people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace. And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he lived in the desert until he appeared publicly to Israel, (Luke 1:76-80).* Zechariah, John the Baptist's father, prophesied about him and Jesus before either was born. We pray to know that each of us has a role to play in the salvation story. **Please pray that many hearts will be opened to the story of Christ's birth, death, and resurrection as the awe and wonder of Christmas begins to unfold.**
11. *This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother, Mary, was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit, (Matthew 1:18).* We pray to celebrate the birth season rather than the buying season. **Please pray for the homeless during this cold season**
12. *God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. (Luke 1:26).* Mary was young, poor, and female. In her day this would have made her unusable. We pray to trust God when He gives us a mission. **12-14 Indiana Farm Equipment and Technology EXPO, Indianapolis, Dennis Schlager**
13. *The angel went to her and said, Greetings, you are highly favored! The Lord is with you, (Luke 1:28).* When Gabriel appeared, he always brought important news. We pray to live lives that will makes us be "highly favored" by God. **Please pray for those who will not be home for the holidays.**
14. *But the angel said to her, Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son and you are to give Him the name Jesus, (Luke 1: 30-31).* God's favor does not automatically bring instant success, but it does bring great reward. We pray to wait on God's plan for our lives and trust Him even when the task scares us. **Please pray for those who are grieving...the holidays compound their grief.**
15. *How can this be, Mary asked the angel, since I am a virgin. The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God, (Luke 1: 34-35).* Jesus was born holy. We pray to call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to save us from our sins.

Please Pray for Randy...his mobility is getting slower and slower compounded by visual decline.

16. *Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God,* (Luke 1:36-37). Mary hurried to see Elizabeth because she needed confirmation and comfort from someone who understood God's miracles. We pray to be open to God using us in miraculous ways. **Please pray for our farmers as they come to the end of the year that they have had a successful year and will be able to pay their bills and farm again another year.**
17. *"I am the Lord's servant, Mary answered. May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her,* (Luke 1:38). Mary was young and I am sure was afraid...however she chose to believe and obey God's will for her life. We pray to be open to the direction God chooses for our lives. **17-18 McCook Farm and Ranch Show, McCook, NE, Jeff Goss**
18. *Because Joseph was a righteous man and did not want to expose her (Mary) to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly,* (Matthew 1:19). Joseph was faced with a difficult decision when he learned Mary was pregnant. He could have her stoned or divorce her quietly. God gave him another option. We pray to be open to God's guidance in our lives and supportive to the calling of others. **Please pray that as Christians we will let our actions this season be a drawing card to Christ.**
19. *But after he (Joseph) had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."* (Matthew 1: 20-21). Jesus means "the Lord saves". Jesus came to earth to save people from our sins because we can't save ourselves. We pray to believe Jesus is the Immanuel, God with us. **Please pray for those who are away from their families this Christmas season...that God will send others to fill the emptiness in their hearts and lives.**
20. *When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son and he gave him the name Jesus,* (Matthew 1:24-25). Sometimes we avoid doing what is right because of what others might think. We pray to be like Joseph and choose to obey God rather than seek the approval of others. **Please pray for Michael...a man in his 50's who has all kind of health issues but goes 90 miles per hour day and night to get the job done.**
21. *In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. And everyone went to his own town to register. So, Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem in the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child,* (Luke 2:1-5). God controls all history. By the decree of Emperor Augustus, Jesus was born in the very town prophesied for His birth, even though His parents didn't live there. We pray to be open to seeing everything in our lives works for our good and God's glory. **Please pray for Ronnie...he is struggling with the aftermath of agent orange which has given him a form of bone cancer.**
22. *While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn,* (Luke 2:6-7). The Jews expected the Messiah to be born as a worldly king, instead God placed Him in a common, ordinary stable. So, the common, ordinary person would feel a connection to the King of kings. We pray to always have room for Jesus in our lives. **Please pray a special prayer for those struggling with the injustices of their world...pray they see they are loved by the Father.**
23. *And there were shepherds living in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you, you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger",* (Luke 2:8-12). Ironic that God would reveal to the shepherds, who probably supplied lambs for sacrifice in the temple, the perfect Lamb of God, who would take away the sins of all the world forever. We pray to be filled with awe and wonder at the Good News of Jesus. **Please pray to remember the naughty children need as much love and maybe more than the nice children.**
24. *The shepherds said to one another, Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about. So, they hurried and found Mary and Joseph and the baby, who was lying in*