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## FCFI Prayer Guide - July 2024

- Joshua said to the Israelites, come here and listen to the words of the Lord you God. This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that He will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites, (Joahua 3:9-10). God was telling the Israelites once again the land is theirs and He would help them run the people of the land elsewhere if they would obey Him and go conquer the land. We pray for God to go ahead of us and make a way for the things He has for us in our lives. Please pray for Tom. He is having surgery today to replace a most seriously compressed disc in his upper back/neck.
- 2. But Manasseh did not drive out the people of Beth Sham or Taanach or Dor or Ibleam or Megiddo and their surrounding settlements, for the Canaanites were determined to live in that land, (Judges 1:27). The Israelites had been fighting for a long time. Even though their goal was in sight they lacked the discipline and energy to reach it. They thought they would be better off to have these people as slaves than doing as God asked. We pray to follow God's guidelines for our lives. Please pray for Tom, he and his wife are having multiple health issues.
- 3. Wash and perfume yourself and put on your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor, but don't let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, note the place where he is lying. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down. He will tell you what to do, (Ruth 3:3-4). Naomi gave Ruth instructions on the customs of the land as to how to let Boaz know she was open to marriage. The result was that she is the great grandmother of King David and



thus in the linage of Jesus. We pray to leave a legacy worthy of being called a Christian. **3-4 Fort Plain 4th on the Weekend, Fort Plain, NY, Bill Brown** 

- 4. Therefore, the Lord, the God of Israel, declares I promised that your house and your father's house would minister before Me forever. But now the Lord declares: Far be it from Me! Those who honor Me I will honor, but those who despise Me will be disdained, (1Samuel 2:30). Eli was High Priest of Israel, but his sons were evil, using their father's position to do their evil deeds. Eli would not discipline them and so God did. We pray to examine our lives from time to time for any wicked ways in us and to cleanse them from our lives. JULY FOURTH... GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!
- 5. David again brough together out of Israel chosen men, thirty thousand in all. He and all his men set out from Baalah of Judah to bring up from there the Ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the Lord Almighty who is enthroned between the cherubim that are on the Ark, (2 Samuel 6: 1-2). The Ark was the most treasured thing in all of Israel. After being in captivity by the Philistines, it had been stored in a house and now David wanted it to be brought to Jerusalem so all of Israel would be blessed. We pray to honor the things of God. 4-7 Madison County Fair, Brookfield, NY, Bill Brown
- 6. He (Solomon) spoke three proverbs and his songs numbered a thousand and five. He described plant life, from the cedar of Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of walls. He also taught about animals and birds, reptiles and fish. Men of all nations came to listen to Solomon's wisdom, sent by all the kings of the world, who had heard of his wisdom, (1Kings 4:32-34). God had blessed Solomon with wisdom and as he followed God's guidelines Israel was blessed with peace, security and prosperity as a nation. We pray to seek and use the wisdom God gives us to bless His holy name. **Cheddar Cheese Festival, Adam, NY, Dave Porter**
- 7. The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, do you know that the Lord is going to take your master (Elijah) from you today? "Yes, I know," said Elisha, but do not speak of it, (2 Kings 2:3). Elijah the great prophet of God was going to be no more, and Elisha was going to take his place...he would not leave his master. We pray to be loyal to those who are in authority over us. **4-7 Four Seasons Craft and Flea Market, Carleton, MN, Pete Singer.....Cowlesville Flea Market, Cowlesville, NY, Bill Brown**
- 8. Altogether, those chosen to be gatekeepers at the thresholds numbered 212. They were registered by genealogy in their villages.

men and livestock in it. And I will be a wall of fire around it, declares the Lord, and I will be its glory within, (Zechariah 2:3-5). Exile was over and many people had come home to Jerusalem. They worked and then stopped working on rebuilding the walls and the Temple. Zechariah was encouraging them to start work again. We pray for God to be a wall of protection around us and ours and for Him to be our Glory. **7/27-8/03 Clinton County Fair, Mill Hall, PA, Doc Devoe** 

- 30. Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in His presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored His name, (Malachi 3:16). When we see the world around us going the way of destruction, we need to join ourselves to other Believers and talk of the goodness of God. God's remnant needs to stand out and stand up in love, honor and respect of Him. We pray to be among the faithful few. **Please pray for our country.**
- 31. As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, this is My Son, whom I love, with Him I am well pleased, (Matthew 3:16-17). Here we see God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit... Three in One. We pray to recognize even if we do not understand all of God's mysteries. God the Father is like the ball of fire in the sky we call the sun. God the Son is like the light from that ball of fire we call the sun. God the Holy Spirit is like the heat from that ball of fire we call the sun. All the same and all different. Please pray for the rain to come as needed for our farmers and please pray for no volatile weather this growing season.

## **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) 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 Dan Janzen (email: fellowship@fcfi. org) at the FCFI office.

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houses adorned with ivory will be destroyed and the mansions will be demolished, declares the Lord, (Amos 3:14-15). The altars represented a place of protection, security and refuge. God is taking away this privilege from the Jews...judgment was coming, and they would have no way of escape. We pray not to be hypocrites. **24-26 FCFI Annual Conference, IA** 

- 25. When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Johan's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, it would be better for me to die than to live, (Jonah 4:8). Jonah was angry over the withering vine but not the lost souls in Nineveh. We sometimes are more concerned for our comfort than for our lost family members and neighbors. We pray to be in constant prayer for the lost around us to come to Jesus. Please pray for Ronnie's family. He fell off his roof and passed as the result...he was caregiver for his mother and wife and in love with his grandchildren.
- 26. Listen to what the Lord says: Stans up, plead your case before the mountains, let the hills hear what you have to say. Hear, O mountains, the Lord's accusation, listen to you everlasting foundations of the earth. For the Lord has a case against His people, He is lodging a charge against Israel, (Micah 6:1-2). God continues to warn and rebuke His people through the prophet Micah. God is using pastors today to warn and rebuke us as well. We pray to repent and turn to the Lord God Almighty. **26-28 Lebanon County Fair, Lebanon, CT, Bill Brown**
- 27. He (God) rebukes the sea and dries it up, He makes all the rivers run dry. Bashan and Carmel wither and the blossoms of Lebanon fade, (Nahum 1:4). Over and over God's prophets warn His people. We need to heed these same warnings because our world today has turned to the same self- destructive actions. We pray to stay faithful to our God and not fall into the actions of the world around us. 27-28 Milwaukee Air and Water Show, Milwaukee, WI, Dave Adams
- 28. In the second year of King Darius, on the first day of the sixth month, the Word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest, (Haggai 1:1). Work on rebuilding the Temple had been on halt for 15 years. Haggai was encouraging them to trust in God and start work again. We pray to be steadfast in the work the Lord has called us to do. Please pray for our farmers...they are in full force with this year's crops.
- 29. Then the angel who was speaking to me (Zechariah) left, and another angel came to meet him and said to him, Run, tell that young man, Jerusalem will be a city without walls because of the great number of

They and their descendants oversaw guarding the gates of the house of the Lord, the house called the Tent, (1Chronicles 9: 22-23). These gatekeepers oversaw security and also mundane tasks of keeping everything ready for worship so the people could spend their time in worship and not worrying about having to take care of the Tent of Meeting. We pray to prepare to meet our God in worship without distractions.10-14 Texas State FFA Convention, Dallas, TX, Art Free

- 9. He (Solomon) overlaid the inside with pure gold. He paneled the main hall with pine and covered it with fine gold and decorated it with palm tree and chain designs. He adorned the Temple with precious stones. And the gold he used was gold of Parvaim. He overlaid the ceiling beams, doorframes, walls and doors of the Temple with gold, and he carved cherubim on the walls, (2 Chronicles 3:4-7). Solomon used only the best when building and decorating the Temple. We pray to give our best to the Lord in our time of worship, in spirit and in our own decorations of body. 9-12 Stick Workdays, Marcy, NY, Bill Brown...30,000 will be waiting for workers!!!
- 10. Do not interfere with the work on this Temple of God. Let the governor of the Jews and the Jewish elders rebuild this house of God on its site, (Ezra 6:7). King Darius had given his permission for the Jews who so desired to return to Jerusalem and help rebuild the Temple. Certain people in the area tried everything to stop the building process. But King Darius was firm in his command. We pray to be helpers of the building of God's kingdom here on earth and not those that try to hinder kingdom work. 7-13 Logan County Fair, Bellefontaine, OH, Bill Nichols
- 11. But then Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the men of Ashdod heard that the repairs to Jerusalem's walls had gone ahead and that the gaps were being closed, they were very angry. They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it. But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat, (Nehemiah 4:7-9). Because each section was being completed by one person and then another, the wall was being built in a hurry. Opposition is always standing in the way of progress. Nehemiah combined work with prayer and the people kept right on working. We pray to remember our calling and rely on God's protection to get the job done. 11-14 North Stonington Fair, North Stonington, CT, Bill Brown
- 12. Also let the king give her (Vashti) royal position to someone else who is better than she. Then when the king's edict is proclaimed throughout all his vast realm, all the women will respect their husbands, from the least to the greatest, (Esther 1:19-20). Queen Vashti disobeyed her

husband, King Xerxes. He had to find a way to discipline her and set an example. God's plans often don't make sense at the time of upheaval. But He was planning for Esther to be able to save the Jews when the time was right. We pray to hold on to our faith when all around us the world is going crazy. 11-14 Two Cylinder EXPO, Canandaigua, NY, Bill Brown

- 13. But if it were I, I would appeal to God, I would lay my cause before Him. He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted, (Job 5:8-9). When we are lambasted by others, we should first appeal to God rather than reacting in rage. We pray to lay our petitions before God and let Him correct the wrong in His time. Anoka Riverfest, Anoka, MN, Singer
- 14. The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted by God my Savior! He is the God who avenges me, who subdues nations under me, who saves me from my enemies, (Psalm 18:466-47). Our country seems doomed, but we can still Praise the Lord because He is in control. We pray to use our time and talents in spreading God's Word and Good News as we are a blessing to Him and others. **10-20 Lycoming County Fair, Hughesville, PA, Doc Devoe**
- 15. Long life is in her (Wisdom) right hand, in her left hand are riches and honor, (Proverbs 3:16). Wisdom is more than knowledge. It is common sense put to good use. **We pray for wisdom for ourselves and those we love.**
- 16. Better a poor but wise youth than an old but foolish king who no longer knows how to take warning, (Ecclesiastes 4:13). God's love never changes but people are fickle. We pray to work for God's blessings rather than man's approval. **16-21 Benton Rodeo, Benton, PA, Doc Devoe**
- 17. Hear, Oheavens! Listen, Oearth! For the Lord has spoken I reared children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against me, (Isaiah 1:1). God gave Israel prosperity, but they abused it by turning away from Him and worshiping idols. Now he is giving them warnings through Isaiah. We pray to keep our eyes on Jesus, the merciful provider. Please pray for Wayne. He is a people person and has become a shut in because of health issues.
- 18. Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be terrified by them, or I will terrify you before them, (Jeremiah 1:17). God's promise to Jeremiah and to us is that nothing will defeat us if we put our assurance in that God will be with us and see us through. We pray to trust in God in the trying times of our lives. 18-21 Lamoille County Fair, Johnson, VT, Fleming.

- 19. How the Lord has covered the daughter of Zion with the cloud of His anger. He has hurled down the splendor of Israel from heaven to earth. He has not remembered His footstool in the day of His anger, (Lamentations 1:22). God had warned and warned Israel about their sin. Now he is going to punish them because they didn't listen and turn away from their sinful ways. We pray to be vigilant in keeping our hearts and lives in accordance with God's will. **18-21 Lumberjack Days, Stillwater, MN Singer**
- 20. Therefore, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: You have been more unruly than the nations around you and have not followed My decrees or kept My laws. You have not even conformed to the standards of the nations around you, (Ezekiel 5:7). The people of Israel were so wicked that were worse that the pagan people living around them. We pray for our hearts to be in the God's will and then our actions to follow. **18-21 Plain City Old Fashioned Threshers, Plain City, OH, Bill Nichols**
- 21. When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, had gone out to put to death the wise men of Babylon, Daniel spoke to him with wisdom and tact. He asked the king's officer, why did the king issue such a harsh decree? Arioch then explained the matter to Daniel. At this, Daniel went in to the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him, (Daniel 2:14-16). Daniel could easily have let all the wise men die. Instead, he asked to go before the king and plead for time to be able to interpret the dream. Then he and his friends prayed. We pray to go to God in prayer rather than panic when times are hard. Prayer renews our hope. **Please pray for Richard, he recently had to make the hard decision to take his wife of 50 years off the ventilator.**
- 22. I (God) will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion. I will betroth you in faithfulness and you will acknowledge the Lord, (Hosea 2:19-20). God is assuring Israel of His never- ending love for them as they repent and come back to Him. We pray to never forget our first love. 22-27 Troy Fair, Troy, PA, Michael Steele
- 23. Let the nations be roused, let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the nations on every side, (Joel 3:12). Look in the mirror and then look all around you and then think of all the people who have come before you...all will be judged. God will be our refuge and stronghold or our greatest fear. We pray to honor God with our hearts and our lives. 22-27 Montour De Long Fair, Dansville, PA, Doc Devoe
- 24. On the day I punish Israel for her sins, I will destroy the alters of Bethel, the horns of the altar will be cut off and fall to the ground, I will tear down the winter house along with the summer house, the