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## FCFI Prayer Guide - August 2024

1. *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). There were no 24- hour news shows in Jesus' day. When an important event or person was on the way someone was sent ahead to "prepare the way" by shouting and proclaiming what was about to take place. John the Baptist was the one who would announce the coming of Jesus. We pray to be ready to announce the Gospel to those around us. **1-3 Empire Farm Days, Pompey, NY, Bill Brown***
2. *The neighbors were all filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, What then is the child (John the Baptist) going to be: For the Lord's hand was with him, (Luke 1:65-66). Most times the events in our lives are ordinary and mundane, but sometimes they put us in the spotlight. We pray that mundane or eventful we will use each opportunity to be the forerunner of Jesus in the lives of others. **2-3 Rock the Lake, Lakeview, OH, Bill Nichols***
3. *For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save*

*the world through Him*, (John 3:16-17). Eternal life is not just an extension of our everyday, sometimes miserable, life. In eternity, there is the presence of perfect love. **Old Home Days, Vernon Center, NY, Bill Brown**

4. *Therefore my (King David) heart is glad and my tongue rejoices, my body also will live in hope*, (Acts 2:26). Peter was going back to Psalm 16 in his quote. He prophesied of Jesus' resurrection and our hope in eternal life because of that. We pray to rejoice in our times of doubt that Jesus is our eternal hope. **2-4 Eden Corn Festival, Eden, NY, Bill Brown**
5. *It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith*, (Romans 4:13). Abraham found favor with God by faith alone... long before there were other rituals and ceremonies. We pray to put our faith in Jesus Christ and Him alone. **1-5 Niagara County Fair, Lockport, NY, Bill Brown**
6. *Do not deceive yourselves. If any one of you thinks he is wise by the standards of this age,) he should become a fool so that he may become wise*, (1 Corinthians 3:18). If we become so world wise that it turns us from God then that is not wisdom but foolishness. We pray to seek the wisdom of God through His Holy Word and then the knowledge of man will be added as well. **4-10 West End Laurelton Fair, Laurelton, PA, Doc Devoe**
7. *Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set His seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come*, (2 Corinthians 1:21-22). When reading these verses, we should be assured again and again of our Salvation...and if you or yours have not made that profession of faith in Jesus as your Savior then these verses should convict you to fall on your knees in prayer. We pray first for conviction, forgiveness and then assurance. **6-8 Minnesota Farmfest, Redwood Falls, MN, Doug Peterson**
8. *But the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe*, (Galatians 3:22). God provided a way of escape from our sinful and separated from Him life. He sent His only Son to die in our rightful, sinful death and if we accept

29. *So, Joshua commanded the priests, Come up out of the Jordan. And the priests came up out of the river carrying the ark of the covenant of the Lord. No sooner had they set their feet on the dry ground than the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and ran at flood stage as before*, (Joshua 4:18). For the second time a body of water had been stopped by God. As the Israelites went into the Promised Land, past the Jordan they stopped to give tribute with an altar of 12 stones. We pray to set aside time to honor God in our own private times of worship. **8/28-9/2 Walworth County Fair, Elkhorn, WI, Dave Adams**
30. *Therefore, the Lord was very angry with Israel and said, because this nation has violated the covenant that I laid down for their forefathers and has not listened to me, I will no longer drive out therefore any of the nations that Joshua left when he died. I will use them to test Israel and see whether they will keep the way of the Lord and walk in it as their forefathers did*, (Judges 2:20-22). God was going to make it easy for Israel to conquer the Promised Land but they began immediately to disobey Him. So, He still considered them His chosen people but He no longer was going to make it easy for them. We pray to be obedient! **8/30-9/1 Montour Antique Farm Machinery Show, Danville, PA, Michael Steele**
31. *If a man sins against another man, God may mediate for him, but if a man sins against the Lord, who will intercede for him*, (1 Samuel 2:25). If we continue in sin, it can become a way of life just like any other addiction. We pray to repent and follow God's will for us. **8/30-9/1 West Liberty Labor Day Festival, West Liberty, IA, Bill Nichols**

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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@fcfi.org) at the FCFI office.

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reign with Christ will begin. We pray to not look at the everyday hinderances but to look toward the day of joining Christ forever.

**22-25 Brooklyn Fair, Brooklyn, CT, Bill Brown**

24. *Then the Lord said to Cain, Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door, it desires to have you, but you must master it,* (Genesis 4:6-7). When we are confronted with having done something wrong, we have two options...repent and do better or deny and get angry. Don't be like Cain. We pray to repent from our wrong doings. **Farmer's Market, Syracuse, NY, Bill Brown**
25. *Seven days passed after the Lord struck the Nile. Then the Lord said to Moses, Go to Pharaoh and say to him, This is what the Lord says, Let My people go, so that they may worship Me,* (Exodus 8:1). Stubbornness is really self-centered in disguise. Pharaoh wanted to rid of the plagues but he still wanted the Hebrews as slaves. Stubbornness toward God is disobedience. We pray to be obedient children of God. **Please pray for Freddie Weeks, he has been diagnosed with Plasma Cell Leukemia and needs lots of prayers.**
26. *Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God, I am the Lord,* (Leviticus 19:14). God's various laws were for the benefit of the poor and those not living in their natural habitat and for those with disabilities. We pray to help our friends and neighbors in need. **Please pray for Richard and Sally, they desire to be witnesses not matter their ages.**
27. *How can I curse those whom God has not cursed? How can I denounce those whom the Lord has not denounced* (Numbers 23:8). I/WE STAND WITH ISREAL! We pray for Israel. **27-29 Farm Progress Show, Boone, IA, Dennis Schlagel**
28. *Now, when the last of these fighting men among the people had died, the Lord said to me, Today you are to pass by the region of Moab at Ar. When you come to the Ammonites, do not harass them or provoke them to war, for I will not give you possession of any land belonging to the Ammonites. I have given it as a possession to the descendants of Lot,* (Deuteronomy 2:16-19). God was protecting the Ammonites and so Israel should honor that but not fighting them. We pray to be obedient when we often want to take matters into our own hands. **8/28-9/1 Sullivan County Fair, Forksville, PA, Doc DeVoe**

that in faith, He accepts us as though we had not sinned. We pray for forgiveness of our sin as we place our faith in Jesus our Lord and Him alone. **6-10 Addison County Fair, Vergennes, VT, Bill Brown**

9. *It was He (Jesus) who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,* (Ephesians 4:11). As a Believer we have spiritual gifts to be used to strengthen and encourage people and spread the Gospel. We pray to use our gifts to spread the Good News wherever we are. **9-11 CVAEMA Steam Show, Chambersburg, PA, Michael Steele**
10. *If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose,* (Philippians 2:1-2). These verses should encourage us to reach out in love and humility...if we have been encouraged and comforted so we should encourage and comfort others. We pray to be tender and compassionate. **Antioch Baptist Church Block Party, Williamsport, PA, Michael Steele**
11. *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving,* (Colossians 3:23-24). If we consider our work an act of worship to God then most of our problems and resentments would fade away. We pray to work without complaining. **Please pray for our farmers, for right rains at the right times.**
12. *For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet,* (1Thessalonians 5:7-8). Faith, love and hope should govern us as the body of Christ. We pray to wear them with humility as we go about our day, using self-control. **Please pray for our country as we gear up for the upcoming presidential election. Please vote your convictions and please be peaceful.**
13. *I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand, which is the distinguishing mark in all my letters. This is how I write. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all,* (2Thessalonians 3:17-18). Paul, after having been struck with the love of Jesus, preached and taught Jesus

Christ as our Savior and nothing more. We pray to live our lives accordingly. **13-15 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, Cadott, WI, Pastor Dave Adams**

14. *If you point these things (all things God created is good), you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, brought up in the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed, (1Timothy 4:6).* We should use the things God has created to glorify Him and for the good of others. We pray to use God's creation in a way pleasing to God. **Annual Steam, Gas and Threshing Show, Pinckneyville, IL, Jeff Goss**
15. *Instead, to suit their own desires they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths, (2Timothy 4:3-4).* Rather than jumping on the current trend of news, we are to remember the real Good News and stay with our eyes turned toward Jesus. We pray to not be easily swayed or fooled with new teachings unless they are based on Jesus and Him alone. **14-18 Kenosha County Fair, Wilmot, WI, Dennis Schlagel**
16. *Then they (older women) can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the Word of God, (Titus 2:4-5).* Subjection is not a word we like to hear in this time. Paul was not saying be a doormat, rather husband and wife need to be of one accord. We pray to be teachers and to be teachable through the Word of God. **16-17 Sunbury River Festival, Sunbury, PA, Doc Devoe**
17. *He (Onesimus) is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord, (Philemon 2:16).* Onesimus, a slave, had run away from Philemon. Paul was sending him back but asking Philemon to treat him as a fellow Believer and see him as a man as well as a slave. We pray to see people from God's view. **Roseboom Antique Show, Roseboom, NY, Bill Brown**
18. *This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be My people, (Hebrews 8:10).* God's new covenant was not through animal sacrifice but through the grace and love of Jesus Christ who sacrificed His life

for us. We pray to have faith to accept God's offer of Salvation. **16-18 Woodsmen's Field Days, Boonville, NY, Bill Brown**

19. *Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door, (James 5:9).* Shifting the blame to others is where society is today. We should all remember that God will judge each of us and there will be no shifting of blame on that day. We pray to accept responsibility in a reasonable and responsible way. **20-22 Dakota Fest, Mitchel, SD, Jeff Goss**
20. *They (unbelievers) think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you, (1Peter 4:4).* When we become Believers our old friends don't understand why we can't do and go the same as we did before. To make themselves look less bad they heap abuse on us as new Believers. We pray to make a clean break from ungodliness. **20-24 Northumberland County Fair, Doc Devoe and Pete Singer**
21. *Because I (Peter) know I will soon put it (his living body) aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things (Gospel truths), (2 Peter 1:14-15).* Learning is not a one-time thing...we need to be refreshed as we go along. We need to always be in God's Word and be with like-minded Christians refreshing our memories and learning how to put the information into everyday life. We pray to be open to learning and sharing the Gospel message. **21-24 Tri-State Antique Tractor Show, Bill Nichols**
22. *The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work, (1John 3:8).* As we accept Jesus as our Savior, we have become a new creation which blocks the devil's work in us...yes we can still sin but no longer has control over us...PTL!!! We pray to ask Jesus into our hearts and to live like a Believer. **21-25 Connecticut Valley Fair, Bradford, VT, Bill Brown**
23. *Great and marvelous are Your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are Your ways, King of the ages. Who will not fear You, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For You alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed, (Revelation 15:3-4).* The Song of the Lamb celebrates the deliverance of God's people from the power of Satan. Our eternal