

MAY 2024 – JULY 2024

Prayer Diary

MAY

Prayers for protection over families



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Sun 12 Father, we pray for the families who are still seeking refuge in Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh, the world's largest refugee settlement, having fled persecution in neighbouring Myanmar. We pray for comfort and peace.

Mon 13 Lord Jesus, today we pray for all families who have one or more members who have disabilities and are unable to access resources as a result. May you make a way for them to get the aids they need to achieve a better life.

Laxmi, aged six, is pictured with her mother Nankai at their home in Nepal, South Asia. Laxmi has had both her hands and legs twisted since birth and is currently receiving treatment and mobility aids thanks to CBM and our partner hospital and rehabilitation centre for disabled children.

Tue 14 God, please protect the hearts and minds of parents as they seek to protect their children and family members amidst the chaos and uncertainty of living in an environment that is hostile and challenging.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."
PSALM 46: 1

MAY

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Wed 15 Heavenly Father, we thank you for your faithfulness, we stand on the promise that you see and know each and every hair on our head and we need not worry. We pray for peace and strength for those who are tired and weary from the fight.

Thu 16 Thank you, Lord, for all the partners of CBM, and for their endless commitment to fight for the most marginalised families. May the work they do be celebrated and have lasting impact.

Fri 17 Father, we thank you for your guidance and peace in all we do. May you provide opportunities for families who have been torn apart as a result of violence and war, to be reunited.

Sat 18 Heavenly Father, may you comfort the hearts of those families who mourn loss and are grieving from heartache and sorrow of losing dear family and friends.

Six year old Bandana had cataracts in both of her eyes, but thanks to supporters of CBM is now able to receive sight saving surgery at the Biratnagar Eye Hospital in Nepal.



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Front Cover: Suprihatin from Indonesia, Southeast Asia, lives with a cognitive disability. She is pictured here with members of a self-help group she leads for people with disabilities within her community. ©CBM Australia

Prayers provided by Leanne Folscher, Senior Supporter Relations Officer, CBM UK

MAY

Prayers for women affected by obstetric fistula



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A life changing project reversing the trends of maternal mortality in Nigeria, West Africa.

Sun 19 This week we pray for all women living with obstetric fistula. Please bring them healing and acceptance within their communities, that they would know they don't need to struggle on their own.

Mon 20 We thank you today for all the work that CBM and their partners are doing to combat the stigma around obstetric fistula and provide medical care. We pray that you would you bless them and encourage them.

Tue 21 We pray for the obstetric fistula training that has begun in Nigeria, West Africa, for women and health workers. We pray that the sessions are informative and that they would help to raise awareness of this condition.

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." **1 JOHN 3:18**

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Chizoram, runs a small grocery shop in her community in Nigeria, West Africa. During the delivery of one of her children, the baby got stuck in the birth canal, and although she was quickly operated on she sadly lost her baby. As a result Chizoram developed obstetric fistula after the labour which she had to manage right up until the time of her surgery.



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Wed 22 Thank you for the health clubs starting up to promote awareness of reproductive health to girls in schools. We pray that they would be safe places for questions and support for the students attending.

Thu 23 Lord, on this International Day to End Obstetric Fistula, we pray for the efforts being made to tackle stigma around accessing treatment for this condition. We ask for your help in identifying people to be community champions.

Fri 24 Thank you for opportunities to help women and girls living with obstetric fistula to start their own businesses. We pray that they would benefit from business skills training and thrive in their work.

Sat 25 We continue to pray for more advocacy and awareness raising around the needs of women and girls with disabilities, so that they can be included in government sexual and reproductive health plans.

Prayers provided by Elizabeth Taylor, Senior Data Officer, CBM UK

MAY/JUN

Prayers for improving access to eye health services in Malawi, East Africa

Sun 26 Father, we pray for the people living with avoidable, treatable blindness in Malawi, one of the poorest countries in the world. We pray for the health care service, may you provide a way for those who are in need of cataract surgery to be identified and to receive the surgery that can restore their sight.

Tue 28 Lord, we thank you for education and health care services. Today we pray for people who are living in poverty in Malawi and are losing their sight. Please provide more opportunities for sight saving surgery that will enable children to go to school and for adults to earn a living.

Mon 27 Lord, we pray for more women to receive sight-saving surgery as the treatment gap is even worse for women. Less than a third of women who are blind have access to treatment. We pray for change and understanding that women are as valuable as men.

Dani from Malawi, East Africa, is examined by ophthalmic clinical officer, Precious, following surgery at a cataract outreach camp set up by CBM partner the Nkhotakota District Hospital.



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“He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.”
PSALM 91: 4

MAY/JUN

Prayers for improving access to eye health services in Malawi, East Africa



Children sing a song of praise after Mafunasi, 85, returns home from her successful cataract surgery in Malawi.



Wed 29 We trust that through the sight saving projects in Malawi over 7,000 blind and visually impaired people will regain their sight, through access to quality cataract surgery.

Fri 31 Lord, we pray for the 100,000 people, mostly from rural communities, who will be able to access essential eye care services in Malawi thanks to people who support CBM.

Thu 30 Father, we pray for people who receive their sight through a life-changing operation. We pray for improved health, increased independence, and the opportunity to earn a living and to support families and work for a life away from poverty.

Sat 1 Father, we pray that members of Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs) in Malawi will be trained in community eye health and in identifying children, women and men living with cataracts.

Prayers provided by Lucy, Senior Programme and Compliance Officer, CBM UK

JUNE

Prayers for children living with clubfoot

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Loving God, may your blessings be upon all of your children born with clubfoot. We pray that they and their families are met with kindness and understanding.

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This World Clubfoot Day, we give thanks for all the lives transformed through clubfoot treatment and commemorate the birth of Dr Ignacio Ponseti (1914-2009), who pioneered nonsurgical treatment methods.

16-year-old Jitesh from Nepal, South Asia, is receiving treatment for clubfoot thanks to CBM supporters and our partner the Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre for Disabled Children (HRDC).

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We pray for our partners at CoRSU Rehabilitation Hospital in Uganda, East Africa, who do so much to ensure the accessibility of quality healthcare for people with disabilities.



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"But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong."

1 CORINTHIANS 1:27

JUNE

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Gita, aged 48, carries her nine-year-old son Abhisekh at the Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre for Disabled Children (HRDC) in Nepal, where he's receiving treatment for his clubfoot.



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We pray for all children born with clubfoot who are waiting to access treatment. Be with them and their families, Lord, and grant them reassurance that they will not be forgotten.

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Let us pray for Winnie, whose clubfoot was treated at CoRSU. We pray that her rehabilitation continues successfully, and that she knows your presence and infinite love.

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We pray for greater awareness of clubfoot treatment, in the hope that all families can access the care that they need. We give thanks for all people who raise awareness about clubfoot treatment.

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Thank you Lord, for the dedication and compassion of CBM supporters worldwide. Their support has transformed the lives of children with clubfoot and we pray that we can continue to transform lives together.

Prayers provided by Reuben Jenkins, Marketing Officer, CBM UK

JUNE

Pray for our mental health projects



Sun 9 Today we pray for the project called Mentally Aware Nigeria Initiative (MANI), and for the amazing 392 volunteers who gave counselling services to 12,486 people last year. May you sustain, strengthen, and refresh the team.

Mon 10 Father, we pray for all those who access support through MANI, may you be with each individual. You know each and every one of them and the challenges they face, may you be their comfort and give refuge in times of loneliness and despair.

Tue 11 Lord, we thank you for CBM's mental health work in Kenya, which is providing a holistic service to communities. We pray that those who need this support will be put in contact with the team and that the support given will be life-changing.



Kamala from CBM partner, the Centre for Mental Health and Counselling-Nepal (CMC-Nepal), has been providing regular mental-health counselling support to 18-year-old Dilmaya (middle), and 40-year-old Kausila (right).

"Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones." **PROVERBS 16:24**

JUNE

Pray for our mental health projects

Wed 12 Heavenly Father, we pray for the young mums shunned by their communities in Kenya, East Africa. May they find love, acceptance, and comfort through this project.

Thu 13 Dear Jesus, we pray for the SUCCEED project running through various countries. This project is to train and equip our Organisations of Persons with Disabilities. May you encourage and bless the work they do that will have a lasting impact on the communities where they work.

Fri 14 Dear God, we remember those who live daily with Neglected Tropical Diseases and know the impact this can have on their mental health. We pray that your Holy Spirit will comfort them and they will be able to receive the medication and support that will bring them back to full health.

Sat 15 Father, we pray for people who struggle with their mental health. We thank you that you are our healer, our protector, and our guide when we are struggling and feeling low.

CBM partner, the Centre for Mental Health and Counselling-Nepal (CMC-Nepal) has been providing regular mental-health counselling support to 33-year-old Sapana, pictured here feeding goats at her home.



Inspired by Erla Magnúsdóttir, Mental Health Coordinator, CBM UK

JUNE

Prayer for inclusive education in
Zimbabwe, Southern Africa

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Sun 16 Thank you Lord, for the gift of education through which we grow, learn and fulfil our potential. Thank you for CBM's inclusive education projects, supporting children with disabilities to go to school.

Mon 17 Lord, millions of children with disabilities are still missing out on an education. We pray for schools to have a vision for including all children, so that every child, everywhere, can learn and thrive.

Tinotenda is a student in Zimbabwe, Southern Africa. She has difficulty reading the chalkboard, so her teacher makes sure she can sit at the front of the class.

Tue 18 Father, we pray for teachers who are working hard to adapt their lessons and classrooms so that children with disabilities can join in and learn. Give them wisdom and energy in their work.

"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." **HEBREWS 13:5**

JUNE

Prayer for inclusive education in
Zimbabwe, Southern Africa

Wed 19 God, we pray for parents and families of children with disabilities to know that their child has as much right to attend school as any other child. Help them to pursue education for their children.

Thu 20 Heavenly Father, please bless children with disabilities who are in school today to study and learn diligently, play joyfully, and enjoy friendships with their classmates.

Fri 21 Lord, thank you for CBM's supporters whose generous gifts are making it possible to run inclusive education projects in some of the world's poorest places. Please continue to provide for CBM's work.

Sat 22 Thank you Lord, for your promise to never leave us or forsake us. Today, please would all the adults and children involved in our inclusive education projects know your love, provision and joy.



CBM's inclusive education project in Zimbabwe will support more children like Tinotenda to access disability-inclusive schools.



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Prayers provided by Sarah Bennington, Communications Manager, CBM UK

JUNE

Prayers for people and communities impacted by avoidable blindness

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23 Father, we thank you for your love and faithfulness. Bless our supporters whose donations provide adults and children with sight-saving treatment in some of the world's poorest places.

Mon
24 Cataracts are the leading cause of avoidable blindness. Lord, we pray for doctors and medical teams working tirelessly to reach those who are not able to access or afford treatment.

Pictured right is Mariam and her seven month old daughter Safiya, following cataract surgery at ECWA eye hospital in Nigeria. Mariam told us, "I am very happy about the success of the surgery and I hope both eyes will be successful. I pray for CBM that God will help them as they have helped me."

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25 We thank you for the gift of sight and we are so thankful that children like Kyle could have life-changing surgery and are now able to experience the joy of sight.

Wed
26 Father, we pray for CBM supporters who have cataracts. Thank you that they are able to access the treatment needed and we ask for protection and healing while they recover.



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"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." **PHILIPPIANS 4:19**

JUNE

Prayers for people and communities impacted by avoidable blindness



Hannatu is the Matron in charge of ECWA Eye Hospital, CBM's partner in Nigeria, West Africa.

Thu
27 Lord, we thank you for ophthalmologists with their passion, knowledge and commitment to help others. Continue to bless them as they fight to treat adults and children living with avoidable blindness.

Fri
28 Please break any stigma of discrimination where families live with avoidable blindness and disabilities. We ask that adults and children can be included, accepted and flourish in communities.

Sat
29 We pray for families and whole communities who are cut off and isolated due to poverty. Lord, we ask that every person with disabilities can access medical care, provisions, and not be excluded.

Prayers provided by Doné McConnell, Supporter Relations Officer, CBM UK

JUN/JUL

Prayers for the staff and patients at CoRSU in Uganda



Sun 30 Father, we thank you for the kindness of CBM supporters as they generously give to transform lives, enabling children to receive specialised orthopaedic surgery and therapy sessions.

Mon 1 Father, we pray for the specialist doctors and therapists working at CoRSU hospital. May you give them the strength and courage to continue in their incredible work.

Alice is a community psychologist at CoRSU rehabilitation hospital in Uganda. CoRSU have been a partner of CBM for over 20 years, providing children with disabilities specialised orthopaedic surgeries, therapy and rehabilitation.

Tue 2 Father, we pray the hospital can receive the essential equipment and resources needed to provide treatment for children living with disabilities.

“Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?” **MATTHEW 6:26**

JUN/JUL

Prayers for the staff and patients at CoRSU in Uganda

Wed 3 Father, we thank you for the dedication of all the staff working at CoRSU. We pray for effective training to help them in their work.

Thu 4 Dear God, children with disabilities in Uganda experience an improved quality of life after treatment at CoRSU, so that they are able to go back to school and participate in community services.

Fri 5 Father, we thank you for the life-changing work carried out by the team at CoRSU hospital. We pray for the team at the hospital and in the community, may they reach all those who need their support.

Sat 6 Jesus, we pray you will provide the right support and make a way for all life-changing surgeries to be completed.

Gertrude is 13 years old and has pressure ulcers. She is receiving physiotherapy at CoRSU hospital in Uganda, with the head of rehabilitation, Christine.



Prayers provided by Leanne Folscher, Senior Supporter Relations Officer, CBM UK

JULY

Prayers for Madagascar, East Africa

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God we ask that you bless field workers' efforts in drought affected areas of Madagascar as they strive to improve their quality of life for people – people like single mum Haova, who has a disability. We pray for food distribution and healthcare for more people like her.

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Heavenly Father, guide CBM in its initiative to promote inclusive education for children with disabilities by giving teachers the necessary support, training and resources.

Since birth, 13-year-old Diablo from Madagascar, East Africa, has had cataracts in both of his eyes, impairing and blurring his vision. Diablo is pictured prior to receiving cataract surgery, struggling to see to pour water into his cup.

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Heavenly Father, strengthen CBM in its advocacy efforts to promote the rights of people with disabilities in Madagascar. Help them work with local partners and government leaders to raise awareness and influence inclusive policies.



"You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat." **ISAIAH 25:4**

JULY

Prayers for Madagascar, East Africa

Diablo's prayers have now been answered, and thanks to CBM supporters he has now been able to receive cataract surgery to restore his sight. Diablo's eyesight has improved significantly and today he is more fulfilled and even more involved at school. He says, "Now I can see well and I can read what's written on the blackboard even if I'm not sitting on the front bench."



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Heavenly Father, we lift up the families in Madagascar who are on the brink of starvation. May you help field workers and partners to reach them in time and provide them with immediate relief and a new beginning.

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God, we pray for adults and children in Madagascar living with cataracts. We pray they are reached and given access to ophthalmology in time to have cataract surgery and save their sight.

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We pray for swift action, effective distribution and lasting impact from the disaster relief efforts in Madagascar. May your love and provision be evident as lives are restored and communities rebuild.

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We pray for field workers in Madagascar to include more people with deafness in all aspects of life. May their work in building connections, raising awareness and advocating for inclusivity bring positive change and full participation for those with hearing loss.

Prayers provided by the team at CBM Australia

JULY

Prayer for people in Nepal, South Asia



In November last year, an earthquake measuring 6.4 magnitude struck Nepal's northwestern Jajarkot district. Over 150 people are known to have died, with some 500 more men, women and children injured and thousands of families losing their homes. CBM worked with local partners to identify people most in need and meet their immediate and longer-term needs.

Sun 14 Father this week we remember those whose lives have been impacted by the earthquake that took place in Nepal last November. We pray for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones. May you be their comfort, their peace, and provide all they need.

Mon 15 Father, we pray for people living with disabilities in Nepal. May you provide the necessary aids needed for people to continue their daily lives, whether they need walking aids, water, ramps for access, or emergency relief.

Tue 16 Dear God, today we pray you will be with all the CBM team and partners who are working on the ground to ensure the safety and health of people who have lost not just their homes but their livelihoods.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." **JOHN 14:27**

JULY

Prayer for people in Nepal, South Asia

Wed 17 Dear Jesus, we pray for protection over the children who lost their adult carers and are now vulnerable as a result. May you provide the right support and place the right people who will keep these children safe and protected.

Thu 18 Heavenly Father, we thank you for the wonderful supporters of CBM who give relentlessly to help change lives. May you bless their generosity and heart to see people healed whole and reunited with their families.

Fri 19 Father, we pray for the people of Nepal who may have become discouraged following the earthquake. May you fill them with your love and surround them with your compassion. May they know they are valued and treasured.

Sat 20 Jesus, we thank you that you are our rock, our comfort and our help in times of trouble. You see and know the pain we face physically, mentally and spiritually. You came to heal and restore us to wholeness.

CBM Nepal's humanitarian aid coordinator, Dinesh Prasad, analyses the situation on the ground following the devastating earthquake in November 2023.



Prayers provided by Leanne Folscher, Senior Supporter Relations Officer, CBM UK

JULY

Prayers of gratitude



Yasodha, aged 8, had lost her sight because of cataract in her right eye. Her father Amit came to know about the cataract from Yasodha's school teacher when she was six years old.

Sun 21 Father, we thank you for all the doctors and medical staff who last year provided eye-related medical services to over 1.8 million adults and children.

Mon 22 Lord, thank you, that you are able to bring hope through even the toughest of times. We pray for CBM mental health teams who provide support and treatment to people with mental health conditions.

Tue 23 Father we are so grateful for CBM supporters, their generosity has helped protect over 2.5 million people last year from trachoma which can infect whole communities and cause permanent blindness.

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." **PSALM 118:24**

JULY

Prayers of gratitude

Wed 24 Thank you, Father, that CBM teams can provide assistive devices to people living with disabilities in rural communities. We pray that these individuals and families can be welcomed and included in communities.

Thu 25 Lord, thank you for facilities like CoRSU hospital in Uganda, East Africa, where children who have clubfoot, can receive corrective life-changing surgeries.

Fri 26 We pray for communities where women are living with obstetric fistula and we continue to pray that women can access treatment and are empowered to seek help.

Sat 27 Father, we thank you for your great love and care. Bless supporters who pledge a gift to CBM in their Will and please multiply that legacy and the impact for future generations living in the world's poorest places.

Yasodha was able to receive the surgery to restore her sight thanks to the support of people like you. Yasodha and Amit are pictured with a message of thanks!



Prayers provided by Doné McConnell, Supporter Relations Officer

JUL/AUG

Prayers for the work of CBM

Sun 28
Currently, more than 1.5 billion people (nearly 20% of the global population) live with hearing loss. Today, Father, we stand in faith for more projects this year that will provide hearing aids to people who will not otherwise hear.

Mon 29
Heavenly father, we pray for you to lead CBM workers as they connect with teachers and provide them with braille training so that all children with vision impairment can attend school and receive an education.

Tue 30
Bless every supporter of CBM for their prayers and gifts that provide people with disabilities with wheelchairs. Thank you Lord, for the freedom, inclusion, and dignity this brings to so many of your precious children.

Trimah from Indonesia, Southeast Asia, has a physical disability and supports her family as a housewife and artist with the use of her feet.



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“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.” **MATTHEW 22:37**

JUL/AUG

Prayers for the work of CBM

Wed 31
Thank you for the creative ideas you are giving CBM workers as they strive to provide quality mobility aids to fit the unique needs of each person with disabilities.

Thu 1
Lord, we pray that you will prompt CBM teams to recognise opportunities for people with disabilities when giving them aids such as hearing aids, eyeglasses, crutches, and wheelchairs.

Fri 2
As you said in Psalm 46:1 “God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.” Thank you for your divine protection over people with disabilities as they travel to access aids that will restore their sight, hearing and mobility.

Sat 3
Thank you for reminding each prayer partner that with Christ all our needs will be met. We pray also that each CBM field worker will be reminded of your provision, especially when he or she is weary and overwhelmed by the material needs around them.

Trimah is a talented artist and loves to do Batik in her spare time.



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Prayers provided by the team at CBM Australia

AUGUST

Prayers for strength and renewed energy for the weary

Sun
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Almighty God, help our hearts to be filled with gratitude and thanksgiving for all your blessings. Help us to use them to serve others.

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Dear Heavenly Father, fill our hearts with compassion and love for those who are hurting. Help us to be a source of comfort and hope for those in need.

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Lord, please help us to become more like Christ in our thoughts and actions by allowing our lives to begin to change as we grow closer to you.



“I am happy that my son will be like every other child – healthy, happy and able to run around,” shared Suaiba, mother of two-year-old Umar, who received successful cataract surgery in Nigeria, West Africa.

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“The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.” **PSALM 92:12**

AUGUST

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Living in Nigeria, West Africa, both of Hadiya’s parents are blind. When they learned their daughter also had vision problems, they were worried that she would face the same barriers they have experienced. But thanks to CBM supporters Hadiya’s cataracts could be removed to restore her sight. They hope she will go to school and have a bright future.

Wed
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Father, we pray that you would guide us in all our decisions this month. We also ask that our steps are divinely ordered in whatever we do.

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Almighty God, we pray for peace and unity around the world and that peace is restored to nations that have none. We ask that your strength will continuously lift the spirits of those in pain.

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Thank you, Jesus, for the gift of life and for the opportunity to see a new dawn each day. We rejoice in your faithfulness and all your promises for us.

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Lord, we ask for total healing for those who are sick. We pray for your healing intervention, and we trust in your word, which is forever settled in heaven.

Prayers provided by Ekaete Umoh, Country Director, CBM Nigeria



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Pledge to break the cycle of poverty and disability

For over 110 years, CBM supporters have been building more inclusive communities for people with disabilities in the world's poorest places. By leaving a gift in your Will to CBM, you'll be helping to save sight, strengthen health systems and improve access to education and employment opportunities.

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