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# FEBRUARY

## Prayers from India



21 year old Ranbir can't walk due to paralysis caused by polio. Thanks to CBM's community inclusive development project he now has a tricycle wheelchair and received credit to start his own business.

**Sun 3** Lord we thank you for all the blessings you have granted to us. We give thanks and praise for the birth of your son and our Saviour and ask for your blessing over the coming year.

**Tue 5** Thank you God for the dedication of our partners' staff who often work in difficult circumstances to improve the lives of people with disabilities.

**Mon 4** May this year see greater inclusion for people with disabilities and their families. We pray for wisdom and the greater capacity to support our partners in helping people with disabilities.

**Wed 6** We pray for the programme managers and officers; that they and their families might have good health and good spirits during their travels. Father, lead them in their discussions and meetings.

Front cover: Thérèse from Rwanda struggled with cataracts for a few years and even had to sell her cow to afford the trips to the doctors. After referral to our partner at Kabgayi hospital she has had successful surgery and happily says, "The clouds are gone!"

# FEBRUARY

## Prayers from India

**Thu 7** Pray for village volunteers supporting CBM's work to remain motivated as they identify people with disabilities and provide support to them and their families.

**Sat 9** Lord we pray for your guidance and support for CBM India to establish alliances and networks with other mainstream organisations, to promote development that is inclusive of disability in India.

**Fri 8** Pray for the central and state governments of India, that their laws, policies and programmes will benefit the poorest people, helping them to live in peace and harmony.

**Dr Sara Varughese is a trained ophthalmologist who has worked in inclusive eye health for many years, including with the WHO. She has been with CBM for six years and is South Asia Regional Director.**

Prayers provided by Sara Varughese, CBM India



Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.  
**COLOSSIANS 4:2**

## FEBRUARY

Inclusive eye health in Rwanda

**Sun**  
**10**

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the talented ophthalmologists working in Rwanda, including Dr Theophile Tuyisabe and Dr Sylvain El-Khoury endowed with skills to help patients with eye problems.

**Mon**  
**11**

Lord, thank you for the protection you give to children with blindness. Thanks for preserving them from accidents while struggling to walk in the often hazardous conditions and bumpy roads in Rwanda.

**Tue**  
**12**

Lord, we pray for the nurses and ophthalmic officers who are committed to helping people with low vision. Give them wisdom to perform their amazing jobs for the benefit of people with disabilities.

**Dense cataracts on both eyes made life unbearable for 59 year old Xavier from Rwanda. But hope came in the form of CBM outreach workers and he has now received surgery from Kabgayi hospital.**

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being. **EPHESIANS 3:16**



## FEBRUARY

Inclusive eye health in Rwanda

**Benoit Bizimana is a programme officer at CBM Rwanda. He helps to manage the comprehensive eye health programme in Rwanda which is helping those with blinding diseases and vision impairment.**



**Wed**  
**13**

We pray for children with eye cancer, as they fight through such a difficult time with this life-threatening condition. Father, please give hope to these children, their families and communities.

**Thu**  
**14**

Lord, we pray for poor people including those with disabilities who are fighting to earn their daily bread and improve their lifestyle. We pray they receive the support they need.

**Fri**  
**15**

We pray for people with sight problems in Rwanda including people living with cataracts, glaucoma and restricted vision. Help them to See the Way to a brighter future, through your help and the help of CBM.

**Sat**  
**16**

We pray for the health facilities of Kabgayi Eye Unit in Rwanda, dedicated to delivering quality health services for people with eye problems.

Prayers provided by Benoit Bizimana, CBM Rwanda

## FEBRUARY

## Prayers from supporters



In Uganda our “Bridge” programme empowers people with disabilities to effectively advocate for their rights. This photo from November 2018 shows a Bridge training session by people with disabilities, for people with disabilities.

**Sun 17** God of Justice, we plead for legislation to protect people who are vulnerable and exploited. We pray for the rights of those whose work is undervalued, and for those whose needs are disregarded.

**Mon 18** God of Liberty, we pray for those imprisoned in poverty, disability and blindness. Help us to open their prison doors, to set the oppressed free and help them towards a life of fulfilment and purpose.

If you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. **ISIAH 58:10**

## FEBRUARY

## Prayers from supporters

**Tue 19** God of Abundance, instil in us the desire to share with others and to be open-handed in supporting charities such as CBM, which do so much to provide resources and medical care for those in need.

**Wed 20** God of Refuge, may you be a place of safety for those who are excluded and oppressed because of gender, sexuality, disability or poverty. May we mirror your love to all your children.

**Thu 21** God of Healing, we pray for the dedicated staff of CBM who work to relieve poverty and disability. Give them strength as they deal compassionately and courageously with those they encounter.

**Fri 22** God of Compassion, teach us to spend ourselves on behalf of the desperate and satisfy the needs of the oppressed; to open their minds and lives with better education, and to give light to their eyes.

**Sat 23** God of Love, breathe your love into our hearts that we might fulfil your purpose for people who are poor and suffering. Inspire us with your devotion to love our neighbours.

A sign on the wall of Jabi School for the Blind in Nigera.



Prayers provided by Sue & Mike Thorn, CBM Supporters

# FEBRUARY

Give thanks for the miracle of sight

**Sun 24** Lord, we thank you for teachers and community workers in Nigeria, trained by CBM to screen 1.5 million children for eye problems and for the care and commitment of our partner hospitals.

**Tue 26** We thank you that our sight project in Nigeria has given sight to over 700 children in the past year, bringing a future of hope to them and their families.

**Mon 25** We thank you for five-year old Samuel from Ibadan in Nigeria who struggled to read the blackboard. Lord, we are grateful that the operation to remove his cataracts was a complete success.

**Wed 27** Samuel and his mother asked their local church for help, but they could not afford to fund the treatment, so they prayed. They are so grateful to CBM supporters who have answered their prayers.



**You may remember Samuel from Nigeria, who we wrote to you about last year. Thanks to the kindness of CBM supporters, he was able to receive cataract surgery. His mother says, "this makes me so happy. For Samuel to see is what we've prayed for. Our church will be so excited to see him."**

Prayers provided by David Rootham, CBM UK

# FEB / MAR

Give thanks for the miracle of sight



**Samuel is pictured after his operation in University Hospital Ibadan with CBM team members Jessica and Tom.**

**Thu 28** Samuel goes to drumming lessons at church and was keen to demonstrate his skills when his bandages were removed. We thank you Lord for the gift of music.

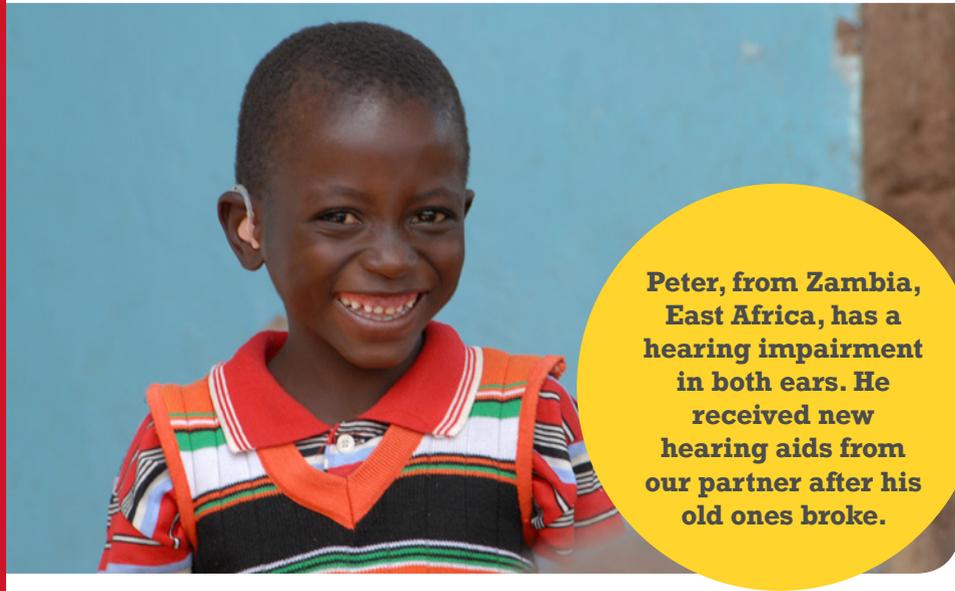
**Fri 1** "I am so happy today. Now I can see I can become even better at drums!" says Samuel smiling. We thank you Lord for the individual talents and skills you have blessed each of us with.

**Sat 2** Oluwatosia, Samuel's mother says, "This makes me so happy. For Samuel to see is what we've prayed for. Our church will be so excited to see him. Thank God for hearing and answering our prayers."

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." **ACTS 16:31**

## MARCH

## Prayers for the start of Lent



**Peter, from Zambia, East Africa, has a hearing impairment in both ears. He received new hearing aids from our partner after his old ones broke.**

**Sun 3** Today is World Hearing Day. Lord, we pray for the 466 million people across the world who live with hearing difficulties and we pray for the continued success of our Ear Health programme in Zambia.

**Mon 4** As we prepare for Lent, let us reflect and assess our lives. Pray that through this period we gain better understanding of what is really important in life and prioritise accordingly.

**Tue 5** Lord, on Shrove Tuesday we thank you for the food on our tables. We ask you to bring comfort, strength and determination to those who have little. Help us to help others in need.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. **1 PETER 5:6**

## MARCH

## Prayers for the start of Lent

**Wed 6** Today is Ash Wednesday and as we begin Lent, we ask you Lord for your forgiveness. Merciful Lord, forgive our sins and helps us to forgive those who have done wrong to us.

**Thu 7** Dear God, we pray that over this Lent period we will find time for reflection and inner examination. Help us to live with grace, to love our neighbour and to keep you in our hearts in all we do.

**Fri 8** On International Women's Day, we pray for CBM's programmes which are supporting vulnerable women; from fistula surgery in Tanzania, to advocating for the rights of women with disabilities in Nigeria.

**Sat 9** Throughout Lent, give us the strength to give up things we love. Lord lay your blessings on those who have to give things up, not through choice but through necessity due to disability and poverty.



**22 year old Angelica's life has been transformed after treatment for her fistula which had led to her being confined to her house.**

Prayers provided by Grace Harper, CBM UK

## MARCH



### Prayers for those who make sacrifices

**Anna from Cameroon had to sacrifice a lot of hours at work to take care of her children, particularly as three of her children were born with congenital cataracts.**

**Sun 10** Thank you Father for giving us your only son. Thank you that the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve. Help us today to follow his example to serve those around us.

**Tue 12** We pray that the sacrifices parents make for their children will bear fruit. May they be "like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither." (Psalm 1:3)

**Mon 11** We pray for those people that willingly give their time and their self for others. We pray for your strength and courage to overflow in their lives.

**Wed 13** Thank you loving Father that you are with us in our joys and our sorrows, the peaks and troughs of our lives. Enfold us with your love so that we might know your peace and healing.

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. **JOHN 3:16**

## MARCH

### Prayers for those who make sacrifices

**Thu 14** Father we pray for children who have lost their childhood because they are not able to see. We pray that you would restore them and give them a hope and a future.

**Sat 16** Lord, please bless those children who have to give things up due to their disability. We think of those who cannot play with their friends, go to school or see the details of your world.

**Fri 15** Father, our time on earth is precious but help us to give the sacrifice of our time, talents and energy to help others in need. Help us to see everyone as you see us; as children of God.

**When Mathias developed cataracts he could no longer play football with his friends as he could not see clearly and the sunlight hurt his eyes.**



Prayers provided by Nish Karunaratne, CBM UK

# MARCH

Prayers for safe, clean water



**March 22nd is World Water Day, recognised by the UN. In the week surrounding this special day, we want to pray for our programmes which provide clean water, and promote good hygiene to prevent disease.**



**Sun 17** Lord, we give you thanks for all the wonderful churches and their congregations that are supporting CBM's vital work to help restore sight to people living in the world's poorest places.

**Mon 18** Mighty God, help us provide clean latrines at schools and help children show their community how to eradicate trachoma.

**Tue 19** Unfortunately, a lack of face washing is a cause of blinding Trachoma. Please God, help us to provide accessible water for washing.

And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward. **MATTHEW 10:42**

# MARCH

Prayers for safe, clean water

**Wed 20** Dear Lord, when disaster strikes poorer communities, and particularly those with disabilities, please help CBM to work with the local people to provide water, food and shelter.

**Thu 21** Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) knowledge is essential to prevent Neglected Tropical Diseases. Please God, help us to empower the people to win the battle to eradicate Neglected Tropical Diseases.

**Fri 22** Surgery, Antibiotics, Facial cleanliness and Environmental improvements (SAFE) is a way of eliminating trachoma. Please God, help CBM, working with local communities to eradicate this blinding disease.

**Sat 23** CBM's work with the Presbyterian Church in Ghana, West Africa contributed to the recent elimination of trachoma in the country. Please God help us and the people of Africa to eliminate trachoma in the other countries.

**In Bangladesh, CBM and partner CDD have constructed accessible washrooms in rural areas, to help people with disabilities, older people and pregnant women to access washing facilities safely.**



Prayers provided by Roy Hooke, CBM volunteer

# MARCH

## Prayers from Nigeria



**David Sabo is the Emergency Response Officer at CBM Nigeria. David coordinates our emergency response projects in the Boko Haram affected communities in North East Nigeria.**

**Sun** 24  
Dear God, please never stop pouring out hope to those we are trying to help. Use us to point them to You.

**Mon** 25  
Lord, please lead the government of Nigeria to embrace and implement policies to include persons with disabilities.

**Tue** 26  
Dear God, we pray that Your guardian angels take charge of the safety and security of all school children across the world.

**Wed** 27  
Father, mend every broken heart and restore peace, joy and happiness to families experiencing tragedy or living with hardship.

And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. **ROMANS 5:5**

# MARCH

## Prayers from Nigeria

**Thu** 28  
Lord, protect CBM and the communities we help in the North-east of Nigeria.

**Fri** 29  
Lord, raise up medical practitioners with the sincere desire to save human lives and make provision for government to build, equip and maintain medical facilities.

**Sat** 30  
Dear God, give us the grace to understand the times we are in and know exactly what to do as we help those in need.



The choir of a school for children who are blind performs at the launch of our eye health programme in Nigeria

Prayers provided by David Sabo, CBM Nigeria

MAR / APR

Prayers from Malawi

**Sun**  
31  
Dear God, please give us good health as we implement CBM's work and guide us in our planning. We also pray for good rains that will give us abundant harvests.

**Tue**  
2  
Our Father, please help CBM's operations not to face opposition and protect all their workers in countries where there is political unrest and civil wars.

**Mon**  
1  
Dear Father, we thank you for adding another year to our lives. Father, give us your spirit to guide us continually your divine plans.



**Bixon has severely neglected clubfoot. After hearing about CBR training provided by CBM partner MACOHA, he was able to be trained as a cabinet maker and now makes furniture.**

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.  
MATTHEW 5:7

MAR / APR

Prayers from Malawi



**James Banda works with MACOHA, a CBM partner in Malawi as an Accounts Supervisor. He enjoys working with CBR programme because of the transformative power it has on the lives of persons with disabilities.**

**Wed**  
3  
As I celebrate the life of my late sister, who spent her time motivating and supporting me in everything, Father, we pray for involvement of community leaders and guardians on disability issues.

**Fri**  
5  
Dear Father, please let there be peace and protection in Malawi during and after general elections.

**Thu**  
4  
We pray for the healing of our nations: economically, socially and politically. We pray for an end to conflict and that nations will find a way to resolve their disputes amicably.

**Sat**  
6  
Lord, help mothers of children with disabilities in Africa love and take good care of their children and send them to school.

Prayers provided by James Banda, MACOHA partner in Malawi

# APRIL

Love for our global family



**Sulawesi in Indonesia was hit by a devastating earthquake and tsunami in 2018.**

**Sun 7** After the devastating tsunami in Sulawesi, Indonesia, pray for people with disabilities and their families who have been affected, along with CBM staff and partners helping them rebuild their lives.

**Mon 8** We pray that a new project to combat stigma against people with mental health problems in five countries, will result in affected people being better integrated into their communities.

**Tue 9** Pray that CBM's new Community Mental Health Initiative will have an increased impact on the lives of people affected by mental illness in many parts of the world.

And what does the Lord require of you? To Act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. **MICAH 6:8**

# APRIL

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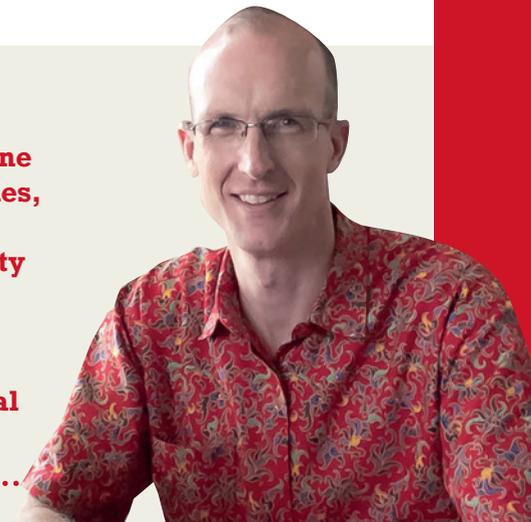
**Wed 10** As CBM works in many insecure parts of the world that are affected by conflict, pray for safety and security for all our colleagues who travel and continue to work in these areas.

**Thu 11** We thank God for CBM's global family. Pray for wisdom and God's blessing on our international leadership team, our partners and staff as they carry out their work.

**Fri 12** Pray for all CBM staff at Country and Regional offices. Thank God for their commitment and motivation, and pray for wisdom as they work with partner organisations and governments to expand CBM's work.

**Sat 13** Pray for wisdom as CBM seeks to respond to increasing requests from governments and other organisations to make their work more inclusive of disabled people.

**Matthew joined CBM UK in June 2018 as Director of Programmes, bringing with him over 20 years of experience in disability inclusive development. You may recognise Matthew from previous prayer diaries, as he was formerly the CBM National Director in Indonesia.**



Prayers provided by Matthew Hanning, CBM UK

## APRIL

## Prayers for Holy Week



Holy week is a time to reflect on the life, journey and death of Christ.



**Sun**  
**14**

Dear Lord, we thank you for your teaching, and we celebrate your love for us. We ask for your help Lord, so we can show your love to all your people by sharing joy in all we do.

**Mon**  
**15**

Thank you Lord for your promises to us. We pray that we shine for you, and that you will be recognised through the work of our hands and feet as we serve you on our frontline in peace and love.

**Tue**  
**16**

We seek your courage and humility to face adversity in our lives. May we stand out from the crowd and look out through your eyes to bring your love and acceptance into our community.

Truly I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. **JOHN 13:16**

## APRIL

## Prayers for Holy Week

**Wed**  
**17**

Your life Lord is our inspiration - we ask for your help that we may be strong in faith to stand with our brothers and sisters and fight against the injustices we see in our world.

**Thu**  
**18**

Thank you Lord for the undeserved abundance of gifts you give to us. We ask for your guidance on this Maundy Thursday, to show us where, and how, we can share your good gifts with those in need.

**Fri**  
**19**

On Good Friday Lord, we are reminded that you forgave the crowd who shouted 'Crucify him'. Recognising our frailty and weakness, we ask for your forgiveness.

**Sat**  
**20**

We pray today that we may feel your grace, and walk with you in peace. We think on your 'New Commandment' to love one another, as you have loved us, we will lift our voices to your praise and glory.

**In November 2018 Kirsty visited our partners and programmes in Uganda. Our new Village Savings and Loans Programme will help people like Prisca (right) to start a business and break the cycle of poverty.**



Prayers provided by Kirsty Smith, CBM UK

## APRIL

Easter hope

At Easter we give thanks for the resurrection of Jesus. It is also a time of new beginning and new hope, which CBM aims to bring to people through our inclusive projects.

**Sun**  
21  
Dear Lord, on this Easter Sunday we give thanks for your son, Jesus Christ, and that through his death we may have hope in new life.

**Mon**  
22  
This Easter, Lord, may we feel your divine presence with us, that in our lives and in our world we might see your kingdom come.

**Tue**  
23  
Give us the vision, Lord, to see all the ways in which you are at work in the world and all the signs of hope you show us.

**Wed**  
24  
We pray for all those living with blindness this Easter, that through our lives and by our prayers, their sight might be restored.

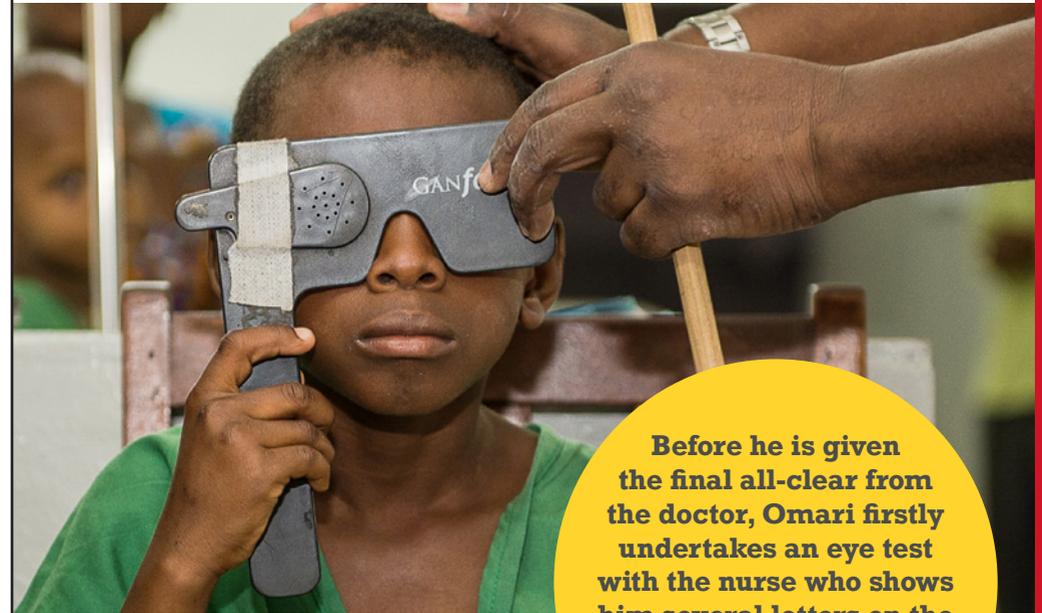


**Padma (far left) represents her mother at their local self-help group meetings for people with a disabilities.**

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. **ISAIAH 53:5**

## APRIL

Easter hope



**Before he is given the final all-clear from the doctor, Omari firstly undertakes an eye test with the nurse who shows him several letters on the chart - and Omari passes the test successfully!**



**Thu**  
25  
O Lord, be with those whose sight has been restored. Let them seize every opportunity and new beginning you have set before them.

**Fri**  
26  
At Easter we are given hope by Christ Jesus. We thank you Lord for CBM, who do your work in bringing hope and healing to those living in poverty.

**Sat**  
27  
Thank you, God, for the innovations and treatments you have provided which give hope to many that their vision might be restored.

Prayers provided by Josiah White, CBM UK

# APR / MAY

Bless our humanitarian response work



**Alemu lost a lot of his land and livestock to severe flooding in Ethiopia during 2018. CBM's emergency response unit provided his community with crop seeds and water sanitation kits.**

**Sun 28** We pray for God's protection over the Rohingya people; that they would continue to receive protection and humanitarian services in Bangladesh.

**Mon 29** We pray for CBM's work supporting organisations of people with disabilities - helping them to advocate for their rights in situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies.

Though a mighty army surrounds me, my heart will not be afraid. Even if I am attacked, I will remain confident. **PSALM 27:1-2**

# APR / MAY

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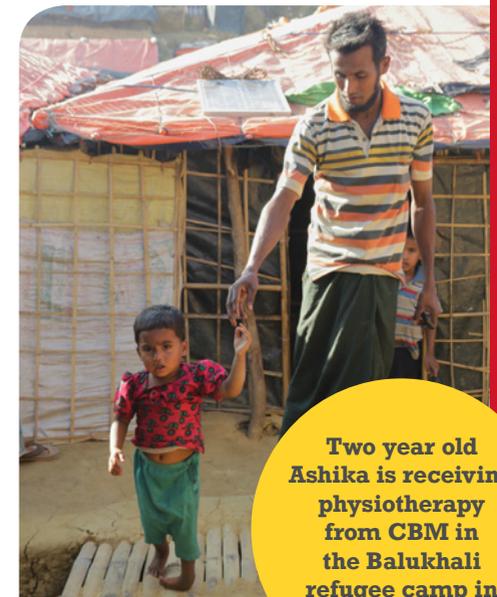
**Tue 30** We pray for the health of people in the flood - affected regions of Ethiopia, who are receiving water treatment chemicals to ensure they have access to safe, clean water.

**Wed 1** We pray for the people of Central Sulawesi in Indonesia, as they continue to recover from the tsunami, and we pray for CBM's partners on the ground providing emergency relief.

**Thu 2** We pray for CBM's activities in the Rohingya camps in Bangladesh which will support humanitarian organisations to better include persons with disabilities in their programmes.

**Fri 3** We pray for the training by CBM's partners in the flood prone regions of Ethiopia on early warning systems inclusive of people with disabilities.

**Sat 4** We pray for strength and guidance for CBM's emergency response unit as they continue to engage in supporting inclusive humanitarian responses around the globe.



Two year old Ashika is receiving physiotherapy from CBM in the Balukhali refugee camp in Bangladesh.

Prayers provided by Emma Pettey, CBM Emergency Response Unit

## MAY

Prayers from an  
ophthalmic specialist

**The day before his surgery, Kenneth could read letters with his left eye only if they were very close to his face. Today he can read the same letters from a distance of five metres.**

**Sun**  
**5** Dear God, having been found by your light and love, help us to want to share your light and love with those who are impoverished, isolated, disabled, oppressed, affected by disease or ostracised.

**Mon**  
**6** Thank you Lord for CBM workers and partners who carry out projects to bring sight, healing and rehabilitation. Give them health, wisdom, caring, energy and integrity as they carry out their jobs.

**Tue**  
**7** We pray that CBM workers will be effective in detecting children and adults with trachoma, river blindness, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, refractive error and other causes of sight impairment.

Jesus said: I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. **JOHN 12:46**

## MAY

Prayers from an  
ophthalmic specialist

**Wed**  
**8** Thank you for CBM's supporters whose gifts finance cataract surgery for children in Africa. We pray that such children will be found early when prognosis is best so that they can live independently.

**Thu**  
**9** Dear Father, thank you for CBM's work in training and equipping surgeons who want to improve their skills in cataract and glaucoma surgery, and in orthopaedics and obstetric fistula repair.

**Fri**  
**10** Lord God, thank you that you do not forget those with physical and learning disabilities. Thank you that they too are a priority for CBM. May you be glorified as CBM workers bring them help and hope.

**Sat**  
**11** We pray, O Lord, for CBM's work providing emergency relief to those with disabilities living in poverty. May they provide water, food and shelter to all those in need.

**Dr Frederick Mbumba is the only staff surgeon practicing at the newly constructed Centre for Ophthalmology in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Central Africa.**



Prayers provided by Will Sellar, friend of CBM

## MAY

## Prayers from Ethiopia



Adugna is happily married to Filagot and they have two sons: Tobiyas and Benayas.

Adugna Hirpa is a Senior Programme Officer in Ethiopia, East Africa. He monitors the entire implementation of 36 different projects. Adugna is passionate about CBM because it addresses the needs of the voiceless and of those left behind. He says, "There is nothing more joyful than witnessing the change in quality of life for people with disabilities".

**Sun 12** Let us thank God for the opportunity given to us to share our love and energy to serve people with disability.

**Mon 13** This day, let us pray for disability - friendly environments including full accessibility of buildings, services and common spaces for people with disabilities in Ethiopia.

**Tue 14** Let us pray for the work of disabled people's organisations in Ethiopia so that they can increase their influence on policies and contribute to the betterment of the lives of people with disability.

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. **HEBREWS 6:10**

## MAY

## Prayers from Ethiopia

**Wed 15** Lord, we pray that your healing hands might reduce the prevalence of blinding trachoma in Ethiopia, as you have helped in Ghana.

**Thu 16** We pray for successful construction of water points in our project areas, so that the community enjoys safe and clean water supply coverage and sanitation services.

**Fri 17** Let us give thanks for the glimpse of hope we see in Ethiopia due to change in government and pray that a new leadership strives to bring overall reform in the country.

**Sat 18** A prayer of thanks for the kindness of CBM supporters and commitment of the teams and volunteers around the world.

**Alemnesh developed bed sores on her legs and back after a stay in hospital. They became infected and affected her ability to learn how to walk. CBM stepped in to treat the bed sores and give her physiotherapy and a walker.**



Prayers provided by Adugna Hirpa, CBM Ethiopia

## MAY

Prayers for women  
with disabilities

**Ayele Dosseh listens to speakers at the announcement of CBM's empowerment project for disabled women and mothers with disabled children.**

**Sun 19** Jesus, you ministered to women disabled in mind, body and spirit - help us learn from your example. Holy Spirit, please lead us in a prayer for strength for all disabled women this week.

**Mon 20** Lord, today we pray for CBM and other agencies and governments, that their work would increase integration of disabled women into society so they may be fortified and enabled to live fuller lives.

**Tue 21** We pray for protection, hope and courage for disabled women suffering from injustice and oppression. Lord, we pray for successful advocacy and greater protection that these women may be lifted up.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. **JAMES 1:17**

## MAY

Prayers for women  
with disabilities

**Wed 22** We lift up mothers who advocate for their disabled children's needs. Lord, we pray you would be their light and guide. May they secure the help that their children need to live full lives.

**Thu 23** We pray for the empowerment of disabled women and that their contribution to their communities is both recognised and supported.

**Fri 24** Praise God for International Day to end Obstetric Fistula. We pray for women who have had to endure unbearable suffering due to this debilitating birth injury, especially those who lost their babies.

**Sat 25** We celebrate the achievements of the world's poorest disabled women. Thank you Lord for their inspiration and hope. Help us learn from them.

**Sheela has a small business making food and drinks for local schoolchildren, which was funded through CBM's livelihoods programme. Through this, she is able to support her daughter Nandini, who has a learning disability.**



Prayers provided by Gill Kelly, CBM supporter

# MAY

## Prayers for West Africa

**Sun**  
**26** Father, we pray for the work of Gede Foundation, our community mental health partner working in Nigeria to raise awareness of mental health issues and to support people with mental health needs.

**Mon**  
**27** We thank you for our partner HANDS in Nigeria, reaching out to communities and helping those living with diseases like trachoma. Please protect them and help them reach the most difficult places.



**CBM UK is supporting the Disability Rights Advocacy Centre in Nigeria to carry out a three-year project called Respect Not Abuse. Here, programme manager Rebecca meets community member Rabi to plan the project.**

The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. **1 THESSALONIANS 5:24**

# MAY /JUN

## Prayers for West Africa

**Tue**  
**28** Father, we ask that you would help governments and organisations working in Nigeria, Central African Republic, Chad and other places to eliminate diseases such as trachoma and schistosomiasis.

**Wed**  
**29** Lord, we lift to you all organisations working to address insecurity in the Lake Chad Basin. We ask that people who have fled their homes, including disabled people, would find safety and provision.

**Thu**  
**30** Father we give thanks for economic growth and for the potential for new jobs, livelihoods and prosperity. We ask that governments would ensure growth is sustainable and all people enjoy the benefits.

**Fri**  
**31** Jesus, we thank you that so many churches in West Africa are vibrant and growing. We ask that you would guide them to be your hands and feet to reach those most in need in their communities.

**Sat**  
**1** Lord, we give thanks for the team in the CBM regional office, based in Togo, who support the work of CBM across West and Central Africa. Please bless them with energy and wisdom in all their work.



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