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# Prayer Diary

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# AUG/SEPT

## Prayers from Nepal, South Asia

**Sun**  
**29**

Dear Father in heaven, give us the courage to begin again, to overlook the difficulties we face, to overcome obstacles and to stay optimistic and positive.

**Mon**  
**30**

Lord, help those who are fighting to bring their life back to health and let them know you are holding on and are right beside them in this difficult time.

**Tue**  
**31**

Heavenly Father, we thank those who have supported us to bring positive changes in the lives of persons with disabilities in Nepal. May you always be with them and their families.

**An eye screening camp carried out by CBM partners at a primary school in rural Nepal, which identifies children with vision problems.**



“Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.’ **MARK 10:27**”

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## Prayers from Nepal, South Asia

**Six-year-old Garima was born with a hip deformity called ‘developmental dysplasia of the hip.’ Thanks to CBM supporters, Garima underwent surgery enabling her to walk, play football and go to school like other children.**



**Wed**  
**1**

Lord, today we think particularly of those with disabilities who have been displaced from their family homes and communities due to natural disasters like flooding and landslides. May your almighty blessings help them overcome their loss.

**Thu**  
**2**

Lord, we ask for your continued blessings to those who have contributed to help make schools in Nepal accessible, so that children with disabilities can have access to education and maintain their dignity.

**Fri**  
**3**

Dear Almighty, please shower all your blessings to those staff of CBM and partner organisations who have come together to make positive changes to the lives of people with disabilities around many developing countries in the world.

**Sat**  
**4**

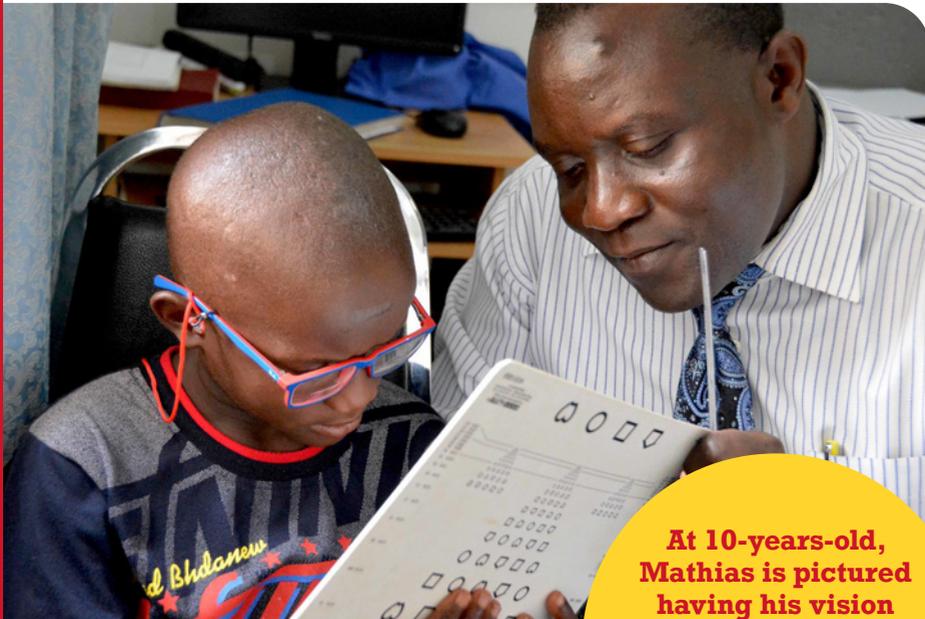
We pray for all those generous donors and their families, that they have good health and prosperous lives, as their contribution continue to reach out to those most in need.

Prayers provided by Rajesh Marasini, Disability Inclusion Coordinator, CBM Nepal

Front Cover: Thirteen-year-old Julienne, who has low vision, has access to life-transforming inclusive education at CBM partner school in Yaounde in Cameroon, Central Africa.

# SEPTEMBER

## Prayers for International Day of Charity



**At 10-years-old, Mathias is pictured having his vision assessed at Mengo eye department in Uganda, East Africa**



**Sun 5** On this International Day of Charity, we pray for a day when nobody is needlessly blind and everyone with vision problems receives the support they need.

**Mon 6** Today, we ask for the Lord's blessing on all children like Mathias (pictured) who struggle to see. We pray that they will receive support to complete their education.

**Tue 7** We thank God for the generosity of CBM supporters worldwide and their commitment towards helping people who struggle to see in the world's poorest places.

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."  
**PHILIPPIANS 4:7**

# SEPTEMBER

## Prayers for International Day of Charity

**Wed 8** We praise God for the dedicated doctors, ophthalmologists and nurses using their skills to help vulnerable people at CBM supported hospitals.

**Thu 9** A month before Christian Blind Mission Sunday (17th October), we pray for church communities across the UK who are coming together to learn and raise awareness about avoidable blindness. We give thanks for these wonderful supporters.

**Fri 10** May God be present with our project partners in operating theatres all over the world, and in the everyday lives of patients who receive support from CBM.

**Sat 11** Pray for joy in the hearts of those receiving surgery and medical intervention because of CBM. May they experience life-changing transformations, like Ajara in Cameroon (pictured below).

**75-year-old Ajara, from Cameroon, Central Africa, was diagnosed with cataracts in both eyes, which left her visually impaired. Thanks to CBM supporters, she received surgery and support through rehabilitation.**



Prayers provided by CBM UK team

## SEPTEMBER

Prayers for Zimbabwe,  
Southern Africa

**In response to emergencies like the food crisis in Madagascar, CBM works with partners to address food security and provide rehabilitation for the people most affected.**



**Sun**  
**12** We pray that the people of Zimbabwe may feel your reassuring grace in the face of the Coronavirus pandemic and those that have lost their loved ones may be comforted by you.

**Tue**  
**14** We pray for resources and adequate services such as vaccines, masks, and sanitisers required to control the spread of Coronavirus in Zimbabwe, and that those unwell may find care and treatment.

**Mon**  
**13** We pray Lord that you walk with the teachers, students and institutions of learning in Zimbabwe as they struggle with the disruptions caused by the pandemic. Fill them with a strong trust and hope in you.

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"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."  
**PHILIPPIANS 4:13**

## SEPTEMBER

Prayers for Zimbabwe,  
Southern Africa

**Wed**  
**15** Lord, we pray for the staff and patients at Norton Eye Unit in Zimbabwe as they try their best to provide services. We pray that in the midst of this dark time, your light may shine through.

**Fri**  
**17** Lord we pray for the youth in Zimbabwe. Where so much uncertainty exists, we ask that you bring hope and peace to their troubled hearts, so they may have hope for tomorrow.

**Thu**  
**16** We ask Lord that you watch over the elderly citizens of Zimbabwe, who feel vulnerable and frail at this time, who live in daily fear of the Coronavirus infection. Help them to know your present help.

**Sat**  
**18** We pray for the CBM family working in Zimbabwe at this time. We pray that your light may go before them and give them strength to continue the life-saving work in the communities they serve.

**Young students at a school in Harare, the capital city of Zimbabwe, playing with puzzles to help develop their fine motor skills.**



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Prayers provided by Mildred Zimunya, Head of Operations, CBM UK

# SEPTEMBER

## Prayers for International Day of Peace

**Sun**  
**19**

Lord Jesus, we come with grateful thanks for the promise of peace that you give to us. May those whose hearts are troubled today be filled with the gift of peace as they trust in you.

**Mon**  
**20**

Father, we pray that you will help each one of us to make every effort each day to keep a unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

**Tue**  
**21**

On this International Day of Peace we pray Lord for all governing authorities throughout the world, that they may work together for peace and in doing so may truly be your servants for our good.

**70-year-old Mairige lives in rural Nigeria, West Africa, and lost her sight due to river blindness. CBM aims to reach the world's forgotten people and prevent avoidable blindness in entire families before it's too late.**



"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." **JOHN 14:27**

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## Prayers for International Day of Peace

**Djemba (11) is a pupil of the Promhandicam Inclusive School in Yaounde, Cameroon. He lives with low vision problems and has learnt to braille, which he is learning well alongside his peers.**



**Wed**  
**22**

We pray for all places in the world where, because of conflict and war, peace is not known. We pray that those advocating for peace and reconciliation will be heard and their message acted upon.

**Thu**  
**23**

We thank you for all those who seek peace. We pray that you, the Lord of peace, will bring peace to our lives at all times and in every way.

**Fri**  
**24**

Pray for all those known to you who are anxious. Pray that in every situation the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**Sat**  
**25**

For all those connected with CBM today we pray that "The Lord will bless you and keep you, make his face shine on you and be gracious to you, will turn his face toward you and give you peace."

Prayers provided by Mark Barrell, Head of Advocacy, CBM UK

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Prayers for Harvest



**Before receiving cataract surgery in Cameroon, Central Africa, Desire struggled to read, do chores or work on his farm. Every year, CBM supporters like you help us protect millions of people like Desire from blinding diseases.**



**Sun 26** Father, today we pray for a good harvest to benefit the lives of the most vulnerable people. We hope for a plentiful harvest time.

**Mon 27** Harvest is a time to be thankful for all we have. We pray for more opportunities for people living with a disability to successfully yield their crops and provide for their communities.

**Tue 28** We thank God that organic crops fetch a premium price at the local market. We pray that they will continue to get good prices and be able to support their families.

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry." JOHN 6:35

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Prayers for Harvest

**Wed 29** We remember CBM's organic farming project in Central India, which helped around 7000 people. We recognise God's provision of sunshine and rain and we pray for sufficient rain to get a good harvest this year.

**Thu 30** We pray for people with blindness and other disabilities; that God will help and encourage them in their farming work despite the barriers they may face.

**Fri 1** Father, today we pray for our brothers and sisters who are in places where food is scarce and hunger is rife. We pray that your strength guides them.

**Sat 2** Lord, we pray that you will feed the hungry and release the potential of the world's poorest places to build a more prosperous future.

**Ibrahim and his family have been affected by drought time and time again. He received support from CBM partners who helped establish a survival yard with a water well and food supplies for a whole year.**



Prayers provided by Friends of CBM

## OCTOBER

Prayers for people affected  
by poor mental health

**Sun**  
**3** Lord, thank you for creating us with the ability to think and feel emotions. We celebrate this aspect of being human, and pray for those tormented by thoughts and distressed by challenging emotions. Bring peace and relief to them.

**Mon**  
**4** Dear God, we thank you for those who work to support others struggling with mental ill-health. For nurses, community workers and family members striving to provide care. We pray that you give them compassion, patience and sensitivity in their work.

**Pooja from India has learning difficulties. Due to CBM's work in supporting her father's organic farming, he can now afford her medicine and treatment and has more time to help her play and learn.**

**Tue**  
**5** God, we pray for CBM's projects and initiatives which seek to bring relief and support to places where resources are limited. We pray for resilience and fortitude, particularly during these challenging times of COVID-19. Amen.



"The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart trusts in him."  
PSALM 28:6-7

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**Wed**  
**6** We ask your guidance for decision makers. For wisdom and integrity among those who make policy decisions, allocating funds within countries. We pray that they will be guided by justice and equity, making sure no one is left behind.

**Thu**  
**7** We know you care for us all equally and do not judge us by external appearances. We pray for our partners' work to reduce the stigma around mental illness, and that they will be embraced as equal members of communities.

**Fri**  
**8** Dear God, we ask for your loving peace to come upon those who are grieving and are facing financial difficulties as a result of the global pandemic. We pledge to be a part of building a fairer world. Amen.

**Sat**  
**9** Ahead of tomorrow's World Mental Health Day, we advocate for people with mental health problems to have the power to speak for themselves, as their voice is often ignored. We pray for people to speak up and for their rights to be heard.

**Mental Health Director of CBM Global, Dr. Julian Eaton, oversees work which is carried out by partners around the world in mental health and disability.**



Prayers provided by Dr. Julian Eaton, Mental Health Director, CBM Global

# OCTOBER

## Prayers for World Sight Day

**Sun 10** Today, as we reflect, we give thanks for those Churches and communities who are raising money to help restore sight in the world's poorest places.

**Mon 11** We pray for people who don't have access to eye health services because they live too far away and cannot afford transport. We pray that their right to healthcare will be met before it is too late.

**Tue 12** We pray for those living with permanent blindness and that our world will be increasingly inclusive for people with disabilities, remembering the communities around the world where provision is scarce.

**Wed 13** Today we pray for ophthalmologists, optometrists, theatre technicians, hospital staff, outreach workers and all those who work tirelessly to restore sight.



**World Sight Day celebrations take place in the Karamoja region in Uganda. Activities to raise awareness of trachoma include eye health screenings of people in the community.**

"And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love; but the greatest of these is love." **CORINTHIANS 13:13**

# OCTOBER

## Prayers for World Sight Day

**On World Sight Day, we think of children like Ipyana (pictured) and the millions of people around the world who are needlessly blind because they can't get simple surgery or treatment that could save their sight.**



**Thu 14** On World Sight Day, we pray for all those men, women and children who are living with avoidable blindness and hope that they will get access to treatment and support.

**Fri 15** Today, we give thanks for all CBM supporters who give so generously to help build a world where nobody is needlessly blind and for churches preparing for Christian Blind Mission Sunday this weekend.

**Sat 16** We pray that more jobs will be made accessible for people with visual impairments and the contributions that all can make be duly recognised. Let there be an end to ableism in places of work.

Prayers provided by Rebekah Greenbank, Relational Research and Logistics Officer, CBM UK

## OCTOBER

Prayers for Churches and  
Kenya, East Africa

**Nurse Ebby Litu Adekhera in Kenya is shown here, performing an operation on a patient with trachoma.**



**Sun 17** On this Christian Blind Mission Sunday, we pray for Church congregations around the world. We give thanks for those who are working to make Churches accessible for people with disabilities.

**Mon 18** CBM has been working with partners in Kenya since the early 1970s. We pray that this work can continue to prevent blindness, improve health and help people with disabilities go to school, earn a living, access health care and rehabilitation.

**Tue 19** Pray for the work of CBM both at international and national levels. Pray for governance at all levels and pray that as changes take place, they may be for the good of the people with disabilities we provide services for.

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith." **EPHESIANS 3: 16-17**

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**Wed 20** Father, today we pray for all of the men, women and children with disabilities in the nation of Kenya. We ask for your blessing on all those who can be vulnerable. For the church congregation in the slum area of Kibera in Kenya. This church was once burned down because of violence, so we pray for peace and tranquillity.

**Thu 21** We pray for the World Council of Churches and especially for their work to include people with disabilities around the globe.

**Fri 22** Kenya is working towards a more equitable health care system. However, it still has significant problems of unemployment and poverty to tackle. Today we pray for CBM Kenya and their dedicated staff and volunteers.

**Sat 23** Continue to pray that God gives men, women and children with disabilities a sense of justice and peace as part of the World community.

**Feeling inspired to share our vision of a more inclusive world? Why not join us, share your passion and become a Church Ambassador for Christian Blind Mission? To find out more call 0800 567 7000 or email [info@cbmuk.org.uk](mailto:info@cbmuk.org.uk)**



Prayers provided by CBM Kenya

## OCTOBER

Prayers for people with  
cleft lip and palate

**Edwige (left) receives a new sewing machine, funded by CBM. Edwige has been deaf since birth and attended the CBM supported school for the deaf in Gagnoa, Ivory Coast, before finding an apprenticeship.**

**Sun**  
**24** Praise God for the skilled surgeons who operate on people with cleft lip and palate, which is caused when parts of the baby's face don't join together properly during development in the womb.

**Mon**  
**25** Dear Lord, today we pray for increased knowledge about this condition in the world's poorest communities. Help us to raise awareness and to educate people about cleft lip and palate.

**Tue**  
**26** On this day, we ask you God for renewed enthusiasm to help us end the cycle of poverty and disability.

"Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him."  
PSALM 62:5

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cleft lip and palate

**Wed**  
**27** Children born with cleft lip and palate can sometimes be abandoned by new parents. Please pray that all mothers and fathers are able to access the medical care and support that their child needs.

**Thu**  
**28** Remember CBM partners in your prayers for all that they do to help adults and children with disabilities. We are grateful that our contributions are able to make an impact in the world's poorest places.

**Fri**  
**29** Today, we pray for successful plastic surgery operations to mend cleft lip and palate. We pray that children like Joan (pictured) can get the support they need to reach their full potential.

**Sat**  
**30** Please pray that every child will feel God's love and protection every day. We ask that you would inspire, guide and protect them throughout their lives.

**10-month-old Joan was born with cleft lip and palate in Uganda. She was referred to CoRSU where she received surgery. Here she is, three days later.**





**Christian Blind Mission  
Sunday (17th October) is  
an uplifting addition to the  
church calendar in the same  
week as World Sight Day.**

This event is a unique opportunity that will allow your church members to learn about the prevalence of low vision in developing countries, and put God's love into action, to help the world's forgotten people.

We have produced a range of free resources so your church congregation can learn, pray and give to help restore sight to children living with preventable blindness in the world's poorest places.

**To join the growing number of churches who will be marking Christian Blind Mission Sunday please visit [www.cbmuk.org.uk/sunday](http://www.cbmuk.org.uk/sunday) or call 0800 567 7000.**

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