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**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.

**Tues 1**

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.

**WEEK 1 **

**29th Aug-4th Sep**

“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**

**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.

**Thur 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.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

A 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 for International Day of Charity

Prayers provided by CBM UK team
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.

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”
PHILIPPIANS 4:13

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

WEEK 4
19th - 25th

SEPTEMBER

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.

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.

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.

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.

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."

"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

Prayers provided by Mark Barrell, Head of Advocacy, CBM UK
Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry.” JOHN 6:35

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.
**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.

**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.

**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.

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**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.**

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

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**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.**

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

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.

We pray for people 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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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

Praying provided by CBM Kenya
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.

"Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him."
PSALM 62:5
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 or call 0800 567 7000.