Prayer Diary
**JAN/FEB**

- **Prayers for people living with avoidable blindness**

  **Dr Ute Dibb,**  
  **eye surgeon,**  
  **performing cataract surgery at Norton Eye Unit, a CBM partner in Zimbabwe, Southern Africa.**

**Sun**  
30th Jan  
We pray for all those who are living needlessly blind in Zimbabwe southern Africa, due to conditions like cataracts, and for their families. May they feel the comfort of your presence and be surrounded by love and support.

**Mon**  
31th Jan  
Father, we pray for eye health workers in Nigeria and Zimbabwe as they continue to help those in need. May you give them peace, love and strength.

**Tue**  
1st Feb  
Lord we pray for the inclusion of people with disabilities in Zimbabwe and Nigeria and that they may not be left behind in these difficult times.

**Wed**  
2nd Feb  
We give thanks for the work of CBM’s partner eye-hospitals, for the skills and dedication of their doctors, nurses and other staff, and for the supporters in the UK and around the world who make their life-changing work possible.

**Thu**  
3rd Feb  
Jesus, You understand what it is like to be excluded. Help us to tackle the stigma and discrimination faced by people living in Nigeria and Zimbabwe so that they are loved and valued in their community.

**Fri**  
4th Feb  
You are the light of the world. Help us to do what we can to bring light and hope where it is needed, whether in our own homes and communities, or in other parts of the world.

**Sat**  
5th Feb  
We pray for all the CBM team globally, may You give them the strength and wisdom to do their work.

**Thanks to supporters like you, 80-year-old Stellar received sight-saving surgery at CBM partner hospital, Norton Eye Unit.**

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“I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.”  
PHILIPPIANS 4:13
Nepal Disabled Women Association (NDWA), a CBM partner in Nepal, have distributed food, hygiene and medical packages to persons with disabilities affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

"Blessed is she who believed that the Lord would fulfill His promises to her."  
LUKE 1:45

FEBRUARY

Prayers from Nepal, South Asia

Lord, may You fulfil many girls’ longing for wisdom and a better life. Bless them with a quality education, school supplies and assistive devices that support their goals.

God, we pray for children with disabilities who are waiting for surgery. May they regain hope and happiness in their lives this year.

Thanks to your support, Uttam and his family received cataract surgery at our partner hospital in Nepal.

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Prayers provided by CBM Nepal
We ask for blessing upon all those working to relieve suffering in Madagascar. May help reach those who need it most, including people with disabilities who are often the last to receive assistance at times of crisis.

The UN has highlighted that the crisis in Madagascar is caused by human-made climate change. We ask God for forgiveness for humanity’s poor stewardship of the earth, which is causing such suffering.

We pray for guidance and wisdom for world leaders - and for each of us as individuals - as we seek to tackle the climate crisis, which is having such a devastating impact on some of the world’s poorest people.

Your donations have provided urgent assistance to families in the Anosy and Androy regions of Southern Madagascar, including 241 people with disabilities, enabling them to access food, water, medication, soap and other essentials.

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.” MATTHEW CHAPTER 25:35
"If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet."

JOHN 13:14

Prayers from supporters to tackle trachoma

We pray for children like Sheite and that they continue to find help needed to resolve problems associated with trachoma. May God bless you and heal you.

Father, help to lift up Heyiriya and Sheite and all their family and friends. We pray for them in their time of trouble, that they find comfort in Your presence.

Today, give thanks to God for the love given to those whose sight is affected by trachoma. Give thanks that those suffering are not alone and can be guided by You.

Bless young children like Sheite, who care for their parents and grandparents who suffer with trachoma. We pray in hope that Sheite can grow up to achieve her dream of becoming a doctor one day.

Lord, we give thanks for the doctors, volunteers and members of the community who serve to help those suffering with trachoma. Without their dedication and commitment, families like Heyiriya and Sheite would suffer more.

Trachoma is the leading cause of infectious blindness, prevalent in poor rural communities where families struggle to access clean water. We pray that more communities are able to find clean water in the future, to avoid the spread of trachoma.

In Ethiopia alone, there are over 9 million children between the ages of 1 and 9 living with untreated trachoma. We pray for CBM and local partners who work to deliver sight-saving surgery to those who need it.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, people living in a rural part of Ethiopia are able to fetch clean water from a well, funded by CBM.

Prayers provided by CBM UK supporters
Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one’s whole body.” PROVERBS 4:21-22

Prayers provided by Edwin Osundwa, CBM Kenya Country Director and Dave Taylor, Head of Philanthropy & Partnerships, CBM UK.
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“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, defend the rights of all who are destitute.”
PROVERBS 31:8

Dear Lord, we pray for women and girls living with disabilities, to help us end the daily limitations they face through lack of opportunity.

Dear Lord, we celebrate and give thanks for the achievements of women who nurture, teach, inspire and love their children and their communities.

On this International Women’s Day, may we pray for the women who face extreme challenges that they will have the right to receive equality, healthcare, education and prospects.

Father, today we pray that all women living in the poorest parts of the world are respected, safe, included and empowered to live a life full of opportunities.

Lord Jesus, we pray that you will bring peace in the midst of uncertainty. We pray for the safety and wellbeing of women who have been forced to flee their country with their families.

Our partner DRAC, the Disability Rights Advocacy Center, in Nigeria, West Africa, is working to end violence towards women and girls with disabilities.

Father, we come together and pray for the end of discrimination towards women and girls with disabilities to stop sexual and gender-based violence.

Lord, we pray for women and girls all around the world living with blinding diseases, that they are given access to medication, granting them the opportunity to live an abundant life as God intends for them.
In times of crisis, people with disabilities are often the worst affected and the last to receive the help they need. We are determined to change this.

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Father God, we pray all people will have access to clean water. For those who travel a long way, please keep them safe on their journeys, and may our projects make a clean water supply more readily available.

In countries where unrest has continued, we ask that you bring miracles of peace and healing between communities and groups of people.

We give thanks to you, Lord, for our generous supporters who give so kindly to provide basic necessities such as healthcare and food assistance to those who need it most.

We pray that the advice of Organisations of People with Disabilities will be heard and applied in policymaking throughout the world so that the voices of people with disabilities are represented in all governance.

Niyamuddin had cataracts in both eyes. Following successful surgery at CBM Partner Biratnagar Eye Hospital in Nepal, he can see again!

Father, we commit each and every day to you. We ask that you show us how we can best bring relief – especially when major crises occur.

Lord, we pray for wisdom for the board members of CBM, that they hear your still, small voice to guide them in their decision-making that leads to incredible international impact.

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Regina from Uganda, East Afr, sits in hospital with her mum, after an operation to treat her bow legs. She can now walk pain free thanks to CBM supporters.

On International Day of Happiness, we pray for mothers and fathers who are caring for children with disabilities. We pray that through Your love, they will find ways to live life to the full.

Lord God, we pray for the parents of disabled children, especially when they feel downhearted. May You offer them comfort and strength.

"We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." CORINTHIANS 4:7

Loving Father, thank you for understanding those that are misunderstood. We pray that people with disabilities will always be able to enjoy contributing within their communities.

Thank you Father for creating us with Your grace. Help us to appreciate the enormous value and opportunities that people with disabilities bring to our communities.

Lord, some days we cannot see the best way forward. Thank you for showing us the next step; help us to trust You for our future.

Give praise to our God who comforts us; that we may know his love and heart so that we may encourage and comfort others.

Women in the Philippines wait for an eye screening for their premature babies.
Focus on River Blindness

**Sun 27**
We pray that sight-saving Mectizan medication will continue to be delivered in the amounts that are needed – and on time – for each person living in areas affected by river blindness.

**Mon 28**
Today, we pray for people like Hauwa. Hauwa lost her sight due to river blindness, a Neglected Tropical Disease which is caused by fly bites. It is the second most common cause of preventable blindness in the world.

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**Tue 29**
We pray for Hauwa’s family today. Her nephew, Danjuma, fetches water and food to help Hauwa. Lord, we hope that Danjuma is able to access treatment if needed so he does not suffer the same fate as his Aunt.

**Wed 30**
There are around 125 million people at risk of river blindness, and 96% of them live in Africa. We pray in hope for future generations, particularly those who live in the world’s poorest places.

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**Thu 31**
God, we give thanks for the many outreach volunteers who distribute and safely administer sight-saving medicine to rural communities. They are helping protect whole communities from river blindness.

**Fri 1**
Nobody should go blind just because they are poor. We pray that more people and communities can access Mectizan in the future, offering protection against river blindness.

Hauwa says “I still fear that my children, grandchildren, siblings or little nephew will catch the disease.” Lord, help us to stop river blindness from stealing their sight.

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APRIL

Focus on Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP)

Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) occurs when blood vessels in the eye don’t develop normally. These abnormal blood vessels are fragile and can leak, scarring the retina and pulling it out of position, causing visual impairment and blindness.

We give thanks for the ophthalmologist’s and healthcare workers who specialise in the screening and treatment of ROP, who work to detect eye diseases in the world’s poorest places.

We pray for children like Gabriel (pictured) who, at just six-weeks-old, was diagnosed with ROP. Fortunately Gabriel’s sight was saved through laser treatment carried out at CBM’s partner hospital in the Philippines.

Gabriel continues to be monitored at our partner hospital which supports ROP patients not just after birth, but until they are grown up. We pray in thanks that children like Gabriel can access this support for as long as needed.

We pray for the families supporting children like Gabriel who are diagnosed with ROP. For families like this living in poverty, life is already tough. If Gabriel had needlessly lost his sight, they would have faced many more challenges.

Just £26 could help diagnose ROP in premature babies so they can receive the treatment they need. Lord, help us to raise awareness of this condition.

This Good Friday, we pray for children like Gabriel who are at risk of going needlessly blind. We pray for families who can’t afford to seek medical advice and treatment.

We pray for all those that are living needlessly blind in the Philippines due to conditions like ROP. May they feel comfort from You and be surrounded by compassion.

Find out how you can support children living with avoidable blindness in the world’s poorest places and visit cbmuk.org.uk

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HEBREWS 12:1

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At Easter time we think of all new life; plants, animals and children. We pray especially for babies born into challenging circumstances; whether they are sick, or their families are poor. Easter is a time of life, and new beginnings. We pray that you will refresh our hearts, our mind and our faith.

One-year-old Rabin had cataracts in both eyes. He received sight-saving surgery thanks to CBM partner Biratnagar Eye Hospital in Nepal.

Easter is a time of second chances. We thank you Lord for the work of CBM, which through surgery and rehabilitation has given millions of people the chance of a brighter future.

At Easter we may also think of those we have lost. Teach us not to fear death, and that with faith, we will reach the Kingdom of Heaven.

"In his great mercy, he has given us new birth, into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

PETER 1:3

Thank you for your support for people with disabilities. We pray that many more people will have a new start in their lives.

We pray for the many people in the world who suffer in silence and particularly those who are going blind from preventable causes.

Children from Uganda wish all CBM supporters a very happy Easter. They have received treatment at CoRSU, our partner hospital.
Thanks to your support, last year around 278,000 wheelchairs, walking frames and other orthopaedic devices were distributed to those in need.

"Now faith, hope, love, these three remain; but love is the greatest among them."
1 CORINTHIANS 13:13
Pledge to break the cycle of poverty and disability

For over 100 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 save sight, strengthen health systems and improve access to education and employment opportunities.

You can make a Will for free through CBM. All we ask in return is that you consider leaving a gift, no matter how large or small, to support people with disabilities in the world’s poorest places.

For more information about leaving a gift in your Will, or to request a legacy brochure, please call our friendly team on 0800 567 7000 or email info@cbmuk.org.uk

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