Prayers for World Humanitarian Day

Sun 13  Lord, in the week of World Humanitarian Day, we pray for those helping people in the world’s poorest places. We pray for the men and women who risk their lives in service to others.

Mon 14  Father, we pray for those currently living in crisis, either through war or natural disasters, who are in need of humanitarian aid. Please provide them with guidance and support, so they will not be overwhelmed.

Tue 15  In the week of World Humanitarian Day, we pray for those men, women and children who work to help and transform their community. May God provide them with the love to guide them, as they serve others around them.

Wed 16  Lord, today we pray that you will help all of us to live with integrity and understanding, helping those less fortunate and make the world a better place.

Thu 17  God, we reflect and pray for the next generation. May our children grow up to be caring and support those around them. May they grow up to be generous and compassionate role models.

Fri 18  God, today we think of those who serve their communities, particularly aid workers, community leaders and teachers. Help them reduce stigma amongst vulnerable groups through awareness and education.

Sat 19  Lord, we pray for those who commit their lives to helping others on this World Humanitarian Day. We pray for resilience and strength in areas of unrest.

In response to the drought in Madagascar and parts of East Africa, last year our Emergency Response Team addressed food shortages and helped ensure people with disabilities can access support.

“All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.” JOHN 6:37

Prayers provided by CBM UK team

57-year-old Musu, a survivor of civil war in Sierra Leone in West Africa, is shown here being examined before her cataract surgery.

Front Cover: Zvaikaitani lives in Zimbabwe, Southern Africa, and has a physical impairment from a childhood accident as well as a visual impairment. She receives support from our partners, thanks to people like you.
“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” JOSHUA 1:9

**AUGUST**

**Prayers from Zimbabwe, Southern Africa**

Sun 20  
Lord Jesus, shine your light in us, through us, over us so that we make a difference in this world, together and as individuals. May this be for your glory and purposes.

Mon 21  
We pray with a thankful heart and joy, to be strengthened and stay true to all in our words, thoughts, and deeds. May we continue to impact positively on individuals and communities.

**Immaculate is a program assistant for Basic Needs Basic Rights (BNBR), working for better mental health. She works in a primary school in Kenya, East Africa, which focuses on preventative mental health care for students.**

Tue 22  
We pray for love in the CBM family. Help us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none. Let there be compassion, forgiveness, and acceptance in the times of failure and disappointments.

Wed 23  
We pray for protection of our teams and of our partners. Remember, Lord, those working in difficult environments. Remember those in conflict zones, those in countries affected by disasters and hazards. May you be their refuge.

Thu 24  
Lord, may you continue to make us instruments of restoration for peace and love. May individuals, families, and communities that we reach see your love and give you all the glory. We thank you because you are able.

Fri 25  
Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for your daily presence in our lives. Your eyes are over us, and your ears open to our prayers this year. You surround us with favour, and we prosper under your care.

Sat 26  
Lord Jesus, we pray for your peace to saturate every country in which we work. We pray every individual feels valued and empowered.

**70-year-old Jestina has a plot in a community garden in Zimbabwe, which she enjoys; “before the garden, I was really suffering, I had little to support me.”**

Prayers provided by Greaterman Chivandire, Country Director, CBM Zimbabwe
Lord, we pray for children living with avoidable blindness due to cataracts and other conditions. God, we hope that one day, all children will have easy access to the treatment they need.

Lord, today we reflect on children like eight-year-old Yogendra who had cataracts in both eyes. The cataracts clouded his vision, stopping him from doing things independently. We pray for the safety of children like Yogendra, who live with avoidable blindness.

Yogendra’s family couldn’t afford treatment and were living in poverty. God, help us to prayerfully consider the role we can play to help end extreme poverty in our world.

Sabina had been living with cataracts in both eyes. Following successful surgery, Sabina wears protective glasses and can look forward to the future thanks to your support.

Millions of people are needlessly blind because they can’t access treatment. Thanks to your support, 6-year-old Meghnath received sight-saving cataract surgery in Nepal and waits for his bandages to be removed.

“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

Prayers provided by CBM UK team
Today we reflect and pray for your followers all over the world. May you bless them and their faithfulness, as they share your message with those around them.

God, today we give thanks for our children. Keep this generation under your loving care, so they grow into considerate and caring people who strive towards a fair and just world.

Lord, we pray for all people with disabilities and their families throughout the world. Lord, surround them with those who exercise integrity and work towards justice, morality, and freedom.

“...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

JOSHUA 24:15

Lord, thank you for the Futuremakers project here in Nepal. Thanks to the support of CBM partners and supporters, young people with disabilities are developing new businesses and accessing support to invest in their future.

Dear Lord, hear our prayer of thanks to our partners who work alongside those with disabilities. Together they tackle injustice and combat stigma and make such a tangible difference to the lives of so many.

Hear our prayer Lord, for those who have a mental or physical impairment. We pray that those in troubled times will have rehabilitation and inclusion in their own communities.

“...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

JOSHUA 24:15

Last year, working with our partners we helped protect over 1.4 million people from blinding diseases. This is all made possible because of your support!

A cataract camp held in Nepal last year, helped identify patients who needed treatment or surgery.

Thank you Lord, for those kind-hearted people and supportive hands that help do your work in the poorest communities. Give them your guidance and strength to continue making a difference in the world.

Prayers provided by the CBM Nepal team
Today we pray for those living with physical disabilities. Empower them to be all who you created them to be, so they walk with confidence, knowing you have their hearts, dreams, and desires, and you sustain every part of their being.

We thank you for the beauty and uniqueness we all carry. Today we pray for those cast aside due to any kind of disability. May you surround their hearts and place people around them who will encourage and see their potential.

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Dear loving Jesus, today we pray specifically for those who have clubfoot. We pray that you place people on their path today who will direct them to the right hospitals so they can have their operation for corrective surgery.

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Father, may you continue to perform miracles for those who live with disabilities. Whether that is someone in need of a wheelchair, or someone to talk to for emotional support, please give them comfort.

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Lord, stand around those who feel lost due to a disability. We pray you will restore their hearts and minds, so they no longer feel isolated. Guide those who are searching for more, in faith we ask today to be their peace.

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Jesus, thank you for your sovereignty and purity. We pray for those who have become discouraged due to a physical disability. May your Holy Spirit encourage people to be bold and speak up for what they deserve.

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Father, we ask that you place your unfailing love around those children waiting for corrective surgery due to conditions like clubfoot. Thank you for standing alongside them in solidarity.

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We have been working with our partners in Uganda for decades, working across the country to prevent avoidable blindness, improve health and help people with disabilities go to school. Here is Alice, a community psychologist, working alongside children at CoRSU hospital.

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9
Like most refugees fleeing their country to escape conflict or persecution, the infant Jesus was a refugee in Egypt. We pray that refugees, particularly those with disabilities will be protected as they travel to places of safety.

Lord, we are so grateful for what we have been able to achieve to help entire communities. We pray in hope that this can continue, for a more inclusive and peaceful world.

Bangladesh is home to roughly one million Rohingya refugees who fled Myanmar’s Rakhine state following a brutal military crackdown in 2017. The Refugee camp which is located in Cox’s Bazar, Southeast Bangladesh, is the largest refugee settlement in the world.

“In areas of unrest or conflict, Lord, we ask you please to watch over the men, women and children who are frightened and feel lost. We pray for a peace, where families can begin to rebuild their lives.

“I am the peace. They who are of me are of peace.” MATTHEW 10:39

Lord, we pray for all CBM projects supporting people in the world’s poorest places, and for peace and restoration for the people they serve. We ask that essential aid reaches people in need and that humanitarian resources are readily available.

85-year-old Mafunasi had cataracts and trachoma, meaning she could not see. Following successful surgery, she can walk unaided and gain her independence which brings joy to her whole family.

In areas of unrest or conflict, Lord, we ask you please to watch over the men, women and children who are frightened and feel lost. We pray for a peace, where families can begin to rebuild their lives.

On this International Day of Peace, we reflect on the parts of the world where there is much conflict. God, we ask you provide people with perseverance and strength to promote peace and encourage reconciliation.

We pray for peace all around the world. Move our hearts with the peace of Your spirit as we care for ourselves and others. Give our leaders wisdom to be inclusive of those living with disabilities.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” MATTHEW 5:9
Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.” GALATIANS 6:2

CoRSU provides affordable and quality healthcare services for children with disabilities in Uganda. Lord, thank you for this facility, where hundreds of children can be treated each year for conditions like bowlegs or clubfoot and have their lives transformed.

Lord, we pray that even the poorest families can access vital health services for their child at CoRSU hospital. Lord, we pray that all children can access the treatment and medicine needed so they can go on to achieve their full potential.

Dear Lord, teach us your ways of faithfulness. Help us to be faithful and generous to others, like the health workers in Uganda, who work tirelessly to transform lives of those in need.

Lord Jesus, your love carries us through life. We ask that your love abounds in us so we can share this with others. Just as the staff working in CoRSU in Uganda, may we continue sharing the love of Christ.

Your kindness is helping to make a difference in the world for children like Kevine and Edward, who had bowlegs. Your generosity means that they could access treatment and have their legs straightened, meaning they can live without pain.

Lord, let your peace still every storm in our lives. May the peace of Christ be extended to our families and communities around the world.

Father, we pray for people with disabilities living in poverty in places like Uganda, who may struggle to access healthcare. Please help us and our partners as we work to make healthcare accessible for all.

Father, we pray that even the poorest families can access vital health services for their child at CoRSU hospital. Lord, thank you for this facility, where hundreds of children can be treated each year for conditions like bowlegs or clubfoot and have their lives transformed.

Dr Moses Fisha is the Head of Orthopaedics at our partner CoRSU hospital in Uganda. CoRSU regularly treats children with conditions like clubfoot and bowlegs.

Father, we pray that CoRSU will be equipped with critical medical equipment to ensure they can continue to meet the needs of patients who need support and treatment.
Dear Heavenly Father, help to fill our hearts with compassion and love for those who are hurting. Help us to be a source of comfort and hope to those in need.

Dear Lord, we commit our children into your mighty hands. We pray that you will keep them safe and may they grow in knowledge and wisdom.

Thank you loving Jesus, for the gift of life and for the opportunity to see a new day. We rejoice in your faithfulness and all your promises for us. Help us to extend this gift to people living in Nigeria, particularly those with disabilities.

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

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

Did you know that two-thirds of blind people are women? In wealthier countries this is because women live longer than men; in low-income countries, it is because women are less likely to receive the healthcare they need.

Lord, we ask for total healing to 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

With our partners HANDS (Health and Development Support), we have just launched CiSKuLa, an innovative new project in Nigeria to improve access to water, sanitation and hygiene and treat and eliminate Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) like river blindness.

“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 for World Mental Health Day and World Sight Day

We pray for those unable to access eye health services and mental health support because they live too far away and cannot afford transport. We pray their right to healthcare will be met before it is too late.

Lord, we ask for comfort to those facing stigma and discrimination within their communities due to mental or physical health conditions. Please surround them with your warmth and reassurance in their moments of darkness.

This World Mental Health Day, we pray for those who are committed to supporting people who struggle with their mental wellbeing. This role can be overlooked and unappreciated, so we pray they feel encouraged in their efforts to make a difference.

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

Today is World Sight Day and so, Lord, we pray for all the men, women and children who are living with avoidable blindness and hope that they will access treatment and support.

It is estimated that 75% of all blindness is avoidable. That means 3 out of every 4 people who are blind don't need to be. This World Sight Day, our thoughts are with the people waiting to access support or treatment.

Lord, we prayer for people who face challenges with their mental wellbeing or avoidable blindness. In parts of the world where there are very few services, we pray that families are treated with dignity and understanding.

Father, look over those with avoidable blindness due to treatable conditions like cataracts. God, we pray that these men, women and children are able to access support that can transform their quality of life.

“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”
1 PETER 5:7

Dr. Julian Eaton is the mental health director of CBM Global. He oversees the work carried out by our partners around the world in mental health and disability.
Lord, we give thanks for those working to make churches accessible for people with disabilities. We know there is still a way to go and so we pray You would stir people to action.

Lord, we give thanks for all CBM supporters who have used their time and resources to raise money to transform lives. We thank you for the inspiration they give us and the change they are making across the world.

Lord, we pray for those churches who are experiencing challenges as a result of the cost-of-living crisis. We pray that You would grant wisdom to those who are considering how best to move forward.

We pray for a more inclusive world, so that those with disabilities may have their rights upheld and opportunities opened for them. Lord, help us to drive more change across the world.

Feeling inspired to share our vision of a more inclusive world? Why not join us and share your passion with your local church? To find out more call 0800 567 7000.

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.

Following Christian Blind Mission Sunday, we pray in thanks for those who have raised funds and awareness to help restore sight for people living in the world’s poorest places.

Today, Lord, we pray for those who have felt lonely this year. Please surround them with support networks, like their local church, to provide comfort and guidance.

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." ISAIAH 40:31

A nurse removes an eye-patch from Paul’s eye following successful sight-saving surgery at our partner, Norton Eye Unit in Zimbabwe.
Dear God, through our work, help us to raise awareness and educate people about obstetric fistula. Knowledge is the first step to empowerment and finding help.

Loving Father, we ask for your love and compassion on all women who have suffered traumatic births. We ask you to bless those who have lost children during prolonged and difficult labour.

At 18-years-old, Faith developed fistula which made her stop going to school. Since then, thanks to your support, she has received surgery and has enrolled in a culinary school where she is learning to bake.

Fistula is a debilitating condition affecting women and girls, causing incontinence, and leaving them prone to infection. It is usually the result of prolonged labour and lack of maternal healthcare.

We pray for the members of communities, of which women struggling with fistula are part. Please Lord, give them compassion and empathy to reach out and help these women, and not to ostracise them.

We pray especially for women, who have to deal with this difficult and often undignified condition. We pray they remain strong and optimistic and that you will guide them to get medical help.

We ask for your blessing, God of healing, on CBM’s projects supporting women with obstetric fistula. Grant wisdom and give guidance to our team and partners to help them effectively reach those women in need.

Father we give thanks for those who stand by their relatives or friends who sustain obstetric fistula. For those who, despite social stigma, refuse to leave the side of a woman in need.

"Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." COLOSSIANS 3:12
Thank you Father for everything you and the wonderful supporters of CBM do to bring about positive change in the lives of people with disabilities in the world’s poorest places. The work of CBM would not be possible without their dedication.

In a world where people with disabilities often face prejudice, we pray for a fairer world for everyone. Help others to open their eyes so that every individual can fulfil their God-given potential.

Cecilia regularly attends meetings of Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) because her daughter is deafblind and has cerebral palsy. These meetings have helped her make friends and be an active part of her community.

Many of the world’s poorest people can’t afford treatment, or the transport to access it. We thank God for our generous supporters, who help to transform so many lives.

“Ears that hear and eyes that see – the Lord has made them both.” PROVERBS 20:12

God bless CBM supporters who demonstrate Christian love through their generous donations, prayers and volunteering. Without this incredible support, CBM’s life changing work would not be possible.

Loving Father, we pray for all the CBM family – community volunteers, partner organisations, CBM team members, trustees and volunteers – all essential to the mission to break the cycle of poverty and disability.

Lord, please be with our supporters as they go about their daily lives. We pray for those feeling fatigued or weary, please, God, place your arms around them in comfort so their strength be renewed.

We know, Lord, that faithful supporters of CBM raise awareness in their communities, churches and local groups. We pray in thanks for this passion and dedication to transform lives.

If you would like to share some prayers to be included in a future prayer diary, please get in touch on 0800 567 7000 or email info@cbmuk.org.uk. You can also write to us at CBM, Munro House, 20 Mercers Row, Cambridge, CB5 8HY.
Focus on clubfoot

Sun 5
Please pray for our partners in the world’s poorest places who help those with clubfoot. Pray that as many children as possible who have clubfoot will receive treatment.

Mon 6
Loving Father, today we pray for children like Edrine, who was born with clubfoot. Thankfully, he has now received treatment and we pray for his future to be full of opportunity and joy.

Tue 7
Father, we pray for the dedicated medical staff working tirelessly for people living in poverty. May you bring them strength and courage in their work, so they can continue to make such a huge difference to people’s lives and futures.

Clubfoot is a condition that twists the foot, making it difficult or impossible to walk. If untreated, it leads to life-long disability.

“"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." PSALM 139:14

NOVEMBER

Focus on clubfoot

Wed 8
Lord, we ask for your healing power and love to be shown to all those children living in the world’s poorest places with clubfoot. We pray for those children awaiting surgery at facilities like CoRSU in Uganda, East Africa.

Thu 9
Together, we pray that parents of children living with clubfoot, in places like rural Uganda, will hear about CBM’s project through our community awareness work and reach the support they need.

Fri 10
Together, we work to prevent and treat conditions that cause disability. We pray in hope for those with clubfoot, that they can access the medical care that they need.

Sat 11
Loving Lord, today we pray in thanks for CBM supporters who have given so generously, enabling children in the world’s poorest places to receive life-transforming surgery.

8-year-old Suman from Nepal, South Asia, had clubfoot in both legs. Thanks to your kindness, he received corrective surgery and was then free of discomfort.
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.

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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