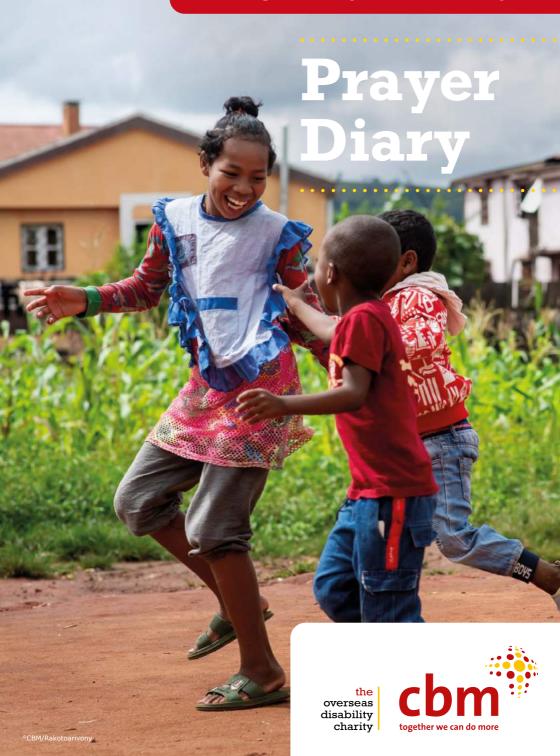
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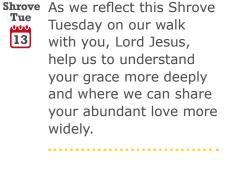
irreversibly blind due

Sun 11 Thank you Lord Jesus, for all the many blessings that come from you. Help each one of us, Lord, this week, as we build up to Lent, to never take for granted all we have in you.

Mon 12 Give wisdom Lord to all those who are part of CBM to know how best to demonstrate your love in action, and to amplify the voice of those who are so often unheard and forgotten.

Paul, 70, from Zimbabwe, Southern Africa, is a farmer and carpenter. After developing cataracts, he could not leave his home, nor walk to the toilet independently. Thanks to supporters of CBM, Paul underwent successful cataract surgery that has

transformed his life.





to river blindness. Our partners in Nigeria are working to combat river blindness, and other Neglected Tropical Diseases, to protect future generations.



Ash Wed Heavenly Father, as we await the joy of Easter, help us to reflect, pray and prepare more eagerly remembering your faithfulness, love and mercy to us.



Thank you, Lord, for all the partners of CBM, and their tireless work in supporting the most marginalised. Help them to bear fruit, and may their work in supporting people with disabilities prosper.



We pray for those in government and in authority to have wisdom and the understanding needed to govern well and to ensure that all are treated equally and with respect.



We pray for all those advocating for disability inclusion in every aspect of life. May your freedom and justice, Lord, prevail, so everyone can live life in all its fullness.

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

Front Cover: Lucas, 9, from Madagascar, has a learning disability and physical disability. Since starting school, her parents have noticed she is more sociable, and enjoys participating in class.

Mary, from Zimbabwe, Southern Africa, was blind because of cataracts and

unable to earn a living to

support her grandchildren. Following successful

surgery to restore her sight,

Mary said, "I have nothing

to worry about. I know God

will guide me through

the next stage."

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WEEK

Prayers for Zimbabwe, Southern Africa

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Lord, we pray for CBM teams and partners who work tirelessly to support our projects in Zimbabwe. Give them strength and wisdom so that this work may bring forth good outcomes.

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Lord God, we remember the Zimbabwe teams working with locally based partners to build and support projects. We pray for continued strength and guidance in all they do.

Thu 22 We pray for the partnerships we have that support our work in Zimbabwe, may harmony and understanding continue through your grace and may people's lives be transformed by our unified efforts.

Sat 24

Lord, we pray for all those living with disabilities in Zimbabwe, give them strength, give them hope, and let them know you are their present help in times of challenge.



Lord, there are many who have trouble with their eyesight in Zimbabwe. May the training that has been given to ophthalmic nurses be a blessing to many cataract patients.

Tue 20 We pray for your comforting presence, that you would give hope to many that are struggling with the impact of economic crises, disease, and mental health challenges. May they know your healing hand.

Sun 18 Dear Lord, thank you for the Supporting Adolescent Girls Education Programme (SAGE) in Zimbabwe - we pray that young girls may benefit hugely and that communities may continue to be supportive.

After her bandages were removed, Mary told our team, "I am thankful to God as I am now able to see. I am celebrating because I can now work for my grandchildren... I couldn't see them. Now, I can see them and help them."



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

Prayers provided by Mildred Zimunya, Friend of CBM

Father, we thank you for specialist nurses and surgeons who can treat women with obstetric fistula. We pray for restoration and healing for women who feel isolated and ashamed due to this condition.

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Lord, we pray for children who are unable to go to school due to avoidable blindness. We pray that those children can access life changing surgeries and break the cycle of poverty and isolation.

Zawadi, 18, from Kenya, East Africa, has nerve damage and a visual impairment.

Zawadi is pictured with CBM program officer Jacqueline Mutai, who said, "There is a lot of stigmatisation of mental health patients and a lot of discrimination against people with mental health conditions and psychosocial disabilities."



After three years physiotherapy at a hospital, Jeanne received a prosthesis, but was unable to support herself and so begged on the streets. We pray for people forced into poverty due to a disability.



Zawadi and her father,
Kaingu, leave a meeting
of an Organisation of
Persons with Disabilities
(OPD). The OPD
advocates for people with
disabilities, combatting
misconceptions and
discrimination.



Wed

You are a God who sees and knows all. Thank you Father, that you never forget or neglect us. Today, we pray for communities to stand together for those living with disabilities and facing discrimination.



We pray for any persons who face discrimination and stigma due to mental health. Father may your love and joy bring comfort to them and their families. May they access the help and support they need.



Lord, we pray for CoRSU, CBMs partner hospital in Uganda, East Africa, where so many children receive surgery for bowlegs or clubfoot. Thanks to CoRSU children now have the opportunity to play with their friends, go to school and not live in isolation.



Father, we pray for all those affected by poverty or unjust discrimination. Help us to continue to provide for and support those living in crisis and in need. Without you, nothing is possible.

"Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly." JOHN 7:24

Prayers provided by Doné McConnell, Supporter Relations Officer, CBM UK

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Today we remember those who have been abandoned due to disabilities. Father, may you provide a way for them to have support to be integrated into their community.

and rejected. May you be

their peace and friend.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your compassion. May your unconditional love and compassion shine through others and

embrace those who need vour love at this time.

MARCH

Dear God, we pray for those who are struggling with rejection as they are stuck at home or bound by mental health challenges. Please make a way for appropriate community support.



We pray for those who are living with no sight, and are feeling isolated and unable to participate in school or work. Father, please make a way for them to feel connected and accepted.



Father, we pray for families and friends to move in grace and compassion with those who need extra support due to disabilities. May you strengthen and sustain carers who may also feel isolated.



We thank you for our families and for the place we belong and feel at home. We pray that those who feel isolated and alone will find a place to belong within their family and community.



Phanyai lives in Laos, Southeast Asia, and is part of the Association for Rural **Mobilisation and Improvement** (ARMI), a partner project helping to change the lives of those who need support within the local community through mutual respect, sharing resources and caring for the environment.

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves." PHILIPPIANS 2:3

Prayers provided by Leanne Folscher, Senior Supporter Relations Officer, CBM UK

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Blessing, from Uganda, East Africa, is the only child to Zuena and her husband. Both are farmers who grow maize, beans, and millet to survive. After a nine-hour journey to our partner hospital, CoRSU, Blessing was diagnosed with a cleft lip and palate.

Sun 10

Lord Jesus, this Mother's Day, we ask for your peace and encouragement for mothers across the world who are living with a disability, especially as they seek to care and provide for their families.



We pray for people with disabilities who continue to face stigma and discrimination in their communities. We pray that through CBM's work they would be empowered to speak out and claim their rights.



Thank you for calling on us to be a voice for the voiceless. We pray for all those advocating for the vulnerable members of their communities. Encourage them and bless their work today.

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MARCH

Father God, thank you for the 32,000 people with disabilities who were empowered through CBM's programmes last year. We ask that they would continue to thrive and be part of their communities.



Lord, we pray that you would cultivate a culture of love and unconditional acceptance in the places where CBM works, establishing communities where all are accepted regardless of their circumstances.

Blessing and Zuena meeting CBM UK Chief Executive. Kirsty Smith, at CoRSU, where Blessing is now scheduled for surgery and rehabilitation to correct her cleft lip and palate. Zuena said, "I thank CoRSU donors for the support. I ask you to stand with my child until the end of the rehabilitation."



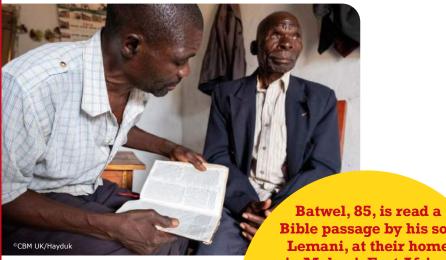
Thank you for the gift of community. We ask today for your peace and comfort for those who may be struggling to fit in, that they would build strong relationships with friends and neighbours.



Jesus, we pray for your strength today for all those who are feeling weak and vulnerable. Surround them with your love, that they might soar on wings like eagles and see your power at work.



Prayers provided by Elizabeth Taylor, Senior Data Officer, CBM UK



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WEEK

We pray for good health and stamina for eye surgeons working in the poorest parts of the world and for nurses working alongside them. Guide their hands as they tirelessly perform eye surgeries.

Mon 18 Bless every CBM supporter for their prayers and generous gifts that will help provide accessible clean water and toilets. And thank you, God, for the changemakers living in these communities who are preventing blindness.

Bible passage by his son Lemani, at their home in Malawi, East Africa. Cataracts in both of his eyes meant that Batwel was completely blind, but thanks to CBM's supporters, he received treatment through an outreach programme.

Prayers around avoidable blindness

Tue

Thank you, Father, for the smooth and consistent provision of vision-preserving medication such as Mectizan, which disrupts the life cycle of parasites responsible for river blindness.

"To open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness." ISAIAH 42:7

Wed 20 Glasses give the gift of sight to people who otherwise struggle to see. Father, today we ask for the provision of more glasses so that more people than ever may experience a remarkable restoration of their sight.

Thu

Matthew 6:10 says we are to pray, 'your will be done on earth as it is in heaven'. We pray we can help bring heaven to earth for those living with avoidable blindness through our gifts of medication and clean water.



God, you said in your word in Psalm 34:18 that you are close to the broken hearted and save those who are crushed in spirit. We ask that you comfort people living with the fear of losing their sight. Give them your hope and faith.



We pray that people living with glaucoma will have this condition halted and the pressure on their eye's optic nerve will be relieved through the swift provision of treatments such as eye drops and surgery by CBM field workers and partners.



Batwel, surrounded by his family after returning home following a successful cataract surgery.

Prayers provided by Jane Edge, Chief Executive Officer, CBM Australia

Five year old Fitia, from Madagascar, has received new glasses through the MAHAY **Inclusive Education** project. This has enabled him to take part in all of his school activities with the rest of his class.



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WEEK

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your mercy and grace on our lives. We thank you that you know each of us by name. We pray that you will be with those who have no one to love and care for them.



We thank you for your unconditional love and we pray for those who are vulnerable and need your love and compassion; may you send the right people to love and care for them.

Tue

Father, we pray you will guide us in our giving and may we always have your heart for the lost and lonely.

Wed Today, we pray you will please give us a fresh understanding of your Father heart, may we always be your hands and feet everywhere we go.

As we take a moment to pause and focus our hearts and thoughts on you today, we pray for those who are in desperate need of support and have nowhere to turn, may you comfort their hearts and minds.



Father we thank you for the resurrection of your Son and the promise of eternal life.

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This Good Friday, we thank you that hope and peace can be found in you every moment of the day. May you bring hope to those who have no hope.

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"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

Prayers provided by Leanne Folscher, Senior Supporter Relations Officer, CBM UK



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Dear Heavenly Father, this Easter Sunday we thank you that you came to earth to die and rise again to give us eternal life. May you grant peace and your deep love on those who are aching and feel lost and lonely.

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On this Easter Monday, we thank you Father for giving us life, so we may live abundantly and help others to have abundant life too.

laughs with his wife after returning home following a simple operation, which removed his cataracts and restored his vision.

Tue Merciful God, as we celebrate Easter, may we remember the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ, and the hope it brings. Help us to live a life that reflects his unconditional love.

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." JOHN 10:10

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We come before you with heavy hearts, praying for the areas where crops have failed, leaving people without food and water in parts of East Africa. We ask for your intervention, God, and provision in these desperate circumstances.



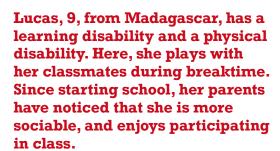
Lord, we pray for community leaders in marginalised areas of the world. We pray their hearts will be opened to the needs of people with disabilities in their communities so that ramps for accessibility and inclusion are prioritised.



Lord, may we live a life that replicates your love and grace. Help us to follow your example of humility and obedience as we seek to support those who are most vulnerable in our world.



We pray for your guidance of workers on the ground, leading them to areas where trachoma and river blindness pose the greatest risk to people's wellbeing, independence, and inclusion in their communities.





Prayers provided by CBM Australia

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Dear Heavenly Father, 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.

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Lord, please help us to become more like Christ in our thoughts and actions by allowing our lives to begin to change as we grow closer to you.

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

CBM's partner Action Intercooperation Madagascar is running a project called **Inclusive Recovery and** Resilience in the South of Madagascar, Groups attend the farmer school and gain skills that aid towards independence and self-sufficiency.



"The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon." PSALM 92:12

Ngayaberua's daughter Beatrice welcomes him home after his successful cataract surgery in Rwanda, East Africa. "He is able to recognise everyone's faces, and I am so happy to see him here at his home."



Lord, we ask for total healing for those who are sick. We pray for your healing intervention, and we trust in your word which is forever settled in heaven.



Thu Father, we pray that you would guide us in all our decisions this month. We also ask that our steps are divinely ordered in whatever we do.



Thank you, Jesus, for the gift of life and for the opportunity to see a new dawn each day. We rejoice in your faithfulness and all your promises for us.



Dear Lord, we commit our children to your mighty hands. Keep them safe, and may they grow in knowledge and wisdom.

Prayers provided by Ekaete Umoh, Country Director, CBM Nigeria

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WEEK

Prayers related to mental health and learning disabilities



Sonia, nine, lives in Madagascar. She was born with physical and learning disabilities, and most schools refused to take her on. However, she now attends an inclusive school working with CBM, where she is supported by pupils and staff.

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Lord, we pray for the work of CBM among people experiencing mental illness. We pray especially for the SUCCEED Project, operating in Malawi, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone, and Nigeria.

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Mon We know that people living with mental illness too often face isolation and exclusion. Loving God, be with those who are lonely; we pray that they may feel your presence.

Tue 16

We are thankful for mental health professionals, and all those committed to furthering the inclusion and well-being of people living with mental health conditions and psychosocial disabilities.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." GALATIANS 5:22-23

APRIL

Prayers related to mental health and learning disabilities

Loving God, today we pray for the rights, autonomy, and dignity of people with learning disabilities. May they be loved and celebrated for who they are, listened to, and empowered.



We give thanks for the Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in Nigeria (AIDDN), a CBM partner, and their work to strengthen Organisations of Persons with Disabilities.



Loving God, let us look to those around us, with and without learning disabilities, and be inspired by the diversity of discipleship. Let us be moved by those around us to see the world in new ways.



We look to the Body of Christ and its wondrous diversity. Help us to embrace and affirm each other as members of one Body, equally valued and equally loved, and to celebrate each other's unique gifts.

Avichew, 4, from Ethiopia, has Down Syndrome. Home-based physical therapy, provided through the Bridge the Gap project, has transformed Ayichew's quality of life and



Prayers provided by Reuben Jenkins, Marketing Officer, CBM UK

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Dear Lord, thank you for the gift of life. We pray, Lord, that you would sustain and comfort people with disabilities in Kenya as CBM workers and partners strive to reach them, providing access to food and healthcare.

God, we pray for the building of accessible toilets and washrooms for people with disabilities in Kenya through your provision of the necessary workers and resources to accomplish this.

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Beatrice and her son Redempter, 2, receive bags of corn-soy blend through a project to reduce child malnutrition in Kenya. Families also receive nutrition advice. and support to start kitchen gardens and join Savings and **Internal Lending Community** (SILC) groups to support longterm financial security.



Lord, we pray for lifegiving rain in Kenya. We also pray you will strengthen and expand CBM's clean water projects in Kenya so more women and children can safely haul clean water for their families.



Akale-Adir, 74, is raising six grandchildren alone. All were helped in 2023 by the Turkana **Drought Response Inclusion Project in** Kenya.

Heavenly Father, we pray for your provision of resources, aids and training in Kenyan mainstream schools so that children with disabilities can go to school, receive an education and have friends.

Thu

Lord, bless every beneficiary in Kenya who is open-heartedly caring for family or community members despite their own personal challenges.

Father, your word says in Psalm 112:1, "Praise the Lord. Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who find great delight in his commands." Bless all faithful supporters and their families for their prayers and kindness to the world's most marginalised people.

Sat

Heavenly Father, we pray for Kenyans in need of eye care services so that they may receive the necessary treatment for conditions such as cataracts and diabetic eye complications.

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him." PSALM 28:7

Prayers provided by CBM Australia

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Sun 28

28th April-4th May

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Both of Hadiza's parents have been blind since they were young, her father lost his sight due to measles. We pray for her parents and for all parents who have a disability.

Mon 29 At three years old, Hadiza's parents struggle to farm their land due to their disability, so we pray for their wider family who have supported them. Hadiza could be treated at CBM supported hospital in Kano, Nigeria, which filled her parents with hope. We pray for hope for parents whose children are born blind.

Both of three year old
Hadiza's parents are blind.
When they found out that
their daughter's blindness
could be cured, they said,
"We were really excited when
we heard that treatment was
possible and the cost will be
taken care of."



"He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds."
PSALM 147:3



Wed

We pray for the surgeons at Kano hospital as removing cataracts in children requires a high level of expertise, we pray for the ophthalmologists.



We pray for little Hadiza as she recovers from her operation. We pray that she will get the ongoing treatment she requires as she grows up. 3

Hadiza now must wear glasses and so we pray for her education that she will continue to learn and develop and be able to support her parents when she is old enough.

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Hadiza will receive follow-up appointments to check on her progress and so we pray for the theatre team and the ophthalmologists who check the development

of her eyes.

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Prayers provided by David Rootham, Friend of CBM

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Prayers for people living with physical disabilties





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MINISTER.

More than 1.5 billion people live with hearing loss, according to the World Health Organisation. We stand in faith for more projects this year that provide hearing aids to people who otherwise will not hear.

Mon 6

God, we thank you for the enthusiasm growing in marginalised communities for the inclusion of people with disabilities through education and community participation in the building of ramps for wheelchairs.

Deepak, 26, from Nepal, South Asia, lives with multiple disabilities. He received support from the CBM-funded Futuremakers project, which enables young people with disabilities to access livelihood services and resources.

Tue 7

Lord, we pray for community leaders in marginalised areas of the world. We pray their hearts will be opened to the needs of people with disabilities in their communities.

"Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." MATTHEW 22:37

MAY

Prayers for people living with physical disabilties

Lord, thank you for your abundant provision of glasses through CBM supporter generosity so that people with failing eyesight can see. May you protect field workers as they reach people and distribute these glasses.



Bless every supporter for their prayers and gifts that provide people with disabilities with wheelchairs. Thank you Lord, for the freedom, inclusion and dignity this brings to so many of vour precious children.



Thank you for the creative ideas you are giving CBM workers as they strive to provide quality mobility aids to fit the unique needs of each person with disabilities.

Dear God, we pray for children born with clubfoot that they may receive timely specialised treatment through the Ponseti method, with gentle manipulation and a cast to realign and support their feet for proper growth and mobility.

Deepak (pictured with his father) accessed entrepreneurial training, and now runs a successful grocery shop. "I used to stay in and do nothing, but now my full time is spent in my business... Thank you for all this support."



Prayers provided by CBM Global







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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.

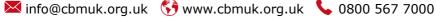
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