



CCIH Prayer Calendar: May 2010

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Give thanks for the just-finished PACANet Consultation with religious leaders in East & Southern Africa on the effect of multiple concurrent partners on HIV transmission
2 Pray for university students in the CCIH network finishing up their school year; Pray for those who are graduating and for those who are waiting to hear about their next steps;	3 Give thanks for the interest in CCIH by Christians and those of other faiths around the world; Praise God for the opportunities to be voice for international Christian healthcare	4 Pray for May 5 CCIH/UNAIDS cosponsored meeting in Washington DC for religious leaders with the UNAIDS representative to Uganda to discuss funding for ARVs & other HIV challenges	5 International Day of Midwives – Give thanks for midwives and skilled birth attendants whose work saves lives of mothers and infants; Pray for the support needed to continue their work	6 Give thanks to doors that were opened so that CCIH member Blessings International can continue to bring in medicines to Myanmar, especially for tuberculosis treatment	7 Pray for partnership among Christian organizations working in Haiti ; Give thanks for the outpouring of assistance from within Haiti and abroad; Pray for accountable stewardship	8 Give thanks for new CCIH Student Outreach Coordinator Sophie Huber (graduating from Houghton College); Pray for renewed efforts to engage and nurture Christian students
9 Pray for the many people around the world who are victims of natural disasters; Pray that we do not become immune to their cries for help and God's call to love	10 Pray for non-US citizens applying for visas to be able to attend the CCIH Annual Conference in June; Pray for their anxiety and frustration through a lengthy process	11 Pray for the victims of China's April 14 earthquake , facing winter without shelter; Give thanks for assistance brought so far and pray for its continuation	12 International Nurses Day – Praise God for nurses whose service builds a healthier today & tomorrow where God's people can flourish; Pray for a special nurse today	13 Thank God for WHO's expanding embrace of partnerships with FBOs, publishing a series of papers on public health systems and FBOs	14 Pray for the Civil Society Forum , co-sponsored by CCIH member World Council of Churches, where NGOs and FBOs plan their efforts for the World Health Assembly	15 Pray for CCIH member the Christian Health Association of Nigeria , continuing to work in the face of the violence against Christians in Jos
16 Give thanks for Christian Health Associations & other church medical organizations around the world – serving God by providing healthcare for their communities	17 World Health Assembly (17-21) ; Give thanks for the many people of faith attending; Pray for a strong & clear voice on behalf of the faith community & those they serve	18 Give thanks for the work of Dr. Chidi Ukandu (CCIH member & Intern for CCIH affiliate MIDEGO) in preparing and analyzing a survey of Christian Hospitals around the world	19 Give thanks for the Tony Blair Faith Foundation , celebrating the importance of faith in our lives and promoting communication & awareness between faiths to find common ground	20 The Doro medical centre in South Sudan desperately needs a doctor to serve two years at the clinic; Pray God's person will hear and respond	21 Give thanks for the CCIH Conference Worship Planning team of Sara Swart and Elvira Beracochea ; Praise God for the enthusiasm and excitement they have brought to the task	22 Pray for the work of CCIH member Episcopal Relief and Development , responding to both emergencies and to long-term health and development; Praise God for their global presence
23 Continue to pray for those seeking visas to attend the CCIH Annual Conference in June 30 Praise God for healthcare innovations bringing relief to those who suffer	24 Praise God for those who volunteer to serve others, especially in healthcare 31 Pray for guidance for Christians considering health careers	25 Give thanks and pray for all the caregivers who struggle in their own existence, so that they are healthy and whole and able to provide for those more vulnerable	26 As the date for the CCIH Conference gets closer, Pray for: the organizers; the presenters seeking God's wisdom & message; the attendees, preparing to meet with an open heart and mind	27 Give thanks for the formation of Sanitation and Water For All , a global partnership which aims to tackle the obstacles to providing universal clean water and sanitation	28 Give praise & thanks for the opportunities for CCIH for outreach and education to leaders in the U.S. Congress about the important maternal and child health benefits of child spacing	29 Give thanks for the dedicated work of CCIH affiliate Medical Mission Exchange ; particularly in assisting with immediate and longer term response to the Haiti earthquake

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If you would like more information on any of the prayer requests listed for this month, please contact us. We also welcome your suggestions for prayer points for next month's calendar. Send queries, suggestions or comments to Sharon Franzén at sfranzen@ccih.org.

May 1 Give thanks for the just-finished PACANet (Pan African Christian AIDS Network) Consultation with religious leaders in East & Southern Africa on the effect of multiple concurrent partners on HIV transmission; Pray that the consultation, which also had input from CCIH, will lead to greater effort in churches to promote healthy behaviors; <http://www.pacanet.net>;

May 2 Pray for **university students** in the CCIH network who are finishing up their school year; Pray for those who are graduating and for those who are waiting to hear about their next steps;

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May 5 International Day of Midwives – Give thanks for midwives and skilled birth attendants whose work saves lives of mothers and infants; Pray for the support needed to continue their work; Christian Midwives International - <http://www.christianmidwives.org/wp/>;
http://www.midwifeschool.org/about_mission.htm; http://www.who.int/making_pregnancy_safer/events/news/international_midwives_day/en/index.html;
<http://www.internationalmidwives.org>;

May 6 Give thanks to doors that were opened so that CCIH member **Blessings International** can continue to bring in medicines to Myanmar, especially for tuberculosis treatment; <http://www.blessing.org>;

May 7 Pray for partnership among Christian organizations working in **Haiti**; Give thanks for the outpouring of assistance from within Haiti and abroad; Pray for accountable stewardship;

May 8 Give thanks for new CCIH Student Outreach Coordinator Sophie Huber (graduating from Houghton College); Pray for renewed efforts to engage and nurture Christian students; sophie.huber@ccih.org;

May 9 Pray for the many people around the world who are victims of natural disasters; Pray that we do not become immune to their cries for help and God's call to love;

May 10 Pray for non-US citizens applying for **visas** to be able to attend the CCIH Annual Conference in June; Pray for their anxiety and frustration through a lengthy process;

May 11 Pray for the victims of **China's April 14 earthquake**, facing winter without shelter; Give thanks for assistance brought so far and pray for its continuation; http://www.alertnet.org/db/crisisprofiles/CN_TIBEAR.htm; <http://www.alertnet.org/db/art/57964/2010/03/19-165752-1.htm>; <http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/KHII-84J7XG?OpenDocument>;

May 12 International Nurses Day – Praise God for nurses whose service builds a healthier today & tomorrow where God's people can flourish; Pray for a special nurse today; Nurses Christian Fellowship - <http://www.ncf-jcn.org>; <http://www.icn.ch/indkit.htm>; Nurses Christian Fellowship International - <http://www.ncfi.org>;

May 13 Thank God for the **World Health Organization's** expanding embrace of partnerships with FBOs, publishing a series of papers on public health systems and FBOs, covering appropriate terminology for WHO staff, and collaboration in Kenya, Ghana, and India, looking for characteristics which distinguished FBOs from other sectors; For copies, email ccih@ccih.org;

May 14 Pray for the **Civil Society Forum**, co-sponsored by CCIH member **World Council of Churches**, where NGOs and FBOs from around the world will gather to plan their participation and efforts to influence the deliberations of WHO's World Health Assembly;

May 15 Pray for CCIH member the **Christian Health Association of Nigeria**, continuing to work in the face of the violence against Christians in Jos; <http://www.channigeria.org>; <http://www.christianpost.com/article/20100428/two-church-of-christ-in-nigeria-journalists-killed-in-jos/index.html>; http://www.alertnet.org/db/crisisprofiles/NG_VIO.htm;

May 16 Give thanks for **Christian Health Associations & other church medical organizations** around the world – serving God by providing healthcare for their communities;

May 17 World Health Assembly (17-21); Give thanks for the many people of faith attending; Pray for a strong & clear voice on behalf of the faith community & those they serve; Topics to be covered during the World Health Assembly will be routine program and administration matters, as well as progress in meeting the MDGs, health regulations, reducing alcohol abuse, and counterfeit medical products
<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2010/wha63/en>;

May 18 Give thanks for the work of **Dr. Chidi Ukandu** (CCIH member & Intern for CCIH affiliate MIDEGO) in preparing and analyzing a survey of Christian Hospitals around the world for the CCIH Hospitals Working Group; The results will be presented at the CCIH Conference; chidi@midego.com; Hospitals Working Group Co-Chairs – Dr. Elvira Beracochea (elvira@midego.com) and Dr. Paul Armerding (paul@medicalcompass.org);

May 19 Give thanks for the **Tony Blair Faith Foundation**, celebrating the importance of faith in our lives and promoting communication & awareness between faiths to find common ground; <http://www.tonyblairfaithfoundation.org>;

May 20 The **Doro medical centre in South Sudan** desperately needs a doctor to serve two years at the clinic; Pray God's person will hear and respond; <http://www.sim.org.au/simaidprojects.shtml>;

May 21 Give thanks for the **CCIH Conference Worship Planning team of Sara Swart and Elvira Beracochea**; Praise God for the enthusiasm and excitement they have brought to the task;

May 22 Pray for the work of CCIH member **Episcopal Relief and Development**, responding to both emergencies and to long-term health and development; Praise God for their global presence; <http://www.er-d.org>;

May 23 Continue to pray for those seeking visas to attend the CCIH Annual Conference in June; Many will be having their interviews in the next week;

May 24 Praise God for those who **volunteer** to serve others, especially in healthcare; Pray for their safety and for their continuing educations so that they provide the best care possible;

May 25 Give thanks and pray for all the **caregivers** who struggle in their own existence, so that they are healthy and whole and able to provide for those more vulnerable;

May 26 As the date for the **CCIH Conference** gets closer, Pray for: the organizers; the presenters seeking God's wisdom & message; the attendees, preparing to meet with an open heart and mind;

May 27 Give thanks for the formation of **Sanitation and Water For All**, a global partnership which aims to tackle the obstacles to providing universal clean water and sanitation; http://www.unwater.org/activities_san4all.html; <http://www.christianpost.com/article/20100426/tearfund-welcomes-global-partnership-to-bring-clean-water/index.html>; http://www.unicef.org/media/media_53381.html;

May 28 Give praise & thanks for the opportunities for CCIH for outreach and education to leaders in the U.S. Congress about the important **maternal and child health benefits of child spacing**, presenting an approach to family planning that is science-based and consistent with Christian values;

May 29 Give thanks for the dedicated work of CCIH affiliate **Medical Mission Exchange**; particularly in assisting with immediate and longer term response to the Haiti earthquake; <http://www.mmex.org>;

May 30 Praise God for healthcare innovations bringing relief to those who suffer; Pray for continued guidance in research that it may lead to practical results;

May 31 Pray for guidance for Christians considering health careers; Pray that prayer and meditation are a part of the decision as well as strong Christian mentors; Pray for understanding of gifts and talents in order to pursue the right path;