



CCIH Prayer Calendar: April 2011

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do." While the lost of earth are dying, and the Master calls for you; Take the task He gives you gladly; let His work your pleasure be; Answer quickly when He calls you, "Here am I, send me, send me." <i>Daniel March</i></p>					<p>1 Pray for the staff and Board of CCIH, continuing to discern God's path for the organization; Give thanks for their commitment to promoting global health & wholeness from a Christian perspective</p>	<p>2 Continue to pray for the victims of the earthquake & tsunami in Japan on March 11; Pray for the children, the homeless, the elderly – people whose lives have been torn apart</p>
<p>3 April 4 is International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action; Pray for global efforts against the use of landmines; Pray that mine victims receive the medical help they need</p>	<p>4 Pray for Congressional meetings today in Washington DC by Dr. Samuel Mwenda, of CCIH member the Christian Health Association of Kenya, on the importance of family planning for health</p>	<p>5 Pray for CCIH Exec Director Ray Martin participating in a USAID portfolio review of programs in population & reproductive health, that he may be a good representative of the Christian perspective</p>	<p>6 Pray that the new CCIH advocacy policy leads to opportunities for CCIH to collaborate with its members and others to nurture a collective Christian voice on global health issues</p>	<p>7 World Health Day: <i>Antimicrobial resistance: no action today, no cure tomorrow</i>; Drug resistance threatens the continued effectiveness of many medicines used today to treat infections</p>	<p>8 Give thanks for the Tony Blair Faith Foundation and the Faiths Act in Africa program supporting multi-faith work in healthcare, particularly malaria, & health education of religious leaders</p>	<p>9 Thank God for the service of Rose Nesbitt to CCIH; Pray for God's presence as she resigns from the CCIH Board of Directors to concentrate on her important work with PACANet</p>
<p>10 Give thanks for the incredible support to CCIH by Board member Gordon Raley and by CCIH affiliate Family Health International; Give thanks for FHI's strong support of the work of FBOs</p>	<p>11 Thank God for the meeting arranged by CCIH affiliate Georgetown University Institute for Reproductive Health to bring Christians & Muslims together to talk about family planning</p>	<p>12 Pray for CCIH members, staff & Board members participating in the IRH organized Family Planning meeting; Give thanks for a willingness by all to pursue understanding & common interests</p>	<p>13 Pray for today's staff meeting to discuss work on both grants that CCIH received for work on family planning issues; Pray for Mona Boromet and Devina Patel as they implement the grants</p>	<p>14 Give thanks for the interest shown in the CCIH Annual Conference from around the world; Many will be starting the difficult process of obtaining visas; Pray for God's presence</p>	<p>15 Pray for CCIH Board Member Douglas Bright, beginning a new position with CCIH member Medical Teams International; Pray for a happy transition to Oregon in work and personal life</p>	<p>16 Give thanks for opportunities like the Global Health & Innovation Conference in New Haven, CT, bringing together like-minded people desirous of serving others</p>
<p>17 Pray for CCIH organizational members & affiliates, beginning to select interns for summer programs. Pray for guidance & discernment as they make decisions about available positions.</p>	<p>18 Pray for God' wisdom and presence in today's CCIH Board conference call; Pray for encouragement and insight for the work of these dedicated volunteers as they support CCIH's mission</p>	<p>19 Pray for CCIH involvement in today's meeting of the Global Health Council MNCH Roundtable; Give thanks for the opportunity to share the Christian perspective</p>	<p>20 Pray for the many grandparents who are raising young children, many of whom have lost parents due to AIDS; Pray for financial, physical and spiritual assistance to continue to do so</p>	<p>21 Pray for peace so the new nation of South Sudan may start well; Pray for the many CCIH members supporting work there, especially the Christian Health Association of Sudan;</p>	<p>22 GOOD FRIDAY – Take some time today to reflect upon the life of Jesus, right up to his final hours; May we be like Jesus, following God's will and bringing healing to all who need it</p>	<p>23 EASTER VIGIL - Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me – Psalm 23:4</p>
<p>24 EASTER - Praise God as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and we understand that God's love has no bounds; May we now share the boundless love with others in all that we do</p>	<p>25 World Malaria Day: <i>Achieving Progress and Impact</i>; Give thanks for CCIH members & affiliates providing malaria services globally; Pray for continued international attention & funding</p>	<p>26 Pray for the planning process of the CCIH Annual Conference; Give thanks for speakers and volunteers who have already committed their time; Pray for efficiency, creativity & steadfastness</p>	<p>27 Pray for CCIH Mentorship pairs: those ending their year and those just beginning; Give thanks for the commitment of mentors to walk with young people as they begin their global health work</p>	<p>28 Praise God for growing international attention & commitment to expanding & improving life-saving immunization programs; Pray for CCIH, advocating for more involvement of FBOs in these efforts</p>	<p>29 Give thanks for CCIH member Ecumenical Pharmaceutical Network, committed to the provision of quality pharmaceutical services as a means to achieving global health goals</p>	<p>30 Praise God for Rachel Hess and CCIH affiliate Research for Health, currently saving maternal lives in Mali through critical training of health workers in post-partum hemorrhage</p>

Christian Connections for International Health

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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.

April 1 Pray for the staff and Board of CCIH, continuing to discern God's path for the organization; Give thanks for their commitment to promoting global health & wholeness from a Christian perspective;

April 2 Continue to pray for the **victims of the earthquake & tsunami in Japan** on March 11; Pray for the children, the homeless, the elderly – people whose lives have been torn apart; <http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/lives-in-limbo-three-weeks-after-japans-tsunami>;

April 3 **April 4 is International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action**; Pray for global efforts against the use of landmines; Pray that mine victims receive the medical help they need; <http://www.un.org/en/events/mineawarenessday>; <http://www.mineaction.org/doc.asp?d=1567>; http://www.rede-verde.org/index.php?option=com_jcalpro&Itemid=1&extmode=view&extid=462&lang=en;

April 4 Pray for Congressional meetings today in Washington DC by **Dr. Samuel Mwenda**, of CCIH member the **Christian Health Association of Kenya**, on the importance of family planning for family health, and why Christian organizations in Kenya support family planning; www.chak.or.ke;

April 5 Pray for CCIH Exec Director **Ray Martin** participating in a USAID portfolio review of programs in population & reproductive health, that he may be a good representative of the Christian perspective;

April 6 Pray that the new CCIH **advocacy policy** leads to opportunities for CCIH to collaborate with its members and others to nurture a collective Christian voice on global health issues; advocacy@ccih.org;

April 7 **World Health Day: Antimicrobial resistance: no action today, no cure tomorrow**; Drug resistance threatens the continued effectiveness of many medicines used today to treat infections; <http://www.who.int/world-health-day/2011/en/index.html>; http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Health_Day; <http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/world-health-day>;

April 8 Give thanks for the **Tony Blair Faith Foundation** and the Faiths Act in Africa program supporting multi-faith work in healthcare, particularly malaria, & health education of religious leaders; <http://www.tonyblairfaithfoundation.org/pages/faiths-act-in-africa>;

April 9 Thank God for the service of **Rose Nesbitt** to CCIH; Pray for God's presence as she resigns from the CCIH Board of Directors to concentrate on her important work with **PACANet**; www.pacanet.net;

April 10 Give thanks for the incredible support to CCIH by Board member Gordon Raley and by CCIH affiliate **Family Health International**; Give thanks for FHI's strong support of the work of FBOs; www.fhi.org;

April 11 Thank God for the meeting arranged by CCIH affiliate **Georgetown University Institute for Reproductive Health** to bring Christians & Muslims together to talk about family planning and to seek interfaith understanding of the role of family planning that respects our respective religious values; www.irh.org;

April 12 Pray for CCIH members, staff and Board members participating in the IRH organized Family Planning meeting; Give thanks for a willingness by all to pursue understanding & common interests; www.irh.org; CCIH Family Planning/Reproductive Health Working Group: http://www.ccih.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=129;

April 13 Pray for today's staff meeting to discuss work on both grants that CCIH received for work on family planning issues; Pray for **Mona Bormet and Devina Patel** as they implement the grants;

April 14 Give thanks for the interest shown in the CCIH Annual Conference from around the world; Many will be starting the **difficult process of obtaining visas**; Pray for God's presence in the process; <http://www.ccih.org/annual-conference-2011-index.html>;

April 15 Pray for **CCIH Board Member Douglas Bright**, beginning a new position with CCIH member Medical Teams International; Pray for a happy transition to Oregon in work and personal life; www.medicalteams.org;

April 16 Give thanks for opportunities like the **Global Health & Innovation Conference** in New Haven, CT, bringing together like-minded people desirous of serving others; <http://www.uniteforsight.org/conference>;

April 17 Pray for CCIH organizational members & affiliates, beginning to select **interns for summer** programs. Pray for guidance & discernment as they make decisions about available positions;

April 18 Pray for God' wisdom and presence in today's **CCIH Board conference call**; Pray for encouragement and insight for the work of these dedicated volunteers as they support CCIH's mission; Give praise to God for their lives;

April 19 Pray for CCIH involvement in today's meeting of the **Global Health Council MNCH (Maternal Newborn Child Health) Roundtable**; Give thanks for the opportunity to share the Christian perspective;

April 20 Pray for the many **grandparents who are raising young children**, many of whom have lost parents due to AIDS; Pray for financial, physical and spiritual assistance to continue to do so; <http://www.ips.org/africa/2011/03/no-quiet-old-age-for-south-africas-grannies>;

April 21 Pray for **peace** so the new nation of **South Sudan** may start well; Pray for the many CCIH members supporting health & development work there, especially the **Christian Health Association of Sudan (CHAS)**, “a health service for all the people of Sudan that is holistic, equitable and sustainable, and of high quality”; Pray for Executive Director, Joy Mukaire & staff; <http://www.chasudan.org>; <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportID=92340>;

April 22 GOOD FRIDAY – Take some time today to reflect upon the life of Jesus, right up to his final hours; May we be like Jesus, following God's will and bringing healing to all who need it;

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April 25 World Malaria Day: *Achieving Progress and Impact*; Give thanks for CCIH members & affiliates providing malaria services globally; Pray for continued international attention & funding;

April 26 Pray for the planning process of **the CCIH Annual Conference**; Give thanks for speakers and volunteers who have already committed their time; Pray for the efficiency, creativity & steadfastness of those tasked with conference planning activities; Pray for the financial support of Conference in order to keep the costs to both staff and conference participants as low as possible; Praise God for this wonderful opportunity to support each other as we share God's love with others through the provision of healthcare; www.ccih.org; <http://www.ccih.org/annual-conference-2011-index.html>;

April 27 Pray for **CCIH Mentorship pairs**: those ending their year and those just beginning; Give thanks for the commitment of mentors to walk with young people as they begin their global health work; CCIH Mentorship Program - <http://www.ccih.org/mentorship-program.html>;

April 28 Praise God for growing international attention and commitment to expanding and improving **life-saving immunization programs**; Pray for CCIH, advocating for more involvement of FBOs in these efforts;

April 29 Give thanks for CCIH member **Ecumenical Pharmaceutical Network**, committed to the provision of quality pharmaceutical services as a means to achieving global health goals; <http://www.epnetwork.org>;

April 30 Praise God for **Rachel Hess and CCIH affiliate Research for Health**, currently saving maternal lives in Malawi through critical training of health workers in post-partum hemorrhage; <http://www.researchforhealth.org/research.htm>;