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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> Throughout this month support, through prayer, Christians working in health who are passionate about showing God's love through their ministries	<b>2</b> Today is <b>World Prayer Day</b> : "Let justice prevail" is the theme today for a global, ecumenical movement of informed prayer	<b>3</b> Pray for the people of <b>Syria</b> and an end to the violence resulting in injury and death every day; Pray for wisdom & consensus on how to help
<b>4</b> Pray for the planning of the CCIH annual conference, especially as the staff prepares to open registration; Pray that God would be glorified in this work and the conference will be well attended	<b>5</b> Give thanks for the <b>Ecumenical Water Network</b> , seeing water as a gift of God and a fundamental human right, and it's <b>Seven Weeks for Water</b> , focusing on economy of water during Lent	<b>6</b> Praise God for <b>USAID Administrator Rajiv Shah</b> and his commitment to working with faith-based organizations on issues of humanitarian aid, including health services	<b>7</b> Pray for the <b>Myanmar Catholic AIDS Network</b> and Coordinator <b>Sr. Mary Grenough</b> ; Give thanks for her energy and compassion, and her joy & grace in working in interfaith settings	<b>8</b> Today is <b>International Women's Day</b> with a theme of "Connecting Girls, Inspiring Futures." Pray with us today for the health of women and girls around the world	<b>9</b> Praise God for volunteers and those who have shown interest in working with CCIH; Pray that CCIH staff and board can utilize the many different skills they offer to better our network	<b>10</b> Pray for CCIH staff members <b>Nancy and Mona</b> who are attending the <b>When Helping Hurts Seminar</b> in Charlottesville, VA
<b>11</b> Give thanks for the <b>ACT Alliance</b> , working in 140 countries to bring positive and sustainable change through humanitarian, development and advocacy activities	<b>12</b> Pray for CCIH Member <b>Korean American Missions Health Council</b> as they prepare for their annual meeting in New York City in April; Pray for their planning process	<b>13</b> Pray as CCIH seeks a policy/advocacy intern for the summer to work with CCIH Policy/Advocacy Project Manager, <b>Mona Bormet</b>	<b>14</b> Pray for preparations for faith community involvement at the International AIDS Conference, July 22-27, 2012 and for the Interfaith Pre-Conference, July 20-21	<b>15</b> Praise God for CCIH member <b>Heal Africa</b> and its co-founders <b>Jo and Lyn Lusi</b> . Pray as they work to empower women, cultivate community, and foster health	<b>16</b> Continue to pray for <b>Nigeria</b> , especially for the <b>Christian community</b> and for <b>CCIH members</b> , as the attacks by Boko Haram continue; Pray for comfort for the victims	<b>17</b> Pray for the <b>Sudan-South Sudan dispute</b> over oil and for a renewal of talks; Pray for South Sudan, facing 50% budget cuts due to lost oil income
<b>18</b> Give thanks for the steady recognition of the critical role played by the faith community in global health; Pray for continued diligence by faith-based entities to continue to support this recognition	<b>19</b> Pray for potential speakers and panelists at the upcoming CCIH annual conference; Pray for engaging and encouraging plenary speakers and panels that offer helpful technical skills	<b>20</b> Praise God for CCIH Board Member <b>Ron Mataya</b> , Professor at Loma Linda Univ, and his teaching assistant <b>Molly</b> , who have been a blessing to the CCIH conference abstract process	<b>21</b> Praise God for newly developed partnerships, like that of CCIH Member <b>Map International</b> and CCIH affiliate <b>Sawyer Products</b> , working together on a water project	<b>22</b> Today is <b>World Water Day</b> under the theme of " <b>Water and Food Security</b> ", exploring ways that water is used at every level to supply food & advocating for wiser choices	<b>23</b> Pray today for the <b>staff and the Board of CCIH</b> as they meet to discuss the annual conference plans, fundraising, and plans for moving the future of CCIH forward	<b>24</b> Praise God for the <b>Ecumenical Advocacy Days</b> conference (March 23-26) with a theme of "Is this the fast I seek?" Pray for good dialogue about U.S. federal budget priorities
<b>25</b> Pray for the underserved in developing countries <b>suffering from cancer</b> , often undiagnosed; Pray for a greater awareness of the need for cancer programs in these countries	<b>26</b> Praise God for CCIH's involvement in <b>Ecumenical Advocacy Day's advocacy work</b> on Capitol Hill today in Washington, DC, as CCIH staff members <b>Mona Bormet &amp; Amy Metzger</b> participate	<b>27</b> Praise God for the work of <b>Catholic Medical Mission Board</b> , celebrating 100 years of service in 2012; Pray for new President/CEO, <b>Bruce Wilkinson</b> , who begins his term in June	<b>28</b> Thank God for <b>opportunities for CCIH members to share their work</b> in helping the poor with major media outlets, such as in a recent article in Christianity Today	<b>29</b> Pray for CCIH members and others who are seeking visas to attend the annual conference; Pray for receptive consular officials; Pray also as they prepare the finances for their trips	<b>30</b> Pray for the work in South Africa of CCIH member <b>Kerus Global Education</b> ; Give thanks for progress, especially for the <b>It Takes Courage!</b> program and the <b>Orphan Care Center</b>	<b>31</b> Pray for the <b>indigenous people of Papua, Indonesia</b> , & especially the Christian community, including several CCIH members and friends, enduring violence and discrimination

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**MARCH 2** Today is **World Prayer Day**: "Let justice prevail" is the theme today for a global, ecumenical movement of informed prayer.

<http://www.worlddayofprayer.net/>

**MARCH 3** Pray for the people of **Syria** and an end to the violence resulting in injury and death every day; Pray for wisdom & consensus on how to assist in bringing an end to this situation. <http://topics.nytimes.com/top/news/international/countriesandterritories/syria/index.html>;

<http://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/documents/executive-committee/bossey-february-2012/message-to-the-syrian-churches.html>

**MARCH 4** Pray for the planning of the CCIH annual conference, especially as the staff prepares to open registration; Pray that God would be glorified in this work and the conference will be well attended. <http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1051754>

**MARCH 5** Give thanks for the **Ecumenical Water Network**, seeing water as a gift of God and a fundamental human right, and it's **Seven Weeks for Water**, focusing on economy of water during Lent. <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/activities/ewn-home.html>; <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/activities/ewn-home/resources-and-links/seven-weeks-for-water.html>

**MARCH 6** Praise God for **USAID Administrator Rajiv Shah and his commitment to working with faith-based organizations** on issues of humanitarian aid, including health services. Watch his eight-minute video, talking about his own religious faith and its inspiration here:

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/episodes/february-17-2012/rajiv-shah-extended-interview/10318/>

**MARCH 7** Pray for the **Myanmar Catholic AIDS Network** and Coordinator **Sr. Mary Grenough**; Give thanks for her energy and compassion, and her joy & grace in working in interfaith settings. [MCHANetwork at gmail.com](mailto:MCHANetwork@gmail.com)

**MARCH 8** Today is **International Women's Day** with a theme of "**Connecting Girls, Inspiring Futures.**" Pray with us today for the health of women and girls around the world. Pray also for those who are making a difference in various political, social and economic conditions, especially CCIH members and affiliates. <http://www.internationalwomensday.com/default.asp>

**MARCH 9** Praise God for **volunteers and those who have shown interest in working with CCIH**; Pray that the CCIH staff and board can utilize the many different skills they offer to better our network.

**MARCH 10** Pray for CCIH staff members **Nancy Young and Mona Bormet** who are attending the **When Helping Hurts Seminar** in Charlottesville, VA.

<http://www.whenhelpinghurts.org/>

**MARCH 11** Give thanks for the **ACT Alliance**, working in 140 countries to bring positive and sustainable change through humanitarian, development and advocacy activities. <http://www.actalliance.org>

**MARCH 12** Pray for CCIH Member **Korean American Missions Health Council** as they prepare for their annual meeting in New York City in April; pray for their planning process. <http://www.kamhc.org/pb/>

**MARCH 13** Pray as CCIH seeks a **policy/advocacy intern** for the summer to work with CCIH Policy/Advocacy Project Manager, Mona Bormet. <http://www.ccih.org/activities/information-sharing/news/49-announcements/341-policyadvocacy-intern-needed.html>

**MARCH 14** Pray for preparations for faith community involvement at the International AIDS Conference, July 22-27, 2012 and for the Interfaith Pre-Conference, July 20-21. <http://www.iacfaith.net/>; <http://www.aids2012.org>

**MARCH 15** Praise God for CCIH member **Heal Africa** and its co-founders **Jo and Lyn Lusi**. Pray as they work in the Democratic Republic of Congo to empower women, cultivate community, and foster health. <http://video.pbs.org/video/2192680121/>

**MARCH 16** Continue to pray for **Nigeria**, especially for the **Christian community** and for **CCIH members**, as the attacks by Boko Haram continue; Pray for comfort for the victims. <http://www.christianpost.com/news/boko-haram-kills-more-christians-in-nigeria-70339/>

**MARCH 17** Pray for the **Sudan-South Sudan dispute** over oil and for a renewal of talks; Pray for South Sudan, facing 50% budget cuts due to lost oil income. <http://mobile.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/regions/africa/120220/south-sudan-halves-budget-after-oil-shutdown;>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/mobile/world-africa-17098350>

**MARCH 18** Give thanks for the steady recognition of the critical role played by the faith community in global health; Pray for continued diligence by faith-based entities to continue to support this recognition. See the material from an event hosted by the Center for Strategic and International Studies in January 2012: <http://www.smartglobalhealth.org/blog/entry/the-american-faith-communitys-contributions-to-global-health/>

**MARCH 19** Pray for potential speakers and panelists at the upcoming CCIH annual conference; Pray for engaging and encouraging plenary speakers and panels that offer helpful technical skills. <http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1051754>

**MARCH 20** Praise God for CCIH **Board Member Ron Mataya**, Professor at Loma Linda University, and his teaching assistant for this semester, **Molly**, who have been a blessing to the CCIH conference abstract process. <http://www.llu.edu/>

**MARCH 21** Praise God for newly developed partnerships, like that of CCIH Member Map International and CCIH affiliate Sawyer Products, working together on a water project: <http://vimeo.com/33557236>

**MARCH 22** Today is **World Water Day** under the theme of **“Water and Food Security”** exploring ways that water is used at every level to supply food & advocating for wiser choices. <http://www.unwater.org/worldwaterday>; <http://www.flickr.com/groups/worldwaterday2012>

**MARCH 23** Pray today for **the staff and the Board of CCIH** as they meet to discuss the annual conference plans, fundraising, and plans for moving the future of CCIH forward. <http://www.ccih.org/board-of-directors.html>

**MARCH 24** Praise God for the **Ecumenical Advocacy Days** conference (March 23-26) with a theme of "Is this the fast I seek?" Pray for good dialogue about U.S. federal budget priorities and how we should act as Christians. <http://advocacydays.org/>

**MARCH 25** Pray for the underserved in developing countries **suffering from cancer**, often undiagnosed; Pray for a greater awareness of the need for cancer programs in these countries. <http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?reportid=94726>; [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jonathan-d-quick-md-mph/closing-the-global-cancer\\_b\\_1253463.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jonathan-d-quick-md-mph/closing-the-global-cancer_b_1253463.html)

**MARCH 26** Praise God for CCIH's involvement in **Ecumenical Advocacy Day's advocacy work on Capitol Hill** today in Washington, DC, as CCIH staff members Mona Bormet and Amy Metzger participate. <http://advocacydays.org/lobby/visit.php>

**MARCH 27** Praise God for the work of **Catholic Medical Mission Board**, celebrating 100 years of service in 2012; Pray for new President/CEO, **Bruce Wilkinson**, who begins his term in June, and for the transition process with current President/CEO John F. Galbraith. <http://cmmb.org>;  
<http://cmmb.org/cmmb-names-new-president-and-chief-executive-officer>

**MARCH 28** Thank God for opportunities for CCIH members to share their work in helping the poor with major media outlets, such as in a recent article in Christianity Today featuring **Samaritan's Purse, World Vision, and Compassion International**.  
<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2012/february/popular-strategies-helping-the-poor.html>

**MARCH 29** Pray for CCIH members and others who are seeking visas to attend the annual conference; Pray for receptive consular officials; Pray also as they prepare the finances for their trips.

**MARCH 30** Pray for the work in South Africa of CCIH member **Kerus Global Education**; Give thanks for progress, especially for the ***It Takes Courage!*** program and the **Orphan Care Center**. <http://www.kerusglobal.org/products-and-programs/it-takes-courage/>; <http://www.kerusglobal.org/orphan-care/soshanguve-pilot-project/>

**MARCH 31** Pray for the **indigenous people of Papua, Indonesia**, especially the Christian community, which includes several CCIH members and friends, who are enduring violence and discrimination. Pray for dialogue with the government regarding self-determination, release of political prisoners, and an end to abuse. Pray for restraint on the part of the churches and a commitment to a peaceful process.  
<http://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/documents/executive-committee/bossey-february-2012/statement-on-the-situation-in-tanah-papua-indonesia.html>; <http://www.charismamag.com/index.php/more-news/18951-christians-in-west-papua-seek-autonomy> (a bit dated but still relevant)