



CCIH Prayer Calendar: March 2008

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Pray for the many sensitive issues facing Kenya as the country, its people & the church move toward recovery & reconciliation; Pray for peaceful progress
2 Give thanks and Pray for the AIDS awareness campaign of CCIH member Balm In Gilead: <i>The Black Church week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS (2-8)</i> ; Pray for education & action	3 Pray for (Evelyn) Rong Yang as she begins her work with CCIH on student issues; Pray also for God's guidance and for patience as she searches for a full-time position	4 Pray for Amanda Murphy ; Pray for her work with students within CCIH and for her studies at George Mason Univ; Give thanks for her efforts to help fellow global health students at GMU	5 Pray for the faith-based participants at the Global Forum on Human Resources for Health in Uganda, meeting together to forge bonds of collaboration	6 Praise God for a successful & meaningful Faith & International Development Conference at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Give thanks for the student organizers	7 Pray for the gathering of people of faith at the Ecumenical Advocacy Days meeting (7-9) in the Washington DC area; Pray for participants as they search for a common global good	8 Pray for the CCIH conference organizing committee ; praise God for volunteers willing to plan the May 24-26 conference with the theme Community Health and Wholeness
9 Pray for those completing a weekend of reflection and discovery at The Journey Deepens , as they try to discern if God's plan for them involves the mission field	10 Pray for candidates for CCIH Board service to come forward; Pray for Nominating Committee Chair Bob Blees & his colleagues as they prepare a slate for CCIH's April elections	11 Give thanks for the desire of CCIH Affiliate Vestergaard Frandsen to partner with the faith community to meet needs internationally; Give thanks for their recent award for the LifeStraw	12 Pray for those who are putting the finishing touches on workshop proposals , due on Mar 14, for the Ecumenical Pre-conference at the Int'l AIDS conference in Mexico, July 31-Aug 2	13 Pray for the U.S. House of Representatives conducting a hearing on the Global Child Survival Act ; Pray for increased U.S. commitment to reducing the high toll of child deaths	14 Pray for the Board of Directors of CCIH , meeting today; Pray for decisions with regard to mission, staffing, fund-raising & other issues; Give thanks for their attendance & commitment	15 Thank God for the bipartisan spirit in the U.S. Congress and White House that led to initial action to extend PEPFAR for another five years and to increase funding to \$50 billion.
16 Pray for those considering forming a CCIH Supply Chain/ Material Resources Working Group ; Pray for commitment and leadership	17 Pray for the work of CCIH member Salvation Army World Service Office , working hand-in-hand with communities to improve their health, economic & spiritual lives	18 Give thanks for CCIH Affiliate Books of Hope & their innovative Speaking Books which meet the personal, mental & health needs of people who struggle to read	19 Give thanks for CCIH member Christian Reformed World Relief Committee ; Pray for a continuation of their work overseas and their awareness & advocacy ministry in the US	20 Pray for CCIH members/affiliates involved in meeting the water needs of those around the world ; Pray for the possible formation of a Water Working Group	21 Give thanks for the ministry of CCIH member CrossLink International ; give thanks for the donations that allow them to serve the needs of the poor; Pray for new Exec Director Dan Henneberg	22 CCIH member Catholic Medical Mission Board sent 535 medical shipments in 2007; Give thanks for this & other aspects of their health ministry around the world
23 EASTER SUNDAY Give praise for the life, death & resurrection of our Lord Jesus 30 Pray for churches supporting overseas ministries , making funding is a community priority	24 Today is World TB Day – Pray for significant progress in prevention, diagnosis and treatment of the disease 31 Give thanks & pray for volunteers everywhere	25 Thank God for the long & faithful ministry of CCIH member American Leprosy Mission ; Pray for the ALM leadership as they seek new areas of service, perhaps in addressing neglected tropical diseases	26 Give thanks for the work of CCIH member World Hope International ; Pray especially for their work in Anti-Trafficking; Pray for Hope Corps Volunteers serving in the US and overseas	27 Pray for the work of CCIH member International Aid ; Give thanks for their commitment to help communities provide their own safe clean water with the HydrAid Water Filter	28 Give thanks for CCIH member Servants in Faith and Technology , creating awareness in the US about the life and needs in developing countries; training communities in simple effective technology	29 Praise God for the work of CCIH member IMA World Health , continuing to provide assistance to tsunami affected areas in India through the Church's Auxiliary for Social Action

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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.

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<http://www.christiantoday.com/article/kenya.tragedy.a.warning.to.churches.world.reformed.head/17126.htm>;
http://www.christianpost.com/article/20080203/31066_Kenyan_Churches_Take_Action_in_Fear_of_Genocide.htm;
<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2008/march/1.24.html>;

MARCH 2 Give thanks and Pray for the AIDS awareness campaign of CCIH member Balm In Gilead: *The Black Church week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS* (2-8); Pray for education & action; http://www.balmingilead.org/programs/weekofprayer2008/what_is_wop.asp;

MARCH 3 Pray for (Evelyn) Rong Yang as she begins her work with CCIH on student issues; Pray also for God's guidance and for patience as she searches for a full-time position; yrshr@hotmail.com;

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MARCH 5 Pray for the faith-based participants at the Global Forum on Human Resources for Health in Uganda, meeting together to forge bonds of collaboration; <http://www.ghwa.org>;

MARCH 6 Praise God for a successful & meaningful **Faith & International Development Conference** at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Give thanks for the **student organizers of the event**; <http://www.calvin.edu/academic/ids/conference>; Michelle Fraser, maf8@calvin.edu;

MARCH 7 Pray for the gathering of people of faith at the **Ecumenical Advocacy Days** meeting (7-9) in the Washington DC area; Pray for participants as they search for a common global good; <http://www.advocacydays.org>;

MARCH 8 Pray for the **CCIH conference organizing committee**; praise God for volunteers willing to plan the May 24-26 conference with the theme Community Health and Wholeness; Pray for the committee chair Laura van Vuuren; lvanvuuren@medicalteams.org;

MARCH 9 Pray for those completing a weekend of reflection and discovery at **The Journey Deepens**, as they try to discern if God's plan for them involves the mission field; future retreats will be held April 18-20, October 17-19 and November 14-16; <http://www.thejourneydeepens.com/retreats.asp>;

MARCH 10 Pray for **candidates** for CCIH Board service to come forward; Pray for **Nominating Committee Chair Bob Blees & his colleagues** as they prepare a slate for CCIH's April elections; bob.blees@sim.org;

MARCH 11 Give thanks for the desire of CCIH Affiliate **Vestergaard Frandsen** to partner with the faith community to meet needs internationally; Give thanks for their recent award for the LifeStraw; <http://www.vestergaard-frandsen.com>; <http://www.saatchi.com/worldwide/newsdetail.asp?nid=143>;

MARCH 12 Pray for those who are putting the finishing touches on **workshop proposals**, due on Mar 14, for the **Ecumenical Pre-conference** at the Int'l AIDS conference in Mexico, July 31-Aug 2; http://www.e-alliance.ch/iac08_preconf.jsp;

MARCH 13 Pray for the U.S. House of Representatives conducting a hearing on the **Global Child Survival Act**; Pray for increased U.S. commitment to reducing the high toll of child deaths; <http://www.child-survival.org>; <http://www.child-survival.org/PublicPolicy/gcsa.cfm>;

MARCH 14 Pray for the Board of Directors of CCIH, meeting today; Pray for decisions with regard to mission, staffing, fundraising & other issues; Give thanks for their attendance & commitment; <http://ccih.org/about/contact.htm>;

MARCH 15 Thank God for the **bipartisan spirit in the U.S. Congress and White House** that led to initial action to extend **PEPFAR** for another five years and to increase funding to \$50 billion; <http://www.pepfar.gov>; <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/fromthefield/217466/120415936216.htm>; <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/02/27/AR2008022701409.html>;

MARCH 16 Pray for those considering forming a **CCIH Supply Chain/ Material Resources Working Group**; Pray for commitment and leadership;

MARCH 17 Pray for the work of CCIH member **Salvation Army World Service Office**, working hand-in-hand with communities to improve their health, economic & spiritual lives; <http://www.sawso.org>;

MARCH 18 Give thanks for CCIH Affiliate **Books of Hope** & their innovative Speaking Books which meet the personal, mental & health needs of people who struggle to read; Give thanks for their recent recognition by Saatchi & Saatchi; <http://www.booksofhope.com>; http://www.booksofhope.com/pdf/Saatchi&Saatchi_PressRelease.pdf; <http://www.saatchi.com/worldwide/newsdetail.asp?nid=143>;

- MARCH 19** Give thanks for CCIH member **Christian Reformed World Relief Committee**; Pray for a continuation of their work overseas and their awareness & advocacy ministry in the United States; <http://www.crwrc.org>;
- MARCH 20** Pray for CCIH members/affiliates involved in meeting the **water needs of those around the world**; Pray for the possible formation of a Water Working Group;
- MARCH 21** Give thanks for the ministry of CCIH member **CrossLink International**; give thanks for the donations that allow them to serve the needs of the poor; Pray for new Exec Director **Dan Henneberg**; <http://www.crosslinkinternational.org>; <http://www.crosslinkinternational.org/ExecDir.shtml>;
- MARCH 22** CCIH member **Catholic Medical Mission Board** sent 535 medical shipments in 2007; Give thanks for this & other aspects of their health ministry around the world; <http://www.cmmb.org>;
- MARCH 23 EASTER SUNDAY** Give praise for the life, death & resurrection of our Lord Jesus;
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- MARCH 25** Thank God for the long & faithful ministry of CCIH member **American Leprosy Mission**; Pray for the ALM leadership as they seek new areas of service, perhaps in addressing neglected tropical diseases; <http://www.leprosy.org>;
- MARCH 26** Give thanks for the work of CCIH member World Hope International; Pray especially for their work in Anti-Trafficking; Pray for Hope Corps Volunteers serving in the US and overseas; <http://www.worldhope.org>; <http://www.worldhope.org/hopecorps/overview.htm>;
- MARCH 27** Pray for the work of CCIH member **International Aid**; Give thanks for their commitment to help communities provide their own safe clean water with the **HydrAid Water Filter**; <http://www.internationalaid.org>;
- MARCH 28** Give thanks for CCIH member **Servants in Faith and Technology**, creating awareness in the US about the life and needs in developing countries; training communities in simple effective technology; <http://www.sifat.org>;
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