



CCIH Prayer Calendar: October 2007

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pray for the political and humanitarian crisis in Myanmar ; Pray for wisdom in coming to a peaceful solution; Pray for comfort for those injured and those who have lost loved ones	2 Pray for the World Missions 07 Celebration of CCIH member Presbyterian Church (USA) , Oct 2-6, Louisville, KY; Pray for those missionaries being commissioned	3 Pray for CCIH members and other people of faith preparing abstracts for the Global Health Council Conference in May 2008; abstracts are due Oct 5 & 17	4 Pray for the situation in political and economic situation in Zimbabwe ; Pray for wisdom within the faith community in their response; Pray for those trying to serve the needy in these difficult times	5 Thank God for CCIH member In His Image and their sponsorship of The Journey Deepens (Oct 5-7; 26-28), a retreat for those considering missionary work; Pray for those attending & leading	6 World Hospice and Palliative Care Day ; Say a special prayer for all those who care for the terminally ill and their families; take the time to learn more about Hospice & Palliative Care
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14 Micah Challenge has chosen today as Micah Sunday — a day for prayer concerning the global HIV&AIDS epidemic; Micah also supports the Stand Up events to call for action to end poverty	15 Give thanks for the successful health work of CCIH member the Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Board and the leadership of its director Dr. Pius Tih	16 World Food Day ; Give thanks for the work of CCIH member United Methodist Church through UMCOR to educate Christians on hunger issues & advocate for food related policies	17 Today is the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty ; the theme is " <i>Working Together Out of Poverty</i> "; Pray for the global will & resources to reach the Millennium Dev. Goals	18 Pray for the proceedings at the Women Deliver Conference in London (18-20); Pray for the political will to invest in saving and improving the lives of women	19 Thank God for the privilege of facilitating learning and dialogue between UNAIDS and the faith community and pray for enhanced collaboration in the fight against AIDS	20 Pray for the safety of aid workers and peace-keepers in Darfur, Sudan , especially the staff of CCIH members; Pray also for Sudanese caught in the middle of the crisis
21 Rejoice that progress has been achieved in child survival with under-five deaths now under 10 million annually, and pray for new commitment to reduce preventable child deaths	22 Thank God for CCIH member Medical Teams International , supplying desperately needed medicines for Children's Welfare Teaching Hospital System in Baghdad, Iraq	23 Pray for the organizing committee of the May 24-26, 2008, CCIH Annual Conference , identifying potential plenary speakers & soliciting ideas for workshops from CCIH members	24 Pray for the Faith and Global Health Caucus of the Global Health Council , and that committed persons will be called forth to lead the effort to revitalize this group	25 Pray for the Salvation Army as they examine the role of their hospitals around the world and reorient them with a strong focus on community health	26 Give thanks for Rev Philemon Akao of the Solomon Islands who boldly called for people of faith to end gender violence and indifference to people with disabilities	27 Express thanks that some once-feared global medical disasters, such as SARS or an avian flu pandemic, have not yet ravaged the world
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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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OCTOBER 2 Pray for the World Missions 07 Celebration of CCIH member Presbyterian Church (USA), Oct 2-6, Louisville, KY; Pray for those missionaries being commissioned; <http://www.pcusa.org/missioncelebration>; http://www.christianpost.com/article/20070617/27994_PC%28USA%29_Challenges_Presbyteries_to_Join_Mission_Blitz.htm;

OCTOBER 3 Pray for CCIH members and other people of faith preparing abstracts for the Global Health Council Conference in May 2008; abstracts are due Oct 5 & 17; http://www.globalhealth.org/conference/view_top.php3?id=766;

OCTOBER 4 Pray for the situation in political and economic situation in Zimbabwe; Pray for wisdom within the faith community in their response; Pray for those trying to serve the needy in these difficult times; http://www.alertnet.org/db/crisisprofiles/ZW_CRI.htm?v=in_detail; <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7015564.stm>; http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/programmes/from_our_own_correspondent/6982183.stm; http://www.christianpost.com/article/20070729/28656_Operation_Mobilization_Appeals_for_Prayers_Amid_Zimbabwe_Crisis.htm; <http://www.christiantoday.com/article/solomon.islands.churches.urged.to.tackle.violence.against.women/13234.htm>;

<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/IRIN/d95cdf1d70860859eda19ac6db4e27fe.htm>;
<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/IRIN/ec53e26d736e4c948d31772c85964cd1.htm>;

OCTOBER 5 Thank God for CCIH member In His Image and their sponsorship of The Journey Deepens (Oct 5-7; 26-28), a retreat for those considering missionary work; Pray for those attending & leading;

<http://www.inhisimage.org/internationalmedicine.html>; <http://www.thejourneydeepens.com/retreats.asp>;

OCTOBER 6 World Hospice and Palliative Care Day; Say a special prayer for all those who care for the terminally ill and their families; take the time to learn more about Hospice & Palliative Care; Pray for the work of CCIH member Foundation for Hospices in Sub-Saharan Africa (<http://www.fhssa.org>); <http://www.worldday.org/index.asp>;

http://www.worldday.org/events/events_americas_2007.asp;

http://www.uicc.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=14280&Itemid=204;

OCTOBER 7 Pray for success in the efforts of health experts to contain the Ebola epidemic in the D.R. Congo with the support of several CCIH members (IMA World Health, Presbyterian Church (USA), Eglise du Christ au Congo DOM- Protestant Church of Congo Dept of Medicine); <http://www.interchurch.org/news/article.php?articleid=92>;

<http://www.pcusa.org/pda/response/africa/congoindex.htm>; <http://www.irinnews.org/PrintReport.aspx?ReportId=74458>;

<http://www.pcusa.org/pcnews/2007/07615.htm>;

OCTOBER 8 Pray for the Christian community in Lebanon and the generally tense situation there; Pray for restraint among Christians who feel targeted in light of recent assassinations;

<http://www.christiantoday.com/article/lebanon.says.goodbye.to.slain.christian.mp/13323.htm>;

<http://www.christiantoday.com/article/seven.killed.in.blast.targeting.lebanese.christian.mp/13303.htm>;

<http://www.christiantoday.com/article/explosion.rocks.lebanese.christian.suburb/13288.htm>;

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2007/04/01/wleb01.xml>;

OCTOBER 9 Thank God for CCIH Treasurer Bob Blee of SIM-USA and his work and expertise in strengthening CCIH's financial management, accounting, and reporting; bob.blees@sim.org;

OCTOBER 10 Some Christians in India are facing danger and persecution because of their faith; Pray for strength and God's guidance; Pray for willingness by authorities to stop the violence;

http://www.christianpost.com/article/20070913/29292_Pentecostal_Church%5C%27s_Mass_Conversion_of_Indian_Dalits_Sparks_Hindu_Protest.htm;

http://www.christianpost.com/article/20070917/29343_Hindu_Activists_in_India_Attack_Pastor_and_Family%3B_Burn_Down_Church.htm; <http://www.christiantoday.com/article/hundreds.in.india.rally.against.anti.christian.attacks/13321.htm>;

<http://www.christiantoday.com/article/human.rights.group.anti.christian.hate.campaigns.fuel.persecution.in.india/13401.htm>;

http://www.christianpost.com/article/20070826/29060_Thousands_of_Anti-

[Christian Flyers Threaten Lives of Indian Believers.htm;](http://www.compassdirect.org/en/display.php?page=news&lang=en&length=long&idelement=4903)

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[http://www.ccih.org/bulletin/0907files/Responses_to_Recent_Emergencies_0907.doc;](http://www.ccih.org/bulletin/0907files/Responses_to_Recent_Emergencies_0907.doc)

OCTOBER 13 Pray for CCIH Board member Dorothy Brewster-Lee and her family who are moving to Arusha, Tanzania; Dorothy works for CCIH member Catholic Relief Services; Pray for a safe trip and for guidance and patience as they settle into a new home and culture; [http://www.crs.org;](http://www.crs.org)

OCTOBER 14 Micah Challenge has chosen today as Micah Sunday– a day for prayer concerning the global HIV&AIDS epidemic; Micah also supports the Stand Up events to call for action to end poverty;

[http://www.micahchallenge.org/english/do/blowthewhistle/standupspeakout;](http://www.micahchallenge.org/english/do/blowthewhistle/standupspeakout)

OCTOBER 15 Give thanks for the successful health work of CCIH member the Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Board and the leadership of its director Dr. Pius Tih; [piustih@aol.com;](mailto:piustih@aol.com)

[http://www.ccih.org/bulletin/1007files/Cameroon_Baptist_Conv_Health_Board_Sept07.doc;](http://www.ccih.org/bulletin/1007files/Cameroon_Baptist_Conv_Health_Board_Sept07.doc)

OCTOBER 16 World Food Day; Give thanks for the work of CCIH member United Methodist Church through UMCOR to educate Christians on hunger issues & advocate for food related policies; [http://new.gbmg-](http://new.gbmg-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/resources/cbi)

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[http://www.foodsresourcebank.org./;](http://www.foodsresourcebank.org/) [http://www.fao.org/wfd2007/index_en.html;](http://www.fao.org/wfd2007/index_en.html)

[http://www.worldfooddayusa.org/;](http://www.worldfooddayusa.org/) [http://www.friendsofwfp.org/site/pp.asp?c=7oJLSOsGpF&b=245179;](http://www.friendsofwfp.org/site/pp.asp?c=7oJLSOsGpF&b=245179)

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[http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/poverty;](http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/poverty) [http://www.oct17.org/Why-the-Call-to-Action.html#;](http://www.oct17.org/Why-the-Call-to-Action.html#)

OCTOBER 18 Pray for the proceedings at the Women Deliver Conference in London (18-20); Pray for the political will to invest in saving and improving the lives of women; [http://www.womendeliver.org;](http://www.womendeliver.org)

[http://www.globalhealth.org/reports/report.php?id=307&type=newsletter;](http://www.globalhealth.org/reports/report.php?id=307&type=newsletter)

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http://www.christiantoday.com/article/world_vision_convoy_ambushed_in_darfur/13313.htm;
http://www.christianpost.com/article/20070806/28768_World_Vision_Expands_Darfur_Operations%3B_Has_No_Intention_of_Leaving.htm;
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7020596.stm>; <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/L30342985.htm>;
http://www.alertnet.org/db/crisisprofiles/SD_DAR.htm?v=at_a_glance;
<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/fromthefield/284081/119090874552.htm>;
<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/fromthefield/carintern/8cb1ac622f97d24b304beddfc2fbe2e0.htm>;

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<http://www.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idUSN1223712420070913?sp=true>; <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/09/12/AR2007091202443.html>;

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<http://www.africanhunger.org/?location=home>; <http://allafrica.com/stories/200709300023.html>;
<http://allafrica.com/stories/200709290136.html>;
<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/fromthefield/216872/9448847cd3e866a15c8ac580a381e599.htm>;

OCTOBER 31 Pray for the planning committee, led by the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance, for the **Ecumenical Pre-Conference to the International AIDS Conference** August 2008; http://www.e-alliance.ch/lac_2008.jsp;