

## November 2022 Prayer and Praise

### It's Okay

Sometimes God speaks powerfully, but simply.

I've poured out my heart to Him all day.

His message to me in response?

Two words. "It's okay."

#### **It's okay.**

It's not really okay, but it **is** okay.

It may never be okay, but it will **still be** okay.

Regardless, **no matter what**, irrespective of what **is**, or what **will be**, it's okay.

He sees

He directs

He reveals

He provides

He shields

He exposes

He defends

He salvages

He protects

He redeems

He mends

He rescues

He vindicates

He empowers

He leads

He decrees...**even** in the rubble—amidst the wreckage—**"It's okay."**

It is. It has been. It will be.

~by Beverly Carroll

*Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.*

Hebrews 10: 23 (New Living Translation)



My personal thanks to Beverly Carroll, a woman of faith, speaker, poet, and author. Her openness about her journey through grief and loss is courageous, open, and beautiful. You can learn more about Beverly's story and writing by checking out her [Facebook page](#) and her [blog](#).

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You can download the November Prayer and Praise Calendar [here](#).

### **November Prayer Calendar**

- November 1 – We praise God for all that he is doing through the *Journal of Christian Nursing*. Pray for a continuing flow of quality manuscripts and increased visibility of JCN as it supports the faith and practice of students and nurses.
- November 2 – Our marketing team is incredible! We are grateful for the insight and creativity of Leanne Snavely and Jenny Choi for this ministry. Pray for wisdom and discernment for our marketing team as we meet today and finalize plans for our membership and giving campaign that will take place after Thanksgiving.
- November 3 – As nurses join the quarterly [Journal Club](#) tonight, pray that God will strengthen them with moral courage through his spirit and his Word to become stronger patient advocates. The webinar will discuss how we can provide safer patient care when speaking up in the face of uncivil behavior.
- November 4 – Please pray for the North Dakota/South Dakota NCF Student Retreat which is taking place this month. Pray for students to be drawn to the retreat and for it to provide support, connection, and hope.
- November 5 – We praise God for the connection and encouragement received through the October NCF and Twin Cities NCF webinar presentation, [NCF Conversations: Recognizing the Need for Community](#). We ask God to continue to use the content to draw students and nurses into deeper relationships with each other and with him. Bless our student and nurse groups as they provide safe places for our stories to be shared and opportunities for service, healing, and growth.
- November 6 – We praise God for the step of faith taken by the Hawaii NCF group to be a vendor at the Hawaii American Nurses Association Conference. They were a presence for Nurses Christian Fellowship and for faith in nursing. Pray for the 17 students and nurses who shared they would like more information about the group.
- November 7 – God is using NCF's director, Kathy Schoonover-Shoffner, in so many ways. Her writing, editorial, attention to detail, and leadership skills are grounded in her love for the scriptures and to see students and nurses know and follow Jesus in nursing. Pray for wisdom, discernment, and blessing as she raises support and leads the ministry of Nurses Christian Fellowship.

- November 8 – Pray for NCF staff who are supporting family members who are dealing with ongoing health issues and mental health needs. We want to especially remember Gregg who needs healing of his back and is still coping with a loss of taste/smell after having Covid.
- November 9 – Pray for Christy Secor, NCF's Professional Ministries Director, as she shares how to be witnesses of our faith in our school/work environments using tools from the Saline Process with NCF students at Fresno State.
- November 10 – The City of Fountains nurse group is meeting virtually this evening to continue their discussion of John Mark Comer's book [The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry](#). We are grateful for the safe environment Becky and Rhonda provide and for the open conversations. Pray for others to join the discussion!
- November 11 – The [Global Missions Health Conference](#) began November 10<sup>th</sup> and will continue through the 12<sup>th</sup> in Louisville, Kentucky. Please pray that the nurses and nursing students interested in healthcare missions will be blessed by the conference and hear from the Lord regarding their part in His Kingdom building purposes. Pray too for the speakers and workshop leaders that they will serve and honor the Lord in their presentations. editing work.
- November 12 – We praise God for seeds that are planted through our student and nurse groups. Remind our student leaders, faculty advisors, and nurse group leaders that their faithfulness makes a difference not only now but in the years to come in the lives of so many others.
- November 13 – We praise God for the work he's doing through our [Sunday night prayer group times](#). Pray for more nurses who need prayer, support, and encouragement to commit to participating as they are able. Use this time to draw us into deeper intimacy with you, God.
- November 14 – We remember in prayer the needs of the people of Haiti. Pray for a return of safety within the government and for the safety of the people. We ask a special blessing on Haiti's nursing faculty and nurses as they work to meet the healthcare needs of their communities often with limited resources.
- November 15 – Pray for our NCF groups as several are working to get back on track with meetings with others in their communities. We ask for wisdom for these leaders as they seek to support students and nurses.
- November 16 – The April-June issue of the *Journal of Christian Nursing* will have a historical focus on many different aspects of nursing. Pray God uses this unique issue to encourage and provide new insights about our profession and our practice.
- November 17 – We ask God for wisdom and discernment for NCF's leadership team as we meet and pray today over the work and ministry of NCF. Join us in asking God how we can grow and serve more students and nurses in knowing and following Jesus.

- November 18 – We praise God for NCF’s student ministry outreach to students through [TikTok](#). We ask God for continuing wisdom and creativity in using social media to widen the reach of NCF, and empowering and discipling nurses who can inform their practice with biblically faith-founded truth.
- November 19 – Pray for Margaret De Jong, a *JCN* contributing editor, as she receives limited sonography training this month to be a voice for the voiceless unborn at her local pregnancy care center. Pray that she would manage her time well between this intense training/ministry and her *Journal of Christian Nursing* needs.
- November 20 – We remember and pray for the millions of refugees and displaced people of Ukraine. Comfort hearts and provide strength as the war continues. Give wisdom to the country’s leaders and to the leaders of other countries as they continue to respond to the crisis. Thwart the plans of those who seek to harm and bring about destruction. We ask God to support nurses who are struggling to provide care and support the changing needs of their communities.
- November 21 – Please pray for Christy Secor as she partners with other Saline-trained nurses in facilitating a Saline Process Witness Training with faculty from Colorado Christian University. This training provides principles and tools to better equip Christian healthcare workers to be witnesses for Christ with patients and colleagues. Pray for God to move in and through this training.
- November 22 – We pray for the work and outreach of faith community nurses in their churches, parishes, and communities. May God bless and encourage them in the challenges and barriers they encounter.
- November 23 – Give rest to nursing students and faculty across the country over their Thanksgiving break. Guide them as they prepare for their finals in the coming weeks.
- November 24 – We are reminded today of all we have to be grateful for - especially God’s constant presence through the ups and downs of our lives. Be with those who are working this holiday and with those they care for. Give comfort to many others who have one less place to set at the family table. May we be reminded of the many small blessings that fill our days bringing us joy and hope even in our grief.
- November 25 – Pray for God to use NCF’s GIVE campaign to bring more students and nurses into the ministry of NCF as members and for additional financial and prayer partners for the ministry.
- November 26 – We ask God to use the December 13<sup>th</sup> Tabletop Discussion, [Saline Taster: Living Our Calling as Salt and Light](#), to encourage and support students and nurses as they incorporate their faith into their practice and support the spiritual care needs of their patients and residents.
- November 27 – Join us as we pray for nurses around the country who are tired, weary, and are facing staff shortages and a lack of resources in their work environments. May

they be reminded of God's presence in their lives and that they are not alone in the challenges they face. May NCF be used in their lives to be a support and encouragement in their faith and their practice.

- November 28 – We praise God that NCF's contract with Lippincott Williams & Wilkins / Wolters Kluwer is complete. We ask for a continuing positive relationship with them as the *JCN* is published each quarter.
- November 29 – We thank God for each one of our nurse group leaders and the commitment they make to supporting nurses in their work and faith. Give understanding and deep connection as we gather this evening to celebrate the work God is doing in the lives of our groups and to troubleshoot any barriers that are being experienced.
- November 30 – Pray for the Urbana Student Missions Conference (December 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>) and for the preparations the NCF student ministries team will be making for a designated space, "Mission to Care" for students. We ask for the good health of all the participants and leadership team leading up to and during the conference.