



April 2025 Prayer and Praise Calendar

Week One:

- April 1 – We praise God for his incredible work among nursing students, faculty, and nurses at the Texas NCF retreat held in March. God spoke in such beautiful ways into the lives of others. We are grateful for his answers to our prayers.
- April 2 – Pray for the physical health of a retired nurse from a local Nurses Christian Fellowship group who desires our prayers.
- April 3 – Pray for travel mercies for Christy Secor, NCF's Spiritual Formation/Prayer Specialist, and her husband, Dan, as they drive 2.5 hours to see a neuro-ophthalmologist today. Pray for wisdom and insight from the physician to address changes in Dan's vision.
- April 4 – Pray for nurses as they explore the possibilities of starting a nurse group locally or virtually. We ask God to smooth any rough places and remove any barriers in starting their groups. Give wisdom and insight as these nurses

listen to the needs of other nurses and the call of the Holy Spirit.

- April 5 – Pray for travel mercies for the family of Colleen Christenson, Nurse Minister to our nurse group leaders, who will be traveling this month.

Week Two:

- April 6 – We thank God for the community that's a part of our nurse groups. Pray for our nurse groups to continue to be safe places for students, faculty, and nurses. We lift our [Sunday night prayer group times](#) and ask God to use this time to draw us into deeper intimacy with you, God.
- April 7 – Please pray for the nurses who work for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and other federal agencies. There is a lot of anxiety about layoffs and job loss among federally employed nurses. Please lift them in prayer to protect their jobs, bring peace to the federal workforce, strengthen these nurses to continue to do God's work, and for God's plans to prevail amidst all the changes that are taking place.
- April 8 – Continue to pray for wisdom, discernment, and direction for Kathy Schoonover-Shoffner, Director of Nurses Christian Fellowship and Editor-in-Chief for the *Journal of*

Christian Nursing, as she balances numerous responsibilities within NCF and the *Journal of Christian Nursing*.

- April 9 – Pray that God will direct the submission of articles to the journal that will meet the professional needs of nurses and equip them to integrate their faith with their practice.
- April 10 – Pray for the nurse group in Salem, Oregon, as they begin to reform. Give them wisdom as they look for the best time to meet and for strong relationships with one another. Encourage those who are praying about the possibility of participating.
- April 11 – We are grateful for the students, faculty, and nurses who shared their feedback with us regarding the work and ministry of Nurses Christian Fellowship. Pray for wisdom and discernment for the members of our Membership Task Force as we take this information to shape and build for the future.
- April 12 – Pray for the speakers and technology surrounding today's three-hour [Healing Encounters with Jesus Retreat and Journal Club](#). Pray God uses this time to provide deeper connections in our faith and practice among students, faculty, and nurses.

Week Three:

- April 13 – As we look forward and prepare for Holy Week, may we never forget that on our good days as well as our bad ones, we are not alone. We serve a Jesus who is with us each step of the way.
- April 14 – Pray that God uses the devotionals, [Following Jesus in Nursing](#), on the YouVersion app to reach students, faculty, and nurses with needed encouragement and hope. We pray this app will be a helpful way to share more about the work and ministry of Nurses Christian Fellowship.
- April 15 – We ask God to grant strength and stamina to each member of NCF's staff and the *Journal of Christian Nursing* editorial team. Equip us with his love to do the work of the ministry. May we serve with eyes focused on the eternal.
- April 16 – We remember those experiencing heartbreak, disappointment, pain, fear, anxiety, isolation, and grief - remind us, Lord, of your comfort, presence, and unending love. Help us to trust you in and through all things.
- April 17 – Continue to pray for nurses around the country who are tired, weary, and 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.
- April 18 – We are thankful for open doors with students, faculty, and nurses and pray for new opportunities and conversations to provide support and encouragement

through our student and nurse groups. We ask God to continue to provide wisdom and discernment as we follow his leading for what is his work.

- April 19 – We praise God for seeds being 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 for others.

Week Four:

- April 20 – We pray our hearts will forever keep the miracle and gift of Easter alive. May the greatest sacrifice made for our mistakes never be taken for granted. We celebrate the risen Jesus in all that we are!
- April 21 – Continue to lift up NCF staff who are dealing with difficult family situations and supporting the needs of loved ones. We ask God to give us the strength and wisdom we need each moment of the day.
- April 22 – Celebrate and praise God for the ways Jesus works through nurses to effectively bring needed care and healing to patients throughout the world. Pray that nurses can continue to reach and benefit those in need through their daily work and that they keep their sense of identity and purpose rooted deeply in Jesus Christ.
- April 23 – Thank God with the *Journal of Christian Nursing* editors for the quiet, significant work done by our peer reviewers on every feature article published. This corps of nurses who use their expertise and scholarly skills to provide an essential aspect of JCN's ministry.
- April 24 – Pray for the safety of nursing students, faculty, and nurses in their programs and worksites. We ask for healing for nurses who have experienced violence from a patient or family member. Pray for managers and administrators to take the needed steps to care for and protect the safety of their staff.
- April 25 – 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.
- April 26 – We pray for faculty and students as many are approaching the end of a semester with the flurry of activity surrounding finals, pinning, and graduation. We pray for those who are discouraged and for strength and endurance to finish the semester well.

Week Five:

- April 27 – Praise and thank God for readers of the *Journal of Christian Nursing* who take time to express how the journal is beneficial to them personally and in their nursing

practice. This encouragement is fuel for our creativity and stamina in producing three issues simultaneously at varying stages of development.

- April 28 – Pray that God continues to provide creative thinking and focus to the staff who produce NCF’s social media. Ask him to use this outlet to invite more nurses into NCF and to offer information and content that strengthen nurses’ work and faith.
- April 29 – Pray for Katharine Provost, NCF’s Associate Student Ministry Director, and Christy Secor as they complete plans for our May [Blessing of the Hands](#) event. We ask God to use this event to encourage faculty and nurses working in difficult situations and who often find themselves understaffed. Pray for renewed purpose as we serve individuals, families, and our communities.
- April 30 – Praise God for the continuing conversations happening with the [NCF Podcast - Following Jesus in Nursing!](#) Kathy Schoonover-Shoffner is taking a deeper dive into questions surrounding the provision of spiritual care for our patients.

You can download the April 2025 prayer calendar [here](#).