

December 2024 Prayer and Praise Calendar

Week One:

- December 1 We ask God to open our hearts to his coming as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas. May we continue to look with expectation for God at work and the ways he wants to use us in the lives of others.
- December 2 Pray that God will give 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.
- December 3 Please pray for Jehovah Jireh Outreach, a ministry led by ARhonda Osborne (NCF Volunteer and one of the leaders of NCF's Delaware professional nurse group) to have another successful Christmas toy drive within their community. May there be multiple opportunities to share about the love of Jesus.
- December 4 We thank God for the two successful NCF Student Retreats held in

Wisconsin and South Dakota last month. God showed up in the conversations with students, faculty, nurses, and NCF/InterVarsity staff. Multiple schools were represented and the feedback from the student's evaluations showed they were encouraged.

- December 5 Pray for students and faculty as finals are taking place and for them to do their best. Remind them also of their identity in Christ as the foundation of who they are.
- December 6 Pray for <u>Ambition</u>, Intervarsity's tri-annual planting conference, that will be held in Denver, Colorado January 9-12, 2025. Pray for NCF at Ambition and that nursing students would catch a vision for planting as they are equipped to plant.
- December 7 <u>Hour of Power</u> is a ministry meeting at 10 am Eastern on the first
 Saturday of each month. Their vision is to demolish racism within the Body of Christ.

Pray for HOP to make an even greater impact for the Kingdom as they begin their 5th year of outreach.

Week Two:

- December 8 –We praise God for the work he's doing through our <u>Sunday night prayer</u> group times. Pray for students, nurses, and faculty who need prayer, support, and encouragement in the work they are doing. Use this time to draw us into deeper intimacy with you, God.
- December 9 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.
- December 10 Pray for our student groups across the country to reach new nursing students, growing the attendance of their group (regular attendance has been difficult). We lift those groups struggling to find student leaders and faculty advisors.
 Pray for students and faculty to step up and say yes.
- December 11 Pray for the leaders of the NCF Texas nurse group as they plan for the March 21-23, 2025 <u>Refresh Retreat</u>. May students, faculty, and nurses from across the country experience hope and renewal in their faith in Jesus Christ.
- December 12 Pray for our NCF Delaware nurse group and for each of our professional nurse groups to continue to thrive. Give us eyes to see the ministry taking place in the lives of others rather than on numbers.
- December 13 The editorial and design team for the Journal of Christian Nursing is beginning work on the July/Sept 2025 issue. Praise God for his gifts and skills given to each team member and ask for his insight and discernment as they edit, write, and design this issue.
- December 14 Many nurses and faculty are struggling in their roles. Pray that each would know and accept God's perfect will for them professionally.

Week Three:

- December 15 Pray for donors to respond to NCF's end-of-the-year giving campaign.
 We ask God to move in the hearts and lives of others to give generously in supporting NCF's vision to have students and nurses know and follow Jesus in nursing.
- December 16 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 of others.
- December 17 Give rest to nursing students and faculty across the country over their Christmas break. May this be a time of encouragement, renewal, and presence in advance of the semester that's ahead.

- December 18 Pray for Jane Hall, NCF's past National Director, as she continues to heal from last October's fall in which she fractured her pelvis. She is progressing well with an additional six months anticipated for full healing. Pray also as Jane and Christy Secor, NCF's Spiritual Formation and Prayer Specialist, as they continue working on the next Journal Club focusing on empathy which is scheduled for February 20th. We ask God to use this content in the lives of many.
- December 19 "Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel" (Ephesians 6:19, CSB).
 God, give us open doors to share the gospel with nurses. We pray for NCF's ministry to nurses, by nurses, and with nurses.
- December 20 We pray for the body of Christ to be steadfast and immovable in the days to come. May we be deeply rooted in living out the love of Christ and the truth of Scripture. Fill us with your Holy Spirit.
- December 21 God, we pray for open doors to share with friends and family this Christmas season.

Week Four:

- December 22 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 to support and encourage their faith and practice.
- December 23 Pray for wisdom and discernment on the part of the *JCN* editorial staff as we work with authors and their manuscripts.
- December 24 Pray for the final month of <u>24 in 2024</u> as new chapters are launching weekly. Pray for those groups in process to be able to launch before the semester's end.
- December 25 The child is born! The waiting is over! We celebrate the precious gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, who was born to give his life for us so that we may live. May his love be present in all that we say and do as we minister to those in our care.
- December 26 We are thankful for the powerful way ARhonda Osborne represented nurses and NCF at the Global Missions Health Conference last month. God used this conference to inspire ARhonda to plan for her first mission trip next November. Pray for the funding and details to come together as she commits this time to the Lord.
- December 27 We remember that NCF is God's ministry. We ask God to bring in all that is needed to continue the work he has planned for NCF staff, resources, finances, vision, ideas, and more.

• December 28 – Ask the Holy Spirit to be with each person who is a part of NCF's staff. Pray they would hear God's Word for them in their quiet times; that God would protect them from the evil one who wants to discourage them in their ministry; and that each would be freshly inspired to the work God has called them to do.

Week Five:

- December 29 We ask God for wisdom and discernment for NCF's leadership team. Join
 us in asking God how we can grow and serve more students and nurses in knowing and
 following Jesus.
- December 30 Pray for our mentors and for those that they mentor. Pray for insight, wisdom, and growing connections in their relationships with each other. Pray for each to stay grounded in the Word and their local church as their source of strength.
- December 31 As we look at the beginning of a new year, we lean on God who is our rock and refuge. We pray we will grow in love for one another. We trust and ask God to build and create something new in our profession that honors the calling he has placed on our lives as nurses.

You can download the December prayer calendar here.