

February 2025 Prayer and Praise Calendar

Week One:

• February 1 – Today is a big day for Student Ministries! Refresh is an in-person retreat being held in York, Pennsylvania. We ask God to use the insights of Owen Smith, a teaching fellow at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing who works as a mental health nurse at the VA, to touch the lives of students, faculty, and nurses participating in this event.

Week Two:

- February 2 We remember all those who have been impacted by the horrific fires in California. We pray for those who have lost loved ones, homes, pets, and treasured possessions. We especially remember first responders from around the country who have been a part of the mitigation, rescue, and recovery efforts. Jesus, hear our cries!
- February 3 Thank you, God, for the Kingdom work accomplished in 2024 among nursing students, faculty, and nurses across

the country. We pray for your favor and blessing in 2025.

- February 4 We pray for wisdom, insight, and justice for our local, state, and national leaders. Many decisions impacting the health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities are at stake.
- February 5 Pray for new NCF student groups that just launched in January. We are excited by the energy these new leaders are bringing to their nursing programs and we pray that nursing students find rhythms in their busy schedules to attend regularly.
- February 6 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.
- February 7 Some students at the University of Maine in Fort Kent have expressed interest in having a Nurses Christian Fellowship group on campus. Please pray for an

- increasing interest, and for students and a faculty advisor to step up to start a chapter so that students can grow in faith and know and follow Jesus in nursing.
- February 8 Pray for perseverance so that "in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary" (Galatians 6:9, NASB).

Week Three:

- February 9 Pray for all the NCF student groups that are planting this spring. Pray they will be able to overcome obstacles and connect with interested students.
- February 10 As the JCN editors and designers develop and produce articles this year, ask God to stimulate interest among nurses and students to consider world and local missions as God moves them.
- February 11 Thank you, God, for the courage you have given nurses in representing their faith.
- February 12 Pray for the student leader and faculty advisor trainings that are taking place today and tomorrow. We pray that it is a meaningful time for NCF student group leadership from campuses coast to coast to discover ways to help their groups thrive and be encouraged.
- February 13 Praise God for the continuing conversations that are happening with the
 NCF Podcast Following Jesus in Nursing!
 We ask God to use this outreach in amazing ways in the lives of students, faculty, and nurses.
- February 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.
- February 15 Many students experience some seasonal depression and fatigue in February. Pray for their energy and endurance.

Week Four:

- February 16 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 up our <u>Sunday night prayer group times</u> and ask God to use this time to draw us into deeper intimacy with you, God.
- February 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.

- February 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.
- February 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 of others.
- February 20 Pray for Jane Hall, former Director of Nurses Christian Fellowship, and Christy Secor, Spiritual Formation and Prayer, as they lead tonight's Journal Club on <u>Empathy: The Gift of Connecting</u>. We ask God to use this webinar to enhance our care and support of the individuals, families, and communities we serve.
- February 21 We pray Isaiah 54:2 "for the Lord to expand our borders" at NCF by raising up new student and nurse group leaders.
- February 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.

Week Five:

- February 23 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.
- February 24 Margaret De Jong Morgenthaler, as a Shot@Life Champion, will be joining other champions in DC Feb 24-26 for advocacy of global childhood immunizations. Pray for grace-filled conversations and for the hearts of those in power to be moved to provide funding for basic childhood vaccines for those in need around the world.
- February 25 Pray for the leaders of the NCF Texas nurse group as they plan for the March 2025 <u>Refresh retreat</u>. We ask God to grow the number of registrations. May students, faculty, and nurses from across the country experience hope and renewal in their faith in Jesus Christ.
- February 26 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.
- February 27 Today is the annual Collegiate Day of Prayer! Consider praying for revival at colleges and universities in your area, across America, and around the world.
- February 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.

You can download the February 2025 prayer calendar here.