



January 2025 Prayer and Praise Calendar

Week One:

- January 1—We praise God for the outpouring of support from our prayer partners and financial donors during their end-of-year giving. Their prayers and gifts encourage us in the work of Nurses Christian Fellowship.

- January 2 – We are thankful for open doors with students, faculty, and nurses. We pray for new opportunities and conversations to provide support and encouragement through our student and professional nurse groups. May God continue providing wisdom and discernment as we follow his leading in this work.

- January 3 – God has been at work in so many wonderful ways during our [24 in 2024](#) student group outreach! Our goal was 24 new established student nurse groups. Jen Wojtysiak, NCF's Associate National Director, shared that 22 new groups are now established with 6 more new groups in process! Thank you so much for your

prayers, encouragement, and support of this outreach. May God continue to bless each of our student groups!

- January 4 – [Hour of Power](#) 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:

- January 5 – Pray for wisdom, excitement, and renewed interest in our professional nurse groups. During January, Jen Wojtysiak (NCF's Associate National Director) and Colleen Christenson (NCF's Nurse Staff Minister), are working to increase the number of professional nurse groups and expand participation in these groups. Pray for faculty and nurses to join these valuable communities of support and faith.
- January 6 – We remember December graduates of nursing programs. We ask God to provide wisdom and discernment as they study, plan for, and prioritize finding positions and taking the NCLEX.

- January 7 – We celebrate and praise God for the ways Jesus works through faith community nurses to bring needed care and healing to patients. Pray these nurses continue to reach and benefit those in need through their work.
- January 8 – We ask God to bless and use the two-week devotional series NCF staff developed for students, faculty, and nurses who use the YouVersion app. May God use these devotionals to support and encourage others in their faith and practice and to broaden awareness of the ministry and resources provided through Nurses Christian Fellowship.
- January 9 – Pray for NCF’s staff participating in the [Ambition](#) conference being held this year in Denver, Colorado January 9th – 12th. The conference is designed to help start new groups on a college campus. It includes spaces to dream and be equipped to plant new ministries in new places and in new contexts. Pray for NCF’s Kathy Schoonover-Shoffner (National Director of NCF Ministries), Jen Wojtysiak (Associate National Director of NCF Ministries), and other staff who will be there to pray, encourage, and equip the establishment of NCF groups on campus.
- January 10 – We praise God for bringing Melodee Harris to the *Journal of Christian Nursing* staff as the new Senior Editor. Pray for Melodee as she orients and learns the processes unique to our team. We ask God to encourage Melodee and to bless her with the work and insight she brings.
- January 11 – 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.

Week Three

- January 12 – Praise God for the ongoing work of our [NCF Podcast - Following Jesus in Nursing!](#) This month we’re kicking off a series of recordings about the importance and challenges found in providing spiritual care in nursing featuring Kathy Schoonover-Shoffner, NCF’s National Director. Pray these recordings make a positive impact on the lives of nurses and their care of others.
- January 13 – Pray for nursing students, faculty, and nurses as they seek direction and wisdom in knowing more fully what it means to follow Jesus in nursing.
- January 14 – We pray for wisdom, discernment, and direction for Kathy Schoonover-Shoffner as she balances numerous responsibilities within Nurses Christian Fellowship and the *Journal of Christian Nursing*.
- January 15 – 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.

- January 16 – Pray for our marketing team as we begin making preparations for National Nurses Month in May.
- January 17 – 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.
- January 18 – Pray for our student groups across the country to reach new nursing students and to grow 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.

Week Four:

- January 19 – Pray for the leaders and speakers of the NCF Texas nurse group as they plan for the March 21-23, 2025 [Refresh retreat](#) in Gilmer, Texas. May students, faculty, and nurses from across the country experience hope and renewal in their faith in Jesus Christ.
- January 20 – Pray for Jane Hall (NCF's former National Director) and Christy Secor as they plan the February 20th Journal Club webinar on [Empathy: The Gift of Connecting](#). We ask God for his leadership and insight in the information presented and that the content would be helpful for all who participate.
- January 21 – 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.
- January 22 – Many nurses and faculty are struggling in their roles. Pray that each would know and accept God's perfect will for them professionally.
- January 23 – 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.
- January 24 – 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.
- January 25 – We lean on God, our rock and refuge. We pray we continue to 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.

Week Five:

- January 26 – 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 [Sunday night prayer group times](#) and ask God to use this time to draw us into deeper intimacy with you, God.

- January 27 – 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.
- January 28 – Pray for a good return to the survey NCF is sending to students, faculty, and nurses about membership and the benefits of supporting this ministry. We ask God for wisdom as we prayerfully consider the information provided so we can better meet the needs of those we serve.
- January 29 – Praise God for new articles steadily flowing for publication in *JCN*. Pray for wisdom for our editorial team as we make decisions about articles for publication.
- January 30 – We remember those who are 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.
- January 31 – Please remember to pray for the NCF Student Refresh Retreat that’s taking place tomorrow, February 1st, in York, Pennsylvania. Pray that this time together will be meaningful in the lives of students, faculty, and nurses in the area.

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