



## May 2025 Prayer and Praise Calendar

### Week One:

- May 1 – 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.

- May 2 – We praise God for the way he ministered to staff, students, educators, and nurses around the country during our [Healing Encounters with Jesus Retreat and Journal Club](#).

May God continue to use experiences like this to provide deeper connections in our faith and practice among students, faculty, and nurses.

- May 3 – We thank God for all he has done over this past year within Nurses Christian Fellowship. We are grateful for the diversity of this ministry and how God has used the *Journal of Christian Nursing*, student and nurse groups, and one-on-one encounters with others. Thank you,

God, for using each of us, broken as we are, to help each other in your love and strength.

### Week Two:

- May 4 – Pray for nurses as they explore the possibilities of starting a nurse group locally or virtually. We ask God to smooth rough places and remove barriers to starting their groups. Give wisdom and insight as these nurses listen to the needs of other nurses and the call of the Holy Spirit.
- May 5 – As we plan NCF's Community Gathering space at [Urbana 2025](#), we ask for prayer to create an environment where nursing students can discern God's call for them in global missions. We pray the Holy Spirit goes ahead of us in drawing nursing students to attend and remove any barriers. We also pray for financial resources to be available so that funds are not a barrier to any nursing students who want to attend Urbana.
- May 6 – Pray for our nursing graduates as they continue to prepare to take the NCLEX for licensure. May they have peace during this time of preparation and as they sit for

their boards. We ask for clear thinking. We also pray they remain grounded in their identity in Jesus, regardless of the results of their scores.

- May 7 – Praise for feedback from NCF student groups sharing the many ways God has been present! There have been so many nursing students growing in a meaningful relationship with God through the caring and compassionate NCF community.
- May 8 – Pray for Katharine Provost, NCF's Associate Student Ministry Director, and Christy Secor, Spiritual Formation and Prayer, as they lead our May [Blessing of the Hands](#) event. We ask God to use this event to encourage faculty, students, and nurses working in difficult situations and for those who need to be reminded of their purpose. We ask God to protect the technology during the event and for all that is said to be for his glory.
- May 9 – We pray for our children and their children as well. May our children know and experience deep intimacy with God. May they grow in their love and faith. We pray for strength, encouragement, and endurance through the challenges they will face. May they know and live out what it means to store up treasures in Heaven.
- May 10 – Pray for wisdom, insight, and discernment for Rowan Harper who serves as NCF's Information Technologist Specialist. Rowan is working along with Kathy Schoonover-Shoffner, NCF's National Director, to prepare our website to become static for a time while updates are made to our servers and an improved membership experience is being built. Pray also for creativity in meeting the needs of our members as we design new ways of communicating and connecting.

### **Week Three:**

- May 11 – We remember our physical mothers, our spiritual mothers, and the mothers who are a part of the nursing profession on this special Mother's Day. May we continue to learn from their example and be examples of faith, prayer, and love in the lives of our children, families, and communities.
- May 12 – As we celebrate nurses this month, thank God for this amazing ministry of nursing and our ability to enter sacred caring spaces with the sick and hurting, teaching to promote, maintain, and restore health, and being present with individuals and families during times of crisis. May we truly integrate our faith into our practice and serve as a witness to the life-changing love of Jesus.
- May 13 – More nurses and students are interacting with Scripture and biblical truth related to nursing practice through the quarterly Journal Clubs. Ask God to endow JCN staff who are preparing the next Journal Club with the mind of Christ and clear communication as the topic is chosen and developed.

- May 14 – 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.
- May 15 – Pray for NCF's staff as they continue their support raising for ministry. Some are facing significant deficits before the close of the fiscal year (June 30). Pray for God to provide what is needed.
- May 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.
- May 17 – We call out to Jehovah Rapha – the Lord who heals. Continue to surround nurses around the country who are tired, weary, and facing staff shortages and a lack of resources in their work environments. Remind them of your presence in their lives and that they are not alone in the challenges they face. Use NCF in their lives to be a support and encouragement in their faith and their practice.

#### **Week Four:**

- May 18 – 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.
- May 19 – Pray for our next cohort of mentors and mentees. We ask God to strengthen these graduates as they transition into their first role as licensed nurses. May their relationships with their mentors be a safe place to talk through the challenges they are facing. May they grow in their faith and be encouraged in the work they are doing.
- May 20 – 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.
- May 21 – NCF Next is an outreach to recent nursing graduates as they prepare to enter the nursing profession. Pray for our two sessions today and our speakers as we tackle the issues these graduates often face. Pray also for these graduates to grow in their faith and knowledge as they begin new positions within the nursing profession.
- May 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.
- May 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.

- May 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.

**Week Five:**

- May 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.
- May 26 – 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.
- May 27 – 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.
- May 28 – Today is our second of four NCF Next outreaches to recent nursing graduates. Pray for our two sessions today and our speakers as we tackle the issues these graduates often face. Pray also for these graduates to grow in their faith and knowledge as they begin new positions within the nursing profession.
- May 29 – 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 strengthens nurses' work and faith.
- May 30 – 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.
- May 31 - 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 and a commitment to continue to dwell in the secret place of the Most High God.

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