



The steadfast love
of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

— *Lamentations 3:22-23*

April
PRAYER CALENDAR

April 2024 Prayer and Praise Calendar

Week One:

- April 1 – We give God praise for his incredible work among nursing students, faculty, and nurses at the Texas NCF retreat held over Palm Sunday weekend. God spoke in such beautiful ways in the lives of others.
- April 2 – 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 3 – Ask God to wisely lead in the search for a new Senior Editor and Contributing Editors for the *Journal of Christian Nursing*. We ask God to bring those of his choosing and make it clear who he is calling to serve in these capacities.

- April 4 – God is moving in our professional nurse groups! We praise him for three new

groups that are starting. Please lift up the Silicon Valley Professional Nurses NCF group, the Southeast Michigan NCF group, and the Three Rivers of Hope NCF (located in Fort Wayne, Indiana). May God use each of these groups to support the faith of nurses, students, and faculty around the country.

- April 5 – Please be praying for comfort, strength, and peace for Terri Ford, one of our professional nurse group leaders, as she grieves following the sudden, unexpected passing of her husband.
- April 6 – Continue to 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*.

Week Two:

- April 7 – Pray for God to faithfully bring nurses in the Madison, Wisconsin area to participate in local NCF meetings being held there. May nurses commit to using this as a time and space to come and rest.
- April 8 – Ask God to use the just released April/June issue of *Journal of Christian Nursing* to minister to students, nurses, and educators.
- April 9 – Pray for God to open doors to start an NCF student chapter at the University of Maine in Fort Kent (UMFK).
- April 10 – Pray for NCF and InterVarsity as we complete budget preparations for the 2024/2025 fiscal year (our 23/24 budget year ends June 30).
- April 11 – Pray for the many details both big and small to come together as nurses from around the globe gather for the Nurses Christian Fellowship International's [World Congress](#) in Spain June 23-30, 2024.
- April 12 – Thank God for RNs in northern Maine who are trained in limited ultrasound to serve pregnant women and ask for wisdom and resources for the pregnancy care center staff and the nurse manager, Margaret De Jong Morgenthaler, as they convert to a medical clinic.
- April 13 – We thank God for the feedback and insight *Journal of Christian Nursing's* editorial board provided during last month's meeting. Pray for creativity, insight, and direction as we strive to provide the best in articles supporting our faith and nursing practice.

Week Three:

- April 14 – We thank God for the community that is 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.
- April 15 – Pray for our Triangle North Carolina NCF nurse group as they host their first meeting this evening. Pray for nurses in the area to be able to set aside time to meet for encouragement and support with one another.
- April 16 – Pray for time management and inspired creativity as our marketing team completes their preparations for National Nurses Month.
- April 17 – Thank God for his wonderful provisions for NCF in the past months – of new staff, wonderful outcomes of events and activities, and needed financial resources.
- April 18 – Praise God for the knowledge and skill contributed by author and nursing educator Melissa Neathery for the Journal Club taking place this evening. Ask God to prompt many nurses and students to participate in the live webinar to learn how to assess and better care for patients with mental health needs in any practice setting.

- April 19 – 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.
- April 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 in each moment.

Week Four:

- April 21 – 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.
- April 22 – Thank God with the JCN editors for the quiet, significant work done by peer reviewers on every feature article published. This corps of nurses with their expertise and scholarly skill provides an essential aspect of JCN’s ministry.
- April 23 – 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.
- April 24 – Join us in praying strategically today for NCF Student’s Ministries “24 in 2024” outreach as they ask God for 24 new NCF student groups in 2024.
- April 25 – Pray for all NCF staff to hear Jesus in our quiet times with him and through his Word.
- April 26 – Many nurses, students, and faculty are struggling in their roles. Pray that each would know and accept God’s perfect will for them professionally.
- April 27 – Pray for our faith community nurses in the unique and different areas where they serve. May God provide insight, wisdom, sensitivity, and presence to the needs they face in their work and ministry.

Week Five:

- April 28 – 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 29 – Pray that God will direct the submission of articles to the journal that will meet nurses’ professional needs while enabling them to integrate faith with their practice.
- April 30 – We ask for God’s presence among nurse group leaders who gather this evening for a time of connection, networking, Bible study, and prayer. Guide our

discussion and give us insight as we support students, faculty, and nurses across the country.

You can download the April 2024 prayer calendar [here](#).