Nurses Christian Fellowship International

NCFI Quarterly Prayer Guide

Jesus said: These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have trouble but take courage; I have overcome the world. (John 16:33)

April

NCFI International Congress in Denver is POSTPONED until July 2021!

Due to the worldwide outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19). The new tentative dates are July 12-16, 2021. This decision was made after sincere prayer for God's wisdom, thoughtful discussion with Colorado Christian University and NCFI leadership

NCFI organisation

- 1. Thank God for the good work of the NCFI Congress Committee. Pray for wisdom and discernment as the Committee, CCU shifts plans to July 2021. Continue to pray for Kamalini, Barbara W & committee
- 2. Continue to prayer for visa processes, travel plans and costs for those who planned to attend the Congress—May the Lord work out the details of rescheduling.
- 3. Pray in Confident Expectation that the Lord will do a mightier work at the Congress in 2021!
- 4. Thank the Lord--In February 2020, NCFI appointed Dr Susan Elliott as the new Director of the International Institute of Christian Nursing (IICN). Pray for her transition with NCFI and IICN; vision and wisdom, as she leads the IICN; and works with people who are involved at different levels.
- 5. Thank God for our 3 global coordinators in place with our partnerships: Carol Rowley with NCFI Global Saline Coordinator; Barbara Parfitt with PRIME; and Alicia Banās as the Faith Community Nurse Global Coordinator. Pray for strength and wisdom as they plan how to connect, teach and supervise around the world.
- Pray for NCFI Staff & Leadership: Donna (admin); Marg (website)
- Thank God for the NG Coordinators: Africa—Collins; PACEA—Steven; SAME--Suda. Pray for wisdom, confidence and boldness as they serve students and young nurses through online sharing and prayers for each other's needs. Please pray that God calls new NG Coordinators from CANA and Europe.

April to June 2020

- 8. Pray for safety for nurses and health care workers who every day are at the forefront of fighting for lives and health of people around the world. The corona virus threat is high on the international agenda; however, we know that children and adults die of curable diseases in much bigger numbers. Pray for our politicians and world leaders so they can have an increased interest in caring for curable health issues so the suffering in the world decrease.
- 9. Pray for wisdom for the Executive Committee as they work on the NCFI strategic plan for 2020 2024.
- Thank God for the new International Board Members beginning in June 2020. Pray for the selection of godly officers who can give time & expertise as the incoming Executive Committee of the International Board – especially pray for the roles of Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice president.

<u>AFRICA</u>

- 11. **Ghana:** We thank God for a successful 2019. God was faithful to NCF Ghana and granted unto us a successful Annual National Conference. 200 participants were trained on saline witness during the conference
- 12. We pray that God will grant unto the leaders of NCF Ghana the wisdom and directions to lead the fellowship in 2020; We ask for the favor of God in our attempt to secure a national office for NCF Ghana
- 13. **Kenya:** Thank the Lord for our newest associate member; pray for connection with nurses and growth in faith and practice.
- 14. **Nigeria**: Pray for God's blessings for the preparations for the groundbreaking ceremony for the FCN land for the development of FCN National Conference Center scheduled for 25th April, 2020.
- Pray for the successes of all FCN Nigeria Zonal Conferences 2020 with the unified theme, "60 years - Embracing higher heights in FCN ministry". Ask the Lord to honour Himself in the medical field.
- 16. **Sierra Leone**: Pray for nurses in Sierra Leone who are meeting in Freetown and Kambia. Pray they may form a new fellowship
- 17. **Uganda**: We thank God for the NCF leadership committee and for the successful planning meeting we had in January 2020
- 18. Join us to pray for the plans we have for this year, especially the monthly fellowships: reach out to Christian nurses and students in more nursing schools, and our mentorship program.

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19. **Zambia:** Pray for the ZNF leaders as they work to reorganize the work and recruit staff/volunteers.

Pray for the 2020-2024 International Board Members for Africa: Izang (Nigeria), Judith (Zambia) & Luke (Regional Chair); NG Coordinator Collins (Zambia)

<u>CANA</u>

- 20. **Bahamas:** Pray for Jasmine our new associate member. She has connected with nursing students and started group! Pray as she continues to reach out to students/nurses.
- 21. **Canada:** The Lord reigns, please pray for the medical professionals as they work hard to control the spread of COVID-19 and all those who are sick that God's mercy will be upon all as gatherings are suspended and conferences are rescheduled, more alternative ways to communicate and learning will be discovered for worship, encouragement and prayer. Praise God for great leadership in the country to help stop this pandemic together and find alternate means to help the poor and the needy
- 22. **Haiti:** Thank God for the leadership Cassandra, Vanessa & Viles and for the plan to start new NCF groups in the North region of Haiti. Pray for great unity and encouragement as they begin this ministry in this region of Haiti.
- 23. **USA:** Pray that NCF USA will be the Beacon of Jesus' light and hope to nurses

Pray for the 2020-2024 CANA International Board Members for CANA: Pam Cone (new regional chair); Carrie, & Phyllis

Latin America

- 24. **CIDEC-AL Region:** Continue to pray for each fellowship the resources and visas to attend the Congress in 2021
- 25. **Argentina:** We thank the Lord because the work grows day by day, and the commitment also. We ask the Lord for all the work planned for this year, to celebrate 200 years of the precursor of the Florence Nightingale infirmary. We pray for the scheduled trips for confirmation and encouragement of the groups inside the country.
- 26. **Chile:** Chile is facing a series of social manifestations, pray that the authorities receive the wisdom of the Lord to lead and administer the country in the best possible way.
- 27. To ask the Lord to strengthen the health and spiritual life of our fellow members of Acemach. May all the networks and contacts that have been made with other professionals and students prosper and we can grow as a ministry.
- 28. We ask for prayer for Gladys as she will travel to meeting in Cuba.

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- 29. **Colombia**: We put in the presence of the Lord our next retreat as a community that we will carry out on March 22 outside of Bogotá. We ask that the Lord pour out Holy Spirit to assist us in prayer and in the work for the community.
- 30. We pray for the projects as a community so that in the name of the Lord we can sow for a Christian infirmary that is salt and light in Colombian care contexts.

Мау

- 1. **Cuba:** We thank the Lord for the work of our sisters there and all that they have advanced.
- 2. We pray for the National Congress to be held from 26-29 March, with the slogan: "breaking down walls"
- 3. **Ecuador:** Pray for the new group of nursing students that began in Quito to remain firm and grow in number and commitment to the NCFI.
- 4. We ask for prayers for the programming of our Regional Conference in Colombia 2022.
- Peru, Uruguay, Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil, Mexico, Trinidad Tobago: We ask for all contacts and those who want to attend the International Congress in 2021. God guide and prosper them.

Pray for the 2020-2024 IB Members for Latin America: Fabiola, Martha, & Gladys (Regional Chair) & NG Coordinator Claudia (Cuba)

<u>Europe</u>

- 6. **Europe Region:** Please pray for God's choice for members of the new European committee. We need persons with visión and differing abilities.
- 7. Please pray for retired nurses that God will enable them to find God's Way for them to carry on serving the Lord, be happy, have good social contacts and necessary finances.
- 8. Missionary nurses sometimes are lonely and need our prayers for their heath, workload and financial provision. They are frontline workers in helping others; they also face misunderstandings on cultural or social differences
- Pray for Christian nurses working in countries with no NCF that we will be able to contact them and encourage them
- 10. **Albania:** Please pray for the political situation. Pray for our leaders to have the fear of God and their heart to be touch by the love of God. I Tim 2:1-2
- 11. **Armenia:** More and more people are suffering from the Corona virus. Please pray for God to stop the virus now and not to let more people suffer.
- 12. **Austria:** Pray for the contacts and they will be encouraged and grow in their fellowship with Jesus.

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- 13. **Czech Republic:** Praise the Lord for the good opportunity Veronika had to share on spiritual care in December. Pray that she will be encouraged by finding Christian nurses to start a NCF.
- 14. **Denmark:** We are thankful to God for one more year of financial support from a fund! In the long term, though, we want to be self-supportive. In order to obtain national tax-free benefits for our donors (and other financial benefits) we need 72 new donors before the 1st of September. Please ask God to move members and others to give.
- 15. **Finland**: Blessings for our missionary aid in Venezuela. April 5th on Palm Sunday we are having a fund-raising lunch for the Venezuela work, via Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission (FELM)
- 16. We pray for the local SSKS groups to get new vision and active members in order to carry out NCF work, professional nursing care including the spiritual and whole person care.
- 17. **Germany** Please pray for contacts for Laura for NCF to be restarted and that nursing will become an accepted professión in all German states.
- 18. **Lebanon:** Pray for the work among the refugees: the assistant nurses training course and the Christian discipleship course. Please pray for the family's health working there.
- 19. **Moldova:** Please pray for the Christian nurses that their visión will be to constantly glorify Jesus.
- 20. **Norway:** Thank you lord for the work done by Giske, Ueland, Vågå and Kuven in translating the European standard of spiritual care into Norwegian. Please bless the result.
- 21. A famous man committed suicide this Christmas in Norway. It has had a big influence in many people lives. Please pray for us to understand better and to be good and sensitive helpers towards people who lost their hope and will to live.
- 22. **Romania**: We have one very important prayer point that Paul tells us in Ephesians 4 verse 1: to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which we have been called.
- 23. **Scotland:** Pray especially for nurses and others working with those who have contracted Coronavirus and for those affected by this disease.
- 24. Please pray for young people considering entering nursing as a career that they will know God's Way ahead and enter the right schools for them.
- 25. **Spain** Please pray for a new strategic plan for the NCF group in Spain for the years 2021-2025 and for young people who will be prepared to take over the responsibilities in the group and become leaders.
- 26. Pray for the national conference 6-7 March— Cancelled—moved to autumn 2020 for the participants, speakers and organization.

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- 27. **United Kingdom**: Thank the Lord for a great CMF student conference recently where student nurses, midwives and medics met (nearly 400 of them) to worship the Lord and learn about serving God in healthcare.
- 28. Please pray for our new volunteer staff worker on the nursing team, Rachel who is giving up one day a week to work for us. She especially has a heart to help support qualifying nurses' transition from being students to newly qualified nurse
- 29. **Ukraine:** Pray for the work among children with disabilities and orphans in Ukraine, by a Norwegian nurse.

Pray for the 2020-2024 International Board Members for Europe: Rosa (Regional Chair), Patricia (Spain) & Steve (Tove as President).

PACEA

- 30. **PACEA Region:** Pray for the NG nurses in the various countries, they continue to meet and support one-another.
- 31. **Australia:** Praise God for his many blessings poured out on Christian nurses in Australia.

June

- 1. Pray for Australia and the current bushfire and drought situations. Pray for all nurses affected by fire either professionally or personally.
- 2. We praise God for the opportunities he gave us to reach Christians in healthcare in 2019 with many Saline Process Witness Training sessions.
- 3. **Fiji:** Please pray for preparations towards FNCF September 2020 Annual Conference to be held in Labasa on Vanua Leve, need for travel cost, appropriate conference venue and adequate accommodation.
- As FNCF activities begin to expend, please pray for FNCF Staff worker, a vehicle and an office space. Guidance towards celebration activity for Year of Nurse and Midwife.
- 5. **Hong Kong:** Pray for the health of everyone and especially for all health care staff in HK. The situation in HK is critical: staff workers striking; overwhelmed health care system, not enough masks, many people from China, patients not self-isolating nor identifying close transmission or contact history.
- 6. Pray for inner peace from God as most of the people are anxious with the current situation. Please pray for China as we know some of the situation in China is even worse than HK. Hope we can find the way out to stop this disease from spreading.
- 7. **Indonesia:** No physical meeting for the past 1½ years instead communication is via small groups on WhatsApp.

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- Able to present a talk for the nurses to introduce NCF in Medan. Meeting with nurses in academic and hospital in her hometown. Participated in relief work during the floods. Planning for National conference by end of this year – but have not started planning yet. Alicia is reaching out to help them.
- Japan: PTL Faith Community Nurse seminar was on 24th February--The 48 adults attended had peace and joy to learn about Christian sexuality for teens.
- 10. No NCF in North East Japan yet. Now there are 2 JNCF members in Iwaki, Fukushima. May God build NCF there. We give thanks to God we have mini NCF in Iwaki and have met 2 times. May God continue to have this fellowship in Iwaki. Saki knows a Christian nursing student at local university in Fukushima. His name is Heart. May God lead him to attend NCF Iwaki.
- 11. **Korea**: the KNCF winter national conference and the AGM will be pushed to (June) or 53th anniversary (October).
- 12. Pray for medical teams, especially Christians, who are taking charge of 'COVID-19' be protected with the Armor of God and be tunnels of blessing and salvation. May God give wisdom for us to cure the patients and take action to overcome this trial. May the image of South Korea be changed positively that we may keep moving forward in world missions.
- 13. **Macau:** Praise the Lord for our new associate member and pray for connection with other nurses in forming a new fellowship.
- 14. **Malaysia:** Pray that we will continue to have peace and freedom of worship in Malaysia
- 15. Pray for the committee as they are planning to make a visit to Sabah this year to inform them of the existence of Malaysia NCF and hopefully to have opportunity for them to help MAP one day.
- 16. Pray for the committee to continue to grow spiritually matured in the word of the Lord despite our busy working life and to plan for 2020 programme. Pray for the continuous of our monthly cell group – currently we have only 4-8 members. Pray that we are able to reach out to the young nurses
- 17. **Malta:** Pray for our associate member; pray they connect with other nurses and grow in faith and practice.
- 18. **Mongolia:** Pray for approval of Mongolia's application to become a registered NGO. Pray for the NCFM Board and Executive Committee volunteers that they will work to fulfill the vision of NCF-M.
- New Zealand: Pray for our Saline training planning this year to be jointly taught by nursing trainers – our confidence in skill in providing the training –May 2020. Activity to celebrate the WHO Year of the Nurse and Midwife – develop email about Christians in Nursing

- 20. **Papua New Guinea:** Pray for expert to install website, so to publish newsletter and prayer letter
- 21. **Philippines:** Pray for NCF Phil. Leaders commitment, and availability. Praying for the development of a manual of Basic Foundation of Spiritual Care, The Nurses Role participants and trainer's manual.
- 22. Continue praying for the Volcano activity. That it will not increase its level but will go back to its dormancy and sleep. Please pray, looking for a part time NCF staff.
- Singapore: New exco 2020 the wisdom to do God's work – 60th anniversary this year – able to reach out to all members in all hospital to strengthen each group – e.g. students –6 students has just joined them
- 24. Pray for 60th anniversary this year opportunity to publicize on new social media called Salt and Light well-established platform in Singapore.
- 25. **Taiwan:** Thank God--past saline training has trained about 10 Teachers. Hope that they can help spread through hospital and fellowship, sharing saline materials.
- 26. Pray to rebuild Taiwan NCF's website this year smooth progress and no malfunction & Christian nursing teacher fellowship – able to share and learn from each other

Pray for the 2020-2024 PACEA International Board Members:, Wee King (Regional Chair), Juni (Indonesia) & Anne (Vice President) & NG Coordinator Steven (Japan).

<u>SAME</u>

- 27. **Bangladesh:** We have a big issue about Dengue fever spread in whole country epidemically and flood in Bangladesh. Pray for all medical team specially BD nurses that we can give nursing care with physically and mentally good health.
- 28. **India:** Pray for leadership of NCF's being consistent in advancing mission of God
- 29. **Nepal:** Pray for the nurses and leadership team; they may be encouraged in their work for Christ.
- 30. **Pakistan:** Praying for leadership of NCFs in Pakistan being consistent in advancing mission of God

Pray for the 2020-2024 SAME International Board Members: Stacy (Bangladesh) (new regional chair) Sarfraz (Pakistan), Olivia (India) & NG Coordinator Sudha (Nepal)

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