

FOUNDED ON GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026 - DAY 36

Going Forth

Suggested Bible Reading: Psalm 8

Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory
in the heavens.

Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?

You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.
You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:
all flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild,
the birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.

Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Prayer

By Michelle DePooter, who has been a chaplain with the Montreal Ministry to Seafarers for over 25 years. She and her family are members of the First CRC of Montreal, Quebec.

“Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”

You are truly majestic, and your creation inspires awe as we look around and see what you have made. We see the vastness of space and the beauty of the planet through the photos and videos of astronauts. We witness the depths and the power of the ocean, as seafarers tell stories of storms, describe seas as calm as glass, and laugh at dolphins racing with their ships. We experience joy through the eyes of a child picking the first flowers in spring or giggling at butterflies.

Lord, your creation is so diverse. You created everything, and yet you chose us as caretakers. You gave us purpose and dignity. We stand in awe of you.

Help us to retain our wonder and surprise at the changing of seasons. Give us childlike faith as we look around the world you created, knowing that you created from nothing. Help us to be stewards of your creation. Give us wisdom to make decisions, knowing that this world is yours. May everything we do reflect your glory.

How majestic you are, Lord. May we reflect your majesty in everything we do and say.

Amen.

Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation

- Describe an experience you have had in creation that brought you to marvel and be in wonder.
- How did that moment point you to God?

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MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026 - DAY 37

Going Forth

Suggested Bible Reading: Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us—
so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.

May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.

May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.

The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.
May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Prayer

By Joel Vande Werken, director of ecclesiastical governance for the CRCNA, who works to support classes and synod with guidance on discernment processes related to church polity. He moved to the Grand Rapids, Michigan, area with his wife and five children after almost 18 years in congregational ministry on the U.S. East Coast.

Almighty God, you have been gracious to us.
In so many ways you have blessed the Christian Reformed Church,
giving us the privilege of sharing your story with the world,
through our churches and our denominational ministries,
so that your way has been shared on this earth
with the people you have brought across our path,
and your salvation has become known to our neighbors and the nations.

We haven't always done that perfectly, Father.
But our heart's desire, all along,
has been that the peoples would praise you—all of them!—
and that the nations would be glad and sing for joy
because they would see your justice and guidance more clearly because of us.

Where our efforts have fallen short, forgive us and correct us, for Jesus' sake.
Where our motives have been impure, cleanse our hearts by your Spirit.
And where we have served well, establish our work firmly.

Remind us again of the wonder of the story we share:
the story of salvation brought to sinful humanity through the finished work of Jesus
and the renewal of all things in him.

Show us the harvest you have in store as our synod delegates gather to seek your will.
Lead us to be more and more a community of renewed and multiplying congregations.
You, our God, have been faithful.
You have blessed us in the spiritual realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.
May we extend that blessing to others in our words and actions, not for our glory,
but so that all the ends of the earth may worship you and proclaim Jesus as Lord.

For it is in his name that we pray.

Amen.

Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation

- In what ways have you been blessed by God to be a blessing to others?
- Where can you share the wonder of the story of God's grace this week?

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TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026 - DAY 38

Going Forth

Suggested Bible Reading: Psalm 89

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
through all generations.
I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.
You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant,
'I will establish your line forever
and make your throne firm through all generations.'" . . .

Prayer

By Samuel de Gelder, a second-year student at Redeemer University studying for a bachelor of arts degree in youth ministry and philosophy. Born into a family with a CRC pastor for a father (Rev. Andrew de Gelder), Samuel was baptized in his infancy, and he made profession of faith in 2020. Samuel has a passion for ministry and worship, and he feels led to a career in the CRC.

O Lord and great Father, may we ever glorify your name and sing your praises all our lives. Remind us of your goodness and love, Lord. Pour your everlasting love into our hearts, that we may overflow with your goodness and bless the world as your hands and feet. Though we are ridiculed by a culture that defies you, and we undergo hardship for your name's sake, we take comfort in you and in the knowledge that your will brings about good in all things.

Father, forgive us for the times we have not shown your love to the world. Forgive us for the times we have withheld the good news.

We thank you for sending Christ Jesus, that we may not suffer your wrath as we defy you daily. Embolden our hearts, Lord, that we may proclaim your goodness loudly, and sing and preach with the fervor of your Holy Spirit. Use us for your glory and direct us to serve your children exactly as they need to be served. Help us to encourage the heavy laden, assure those who doubt, and convict those who do not see their sin.

Lord, we give thanks for the generational covenant you have made with your people. We pray that you will bridge the gap between the generations that are in your church today. Give our children a passionate and earnest heart for you, God, and guide our elderly members to share their wisdom and love for you.

Great Father, let your perfect peace that surpasses all understanding wash over us, and may we live all our days for your glory.

In the holy name of Jesus,
Amen.

Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation

- If you were asked to sing a song of God's great love, which song would you choose to sing?
- With whom can you share that God's love stands firm forever?

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026 - DAY 39

Going Forth

Suggested Bible Reading:

(Haitian Creole) Sòm 133

Ala bèl bagay, ala bon sa bon lè frè ak frè ap viv ansanm!

Se tankou yon lwil santi bon yo vide sou tèt Arawon, k'ap koule sou bab li desann nan kou rad li.

Se tankou lawouze ki soti sou mòn Emon, k'ap desann sou mòn Siyon yo. Se la Seyè a pwomèt pou l' bay benediksyon l', lavi ki p'ap janm fini an.

Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in unity!

It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron's beard,
down on the collar of his robe.

It is as if the dew of Hermon
were falling on Mount Zion.
For there the Lord bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.

Priyè (Prayer)

Pastè Obelto Chérubin se yon manto ak fòmètè pou lidè Ayisyen k ap plante nouvo legliz, ki sèvi ak vizyon, disiplin, ak pasyon pou wè kominote yo grandi nan lafwa. Li angaje pou

akonpaye lidè yo pandan yo ap bati legliz ki gen rasin solid, ki sèvi fanmi yo ak kominote yo avèk lanmou ak entegrite.

Papa nou ki nan syèl la, nou bese tèt nou byen ba devan ou, pou nou di ou mèsi pou tout privilèj ou ban nou. Nou adore ou, nou egzalte ou pou sa ou ye ak sa ou fè. Nou rekonet nou se pechè e nou fè sa ki pa nan volonte ou. Tanpri padone peche nou yo.

Nou ap mande ou Seyè pou prezans ak benediksyon ou pandan 40 jou lapriyè sa yo. Nou rekonèt se ou menm ki gide legliz ou, se ou ki bay direksyon, epi se ou ki ranpli pèp ou ak fòs Sentespri ou.

Nou remèt Sinòd ane sa a nan men ou. Nou mande ou pou Sentespri ou desann sou tout moun ki va patisipe. Bay yo kè ki dispoze pou koute, ba yo sajès pou konprann, ak imilite pou chèche volonte ou anvan tout bagay. Retire tout espri ògèy, tout espri divizyon, tout espri ki kontrè ak volonte ou, epi ranplase yo ak lanmou, lapè, ak respè youn pou lòt.

Senyè, fè rankont sa a vin yon moman renouvèlman pou legliz nou yo, yon sous vizyon fre, epi yon temwayaj klè ak prezans ou nan mitan nou. Nou konte sou ou Seyè, paske ou fidèl tout sa ou di nan pawol ou, ou akonpli li ak men ou.

Nou mande ou tout sa nan non Jezi Kri Sovè nou an.

Prayer

By Pastor Obelto Chérubin, a mentor and trainer of Haitian leaders who are planting new churches, serving with vision, discipline, and a deep passion for strengthening communities in faith. He is committed to walking alongside emerging leaders as they establish healthy, Christ-centered churches that serve families and neighborhoods with love and integrity.

Our Father in heaven, we bow down humbly before you to thank you for all the privileges you have given us. We worship you; we exalt you for who you are and for all you have done. We acknowledge that we are sinners and that we have acted outside of your will. Please forgive our sins.

Lord, during these forty days of prayer, we ask for your presence and your blessing. We recognize that you are the One who guides your church; you are the One who gives direction; and you are the One who fills your people with the power of your Holy Spirit.

We place this year's synod in your hands. We ask that your Holy Spirit descend on everyone who will participate. Give them hearts willing to listen; give them wisdom to understand; and give them humility to seek your will above all things. Remove every spirit of pride, every spirit of division, every spirit contrary to your will, and replace them with love, peace, and mutual respect.

Lord, let this gathering become a moment of renewal for our churches, a source of fresh vision, and a clear testimony of your presence among us. We depend on you, Lord, because you are faithful to everything you declare in your Word, and you fulfill it with your mighty hand.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation

- In what ways can our spirits of pride, division, and willfulness hinder our service to the Lord?
- How does recognizing that the Spirit is the one guiding the church actually give us freedom in ministry?

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THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026 - DAY 40

Going Forth

Suggested Bible Reading: Psalm 145

I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.
Every day I will praise you
and extol your name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.
One generation commends your works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts. . . .

Prayer

By Zachary King, a pastor in the Christian Reformed Church and a member of Cascade Fellowship CRC. He has served in the local church, as a missionary in Haiti, and since 2022 as the general secretary of the CRCNA.

Lord, as we journey through the Psalms in preparation for synod, we raise our voices in exultation and praise to our God and King. All creation and all time belong to you, and we praise you now and forevermore.

You have commanded us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and strength. You have encouraged us to impress your teachings on our children in our homes and on the road, so that one generation will commend your works to another.

You, O Lord, work wonders. Out of the void you have created all that makes up our earth, our galaxy, and our universe without boundary or measure.

You separated waters and created lands. You led your people from bondage, defeated mighty kings, and rescued Israel from exile and decay.

You sent your own eternal Son, our Lord, to take on our flesh, to teach us, to suffer and die, and to be raised from the dead for us and our salvation.

You have called people from every tribe and language to be your royal priesthood and holy nation, declaring the splendor of your kingdom from age to age.

We exalt you because you are the gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love. We are founded on your faithfulness—you raise us up when we are bowed down; you satisfy all our desires with your abundant grace.

As we begin Synod 2026, we lay claim to your promise to come near to us as we call upon you, to hear and heed our cries, and to fill our deliberations with your infinite love.

Thank you for founding us in your faithfulness from generation to generation.

Amen.

Questions for reflection and/or conversation:

- What have you learned or been reminded of as we have been praying the Psalms for the past forty days?
- How has praying the Psalms reassured you of God's presence, character, and promises?