1 THURSDAY (Women’s Leadership Development)
   Peace and grace—Pray for women leaders affected by the pandemic. Unemployment caused by the pandemic has disproportionately affected women, who typically carry the majority of work in the home, including childcare. Pray for peace in the midst of chaos, relational support in the midst of social distancing, and grace for healthy family living.

2 FRIDAY (Communications) Good Friday—As we reflect today on Christ’s death and await the celebration of his resurrection, pray that we will see and lament the brokenness of this world while also awaiting the full light of Jesus’ sure victory over all sin and death.

3 SATURDAY (ReFrame Ministries) Today devotions—Eddie, a Today reader who is currently in prison, asks for prayers for his family: “Pray for my two-year-old son and my wife. Pray for strength and assurance and that they will continue striving each day during life’s challenges.”

4 SUNDAY (Resonate Global Mission) Easter—We serve the risen Lord! Pray for Resonate missionaries, church planters, campus ministers, and other ministry leaders throughout the world who are spreading the good news of the gospel. Ask the Holy Spirit to open doors for conversations about Christ. Pray that people’s hearts will be softened to the message of the gospel.

5 MONDAY (World Renew) Senegal—Recent widespread protests in Senegal focused on corruption, lack of opportunities for youth, and the government’s lack of attention to their plight. The police responded harshly, and at least eight people were killed. Pray for safety for the World Renew Senegal team, its partners, and all the people of Senegal. Pray that the government will create better opportunities for youth and attend to their needs.

6 TUESDAY (Diaconal Ministries Canada) NewGround—NewGround Sunday is May 2, 2021. For over 35 years, NewGround has been helping churches love their communities by discovering where God is already at work so that they can join him. Please pray for all of our partners across Canada who are participating in growing God’s kingdom in new and exciting ways!

7 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) Worldwide—Give thanks for the many Christian Reformed churches who partner with Resonate missionaries throughout the world through prayer, care, and support. Ask God to provide for and strengthen these congregations and that they will experience renewal through these ministry partnerships.

8 THURSDAY (ReFrame) Persecuted church—Pray for people who are afraid for their lives because of their faith in Christ. Pray that they can find safe ways to access God’s Word. Pray that in this Easter season the hope of Christ’s resurrection will remind them of a community of believers who love them.

9 FRIDAY (Indigenous Christian Fellowship) Hope—As people around the world are hoping for the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, so too Indigenous peoples around the world look forward to that—as well as to the end of the evils of colonization so that they may be free from its injustices. Pray that the Holy Spirit will bring the pandemics of COVID-19 and colonization to an end.

10 SATURDAY (Chaplaincy and Care) Training—We are currently providing information and support to 261 seminary students, church pastors, and lay leaders who are interested in becoming chaplains. Pray for these candidates who are seeking specialized training in pastoral care and for those who teach them. Pray too that our Development Fund will be able to keep up with this growing need for training grants.

11 SUNDAY (World Renew) Gender justice—Gender-based violence has increased 80 percent around the world during the COVID-19 pandemic. World Renew staff have intensified efforts to address root causes of domestic violence, and through a special giving campaign in partnership with UN Women the CRCNA raised over $187,000 (USD)/$236,000 (CAD) to fund gender-justice programming in 16 countries during 2021. We praise God for this vital work!

12 MONDAY (Resonate) Go Local—Many CRC congregations have been participating in Resonate’s Go Local process. Pray for wisdom and discernment as these churches seek to join God at work in their communities. Pray that people will come to know Christ, communities will see kingdom transformation, and God will be glorified.

13 TUESDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) Hanlon Prison—In partnership with Calvin University in the Calvin Prison Initiative, we help to teach classes and to serve with the CRC congregation inside Hanlon Prison in Ionia, Mich. Pray for perseverance for the students as they deal with the pandemic and long for in-person classes to resume soon.

14 WEDNESDAY (ReFrame) Burkina Faso—Pray for Gaston, a ReFrame volunteer in Burkina Faso who helps to create French ministry videos. As he seeks to be a light for Christ among his peers, pray that his story will continue to reach more people through media.

15 THURSDAY (Safe Church Ministry) Volunteers—In April we celebrate volunteerism. As a ministry, we are thankful for the many volunteers who make up the network.
of leaders and coordinators of Safe Church ministry. Please continue to pray for these individuals in our churches and classes as they continue the work of equipping congregations in abuse awareness, prevention, and response.

16 FRIDAY (Resonate) Neighborhood outreach—Pray for individuals who have been participating in Resonate’s Joining God in the Neighborhood cohorts. Ask the Holy Spirit to work powerfully in and through believers as they seek to build relationships and share the gospel with their neighbors.

17 SATURDAY (World Renew) Bangladesh and India—Recently Bangladesh and India have reported extremely high COVID-19 infection rates. Both countries have begun vaccinations, and the infection rates are decreasing, but the process will take a significant amount of time. Please pray for health in these nations, asking that vulnerable communities will have access to the resources they need.

18 SUNDAY (Disability Concerns) Volunteers—in Canada, the theme for national volunteer week is “The value of one. The power of many.” We value how each of our team members is made uniquely in the image of God, and the individual beauty of each person is realized and made stronger as all of us work together to forward the kingdom of God. We’re thankful for each disability advocate and the gifts they bring to the church.

19 MONDAY (ReFrame) Japan—Aika has not listened to ReFrame’s Japanese programs for many years, but as she came across them again recently, she broke down in tears. She praises God for bringing the programs back into her life, and she aims to share them with others. Praise God for Aika’s growing faith!

20 TUESDAY (Resonate) Learning and serving trips—Give thanks for the many churches who have served with Resonate throughout the world on volunteer service and learning trips! The coronavirus pandemic disrupted many of these opportunities, but we’re looking forward to a time when we can travel and serve again. Pray for churches who have rescheduled volunteer trips.

21 WEDNESDAY (World Renew) Disaster Response Services (DRS)—Hurricane Hanna tore through the lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas in July 2020. In response, DRS is exploring options for a long-term worksite to help build safe, permanent homes. Please keep DRS programs in your prayers as we continue to find ways to adapt to limitations imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic while serving communities affected by disaster.

22 THURSDAY (Climate Witness Project) Earth Day—Please pray today for our care of God’s creation, and ask forgiveness for our failures that have harmed other people — particularly those who are poor, as they are often the first and most significantly affected.

23 FRIDAY (ReFrame) Chinese ministry—Jenny has been feeling depressed because both of her parents have received cancer diagnoses. She found comfort in a testimony that was published in a book from our Chinese ministry team. “Thanks for such a heartfelt journey to bring faith and hope to more brothers and sisters,” she writes. Pray that she will continue to lean on Christ in times of adversity.

24 SATURDAY (Resonate) Churches—Church plants are able to reach people in communities where the reach of established churches can be limited—but established churches play an important role in starting new churches. Give thanks for congregations who have parented and planted churches. Pray for strong relationships between parent churches and their church plants and that all may grow and see renewal.

25 SUNDAY (GEMS Girls’ Clubs) GEMS Sunday—As GEMS Clubs celebrate GEMS Sunday, please pray that girls will come to know Jesus as their Lord, Savior, and Friend and that they may experience connection and God’s love through GEMS Clubs and the church.

26 MONDAY (World Renew) West Africa—The COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose a challenge in West Africa. While we thank God for the many improvements in people’s lives through community development initiatives, we continue to pray for grace and resilience for people and communities who are hurting, for global availability of the COVID-19 vaccine, and for the church to continue to be salt and light in these trying times.

27 TUESDAY (Resonate) Discernment—Please pray for people who are considering serving with Resonate and for Resonate missionaries who are preparing for their field assignments. Ask God to connect them with individuals, families, and churches who are eager to partner with them in ministry.

28 WEDNESDAY (ReFrame) India—Praise God for the technology to meet over the internet. In India a woman recently reached out to ReFrame’s Hindi ministry team. She said, “The Zoom Bible study is such a blessing to my family. My husband is not keen on traveling, but now he is able to learn and grow in the Lord in the comfort of our home.”

29 THURSDAY (Raise Up: Global Coffee Break) Leaders—Pray for our Global Coffee Break leaders as they find creative ways to meet in person and online. Pray for wisdom to face technological challenges. Pray for leaders as they look for ways to stay connected and reach out to their community with the Word of God. Please pray also for our April retreat in Canada and our Online Korean Conference in June.

30 FRIDAY (Resonate) Orthodox Good Friday—Many Orthodox Christians are observing Good Friday today. Please pray for Resonate missionaries who minister with people from an Orthodox background who may not have a relationship with Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to stir the hearts of these people and draw them into a relationship with the living God!

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