

“... for he is praying.”

—Acts 9:11

**1 SATURDAY** (ReFrame Ministries) *Peace that endures*—Pray for peace in the places where ReFrame’s partners are facing violence, including Ukraine, Burkina Faso, and India. Pray especially for listeners who are accessing ReFrame programs from bomb shelters or refugee camps.

**2 SUNDAY** (World Renew) *Refugee resettlement*—For decades, CRC members have welcomed refugees into their churches and homes. Our faith compels us to aid vulnerable strangers. Jesus made this clear as he reminded his followers, “Love your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27). Join us in praising God for his faithfulness, and ask for continued hope and healing for displaced peoples around the world.

**3 MONDAY** (Resonate Global Mission) *Uganda*—Karen and Moses Lubbers-Odel, Resonate missionaries in Uganda, give thanks for two young men who recently gave their lives to Christ! Please pray for these men as they grow in their relationship with Jesus.

**4 TUESDAY** (Indigenous Christian Fellowship) *Training*—Teaching our children is an immense challenge for every generation. Indigenous Christian Fellowship is developing *Home Fire Teachings* as a mixed-media resource for helping Indigenous and non-Indigenous families teach their children well. Pray that this project will be a blessing for building healthy families for generations to come.

**5 WEDNESDAY** (ReFrame) *Brazil*—Pray for strength for Rev. Hernandes Lopes as he leads ReFrame’s Portuguese ministry in Brazil. In this role he records hundreds of video messages each year and visits churches across Brazil, where he shares God’s Word in congregations that often lack biblical preaching.

**6 THURSDAY** (Resonate) *Cambodia*—Give thanks for 41 people who were baptized in Cambodia! Please pray for Pastor Neang and his wife as they continue to lead the church in their village. Pray that the Holy Spirit brings more people into relationship with Christ.

**7 FRIDAY** (Communications) *Good Friday*—In the hymn “Go to Dark Gethsemane” James Montgomery encourages us, “Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet, mark the miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete: ‘It is finished!’ hear him cry.” As you reflect today, pray that people around the world will embrace the Savior who died for us and rose again.

**8 SATURDAY** (World Renew) *Malawi*—The rainy season in Malawi has brought flash floods, destroying homes and gardens. With increased food prices and the devaluation of the nation’s currency, people are struggling, resulting in civil unrest. Please pray that Malawians can grow enough food, that the government will lead with wisdom, and that corruption and abuse of power will end.

**9 SUNDAY** (Resonate) *Easter*—Today we give thanks for the hope we have in Jesus. Please pray for our denomination as we work together to spread the gospel. Ask the Holy Spirit to work in and through Resonate missionaries, campus ministers, church planters, and other ministry leaders. Please pray for our congregations as they support and engage in mission in our neighborhoods and throughout the world.

**10 MONDAY** (ReFrame) *Latvia*—Pray for Natalia, a refugee from Ukraine who recently became a Christian after hearing a radio broadcast from our Russian ministry team. Pray that she’ll continue to seek Christ as a powerful source of comfort amid the turmoil of her own refugee experience in Latvia.

**11 TUESDAY** (Worship) *Rest and renewal*—In this Easter season of resurrection and new life, pray for worship leaders, worship planners, and the volunteers in your congregation. Pray that after such a busy season of additional worship services and creativity there will be time for rest and Easter joy.

**12 WEDNESDAY** (World Renew) *Talmids training app*—World Renew has been developing a cellphone application called Talmids to help partners and communities improve their lives and work. Through it, partner staff and volunteers can access practical training and direct reporting on field visits. Pray that the ongoing development of this tool may empower communities to end poverty, increase transparency, and transform in sustainable ways.

**13 THURSDAY** (Resonate) *Ontario*—Pray for the faculty and staff Bible study at Guelph Campus Ministry, a Resonate partner in Ontario. Pray for ways in which campus ministers and faculty attending this Bible study can connect with recently hired faculty and staff.

**14 FRIDAY** (ReFrame) *Japan*—Pray for Yasuo, who has been in the hospital for most of the past year. Although he can’t attend church, he has been listening to ReFrame’s audio programs on his cellphone. “There are no Christians around me, so I often feel the difficulty of maintaining my faith and worshiping God. Thank you very much for your phone messages,” he shared.

**15 SATURDAY** (Chaplaincy and Care) *Military chaplains*—Please pray for overseas military chaplains. John Averill (Army) and Raidel Leon Martinez (Air Force) serve in Europe. Pray for protection, strength, and resiliency as they attend to the spiritual needs of many service members in this volatile time in Eastern Europe. Pray also for Cornelius Muasa serving in Okinawa and Mark Janowski in southwestern Asia.

**16 SUNDAY** (Safe Church) *Abuse prevention*—April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Pray with us for children caught in cycles of abuse and neglect. Ask God to raise up a network of support around each boy and girl, that they may feel supported, cared for, believed, and empowered. May individuals, institutions, and governments find tangible ways to support children, youth, and families well.

**17 MONDAY** (Resonate) *Chicago*—Please pray for Hope Christian Reformed Church, a Resonate partner church plant in the East Garfield Park neighborhood of Chicago. “We needed to find a way to stop the violence and the drug activity, or at least give some pushback,” shared Pastor Moises. May the Spirit keep working in and through this church for the transformation of the neighborhood.

**18 TUESDAY** (World Renew) *Cambodia*—The national election in Cambodia will be held in July 2023, and political tension has been building between the two major political parties. The ruling party has significant resources while the opposition party has no power against oppression from their opponent. Pray for peace and stability during this tumultuous time.

**19 WEDNESDAY** (Disability Concerns) *Cohort*—We thank God for six churches in northwestern Iowa who are learning together in a cohort focused on accessibility and welcome for people with disabilities. Please ask God to use this cohort so that people with disabilities in Iowa may experience greater belonging and churches may experience the gifts that people with disabilities bring.

**20 THURSDAY** (ReFrame) *North America*—A member of our prayer ministry team shared, “Please pray that my husband and I can get back on our feet financially. My husband lost his job, and I am also jobless because of health issues. We are financially drained and have been hit hard with various losses. Our debts are piling up, and we don’t know what to do anymore. Pray for financial wisdom and healing in all aspects of our lives.”

**21 FRIDAY** (Resonate) *Nicaragua*—Give thanks for Carlos (name changed), who works as a security guard at Tesoros de Dios, a Resonate partner in Nicaragua. Carlos discovered that he is fully forgiven in Christ! Please pray for him as he continues to grow as a disciple.

**22 SATURDAY** (Climate Witness Project) *Earth Day*—The poor and vulnerable are most directly affected by climate change. Pray that people who are more privileged will take action. Ask God for creative solutions to be developed so that people and places around the Earth can flourish.

**23 SUNDAY** (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Partnership*—We teach and work with the men in Handlon Prison in Ionia, Mich., through partnerships with the Celebration Fellowship congregation and Calvin University in the Calvin Prison Initiative. Pray for the students as they learn and minister in their context.

**24 MONDAY** (Women’s Leadership) *Eastertide prayer*—*Lord, in this season we remember Mary Magdalene, who encountered you on the morning of your resurrection. As we pray for the women of the CRC, comfort us in our moments of grief and difficulty. Help us to recognize your presence in our lives. Embolden us to share the good news of your resurrection. May our witness draw others to run to you for salvation. Amen.*

**25 TUESDAY** (Resonate) *Japan*—Resonate missionary Larry Spalink asks you to pray for a new believer who decided to follow Jesus after connecting with a church in Japan. Please pray that this person’s friends, family, and neighbors will be interested in learning about the gospel.

**26 WEDNESDAY** (ReFrame) *Chinese ministry*—Pray for a new development in ReFrame’s Chinese ministry, bringing together American and Chinese scholars who are developing a Chinese public theology. Ask God to provide the necessary people and funding for this work and to strengthen the Chinese church effectively for his kingdom.

**27 THURSDAY** (World Renew) *Nicaragua*—People in Nicaragua look forward to the rainy season that typically begins in mid-May, changing the landscape after the long and harsh dry season. Please pray that God brings renewal, energy, and life in all of its fullness to Nicaragua this year.

**28 FRIDAY** (Resonate) *Lithuania*—Several Resonate missionaries serve at LCC International University in Lithuania. The university is celebrating the baptism of a number of students on Easter Sunday. Give thanks for these students, and please pray that they will continue growing in faith.

**29 SATURDAY** (Global Coffee Break) *Inspirational Women’s Conference*—Please pray for this gathering of women today in Burlington, Ont., around the theme “I belong, completely and forever. In Christ, we belong,” based on Romans 12:5. May many come to know Jesus, and may leaders be encouraged in their journey.

**30 SUNDAY** (GEMS Girls’ Clubs) *GEMS Sunday*—Thank God for using GEMS to help girls and leaders grow in Christ for almost 65 years. They learn they are loved, and their call is “to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God” (Mic. 6:8). Ask God to continue to strengthen leaders in their mission to help bring girls into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus.

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