

“Lord, teach us to pray.”

—Luke 11:1

1 THURSDAY (Justice ministry) *Canadian Gathering*—Four people are being nominated by each classis in Canada to attend the Canadian National Gathering in May 2023. This gathering will focus on Indigenous reconciliation, building on work of the Hearts Exchanged program. Please pray for the nomination process and for all who will be attending.

2 FRIDAY (Resonate Global Mission) *Campus ministry*—“Pray for the students we are working with,” asks Brett Erickson, a Resonate partner campus minister with Geneva Campus Ministry at the University of Iowa. “Each of them is dealing with various difficult situations; we want to be able to come alongside them well and ultimately to point them to the hope that can only be found in Christ.”

3 SATURDAY (ReFrame Ministries) *China*—ReFrame’s Chinese ministry team is developing a new e-reader app to make biblical materials available inside China. Pray for wisdom in the development process, for a successful and timely launch, and for opportunities to share this resource widely.

4 SUNDAY (Calvin University) *Leadership*—Calvin University requests prayers for its new president, Dr. Wiebe Boer, and the leadership team of Calvin as they seek to create a vibrant culture of Christian faith and practice on campus. Pray for wisdom, courage, and clarity. Pray for faculty and staff as they teach and disciple students. Pray that students may come to know Jesus and/or grow in their faith in him.

5 MONDAY (Disability Concerns) *Togetherness*—As we enter the season in which we reflect on the incarnate Christ, pray that we his followers will make space for him and for people of all sizes and shapes and abilities in our lives, homes, and churches.

6 TUESDAY (Resonate) *Philippines*—Resonate missionaries Charles and Hensel Oh, who serve in the Philippines, ask you to pray for people living in poverty. With two major earthquakes and two major typhoons in the Philippines in the past few months, “many people have lost their homes and are struggling to put their lives back together,” said the Oh’s.

7 WEDNESDAY (World Renew) *Staffing*—We praise God for the many ways our ministry continues to grow, creating more opportunities to serve across the organization. These blessings also bring some challenges. For example, despite months of seeking, staff in Mozambique are still in need of a new program advisor. Pray that the right person with both the talent and the heart for God’s work will step forward to serve in this role.

8 THURSDAY (ReFrame) *Indonesia*—Pray for Johan and Tika, two pastors in Indonesia who have been using video programs from our Indonesian ministry partners as a Bible study for their congregation. After a lesson on Jacob and Laban (Gen. 29), they shared, “We are learning a lot from Jacob, who was able to make the best of his situation, even though it was difficult. Thank you!”

9 FRIDAY (Faith Formation) *Drawing near*—Many people who might not regularly attend church come for worship services in the Advent/Christmas season. Pray that churches extend a warm welcome and hospitality as the Spirit stirs people’s hearts. As we worship Immanuel together, may visitors and church members find a shared sense of belonging and be filled with wonder that God is near.

10 SATURDAY (Resonate) *Chicago*—Pray for Grace in Garfield, a Resonate-partner church plant in Chicago. Ask the Holy Spirit to continue working in and through this church to transform their local community for God’s kingdom.

11 SUNDAY (Chaplaincy and Care) *Prisons*—Pray for our chaplains serving in prisons and for the men and women they serve. Ask the Holy Spirit to continue working through these chaplains as they provide transformative ministry in the prison system.

12 MONDAY (World Renew) *Child health*—In vulnerable areas where World Renew serves, many infants and young children do not have access to safe water or appropriate nutrition. This can lead to lifelong health issues. Please pray for these children and for the work of our partners in rural communities to educate and support families with young children in their first 1,000 days of life (pregnancy through 2 years of age).

13 TUESDAY (ReFrame) *Guinea*—Marc Nabie, ReFrame’s French-ministry leader, recently visited the country of Guinea, where he began a new radio partnership and shared a biblical message on the air. Pray for new listeners in Guinea as they find and respond to this programming in their region.

14 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) *Lithuania*—Resonate missionary Joel Altena, who serves with LCC International University in Lithuania, is mentoring two student leaders through a leadership development program. “We ask God to strengthen these students in their leadership and character as well as their knowledge of God,” said Joel and his wife, Hailey.

15 THURSDAY (ThereforeGo Ministries) *SERVE*—We are excitedly preparing for SERVE 2023! This year we have a capacity of over 1,000 participants across 11 states and

provinces. Registration opened Nov. 1, and spots are filling up quickly. Please pray for churches and individuals as they register for SERVE 2023.

16 FRIDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Christmas season*—Many of our students, especially international students, are not able to travel home to be with family for the holidays. Pray for those who travel as well as for those who are apart from family during this season, that tidings of comfort and joy may overflow in their hearts this year.

17 SATURDAY (World Renew) *Food security*—Nearly 1 billion people in the world face food insecurity due to conflict, climate change, and economic downturn. But in Christ there is hope! Through village savings and loan programs, people in poverty can increase food production and income, gaining enough to eat and provide for others. Pray that life-saving programs like these will continue to flourish.

18 SUNDAY (Resonate) *Cambodia*—“Many young leaders feel alone and isolated. Pray that they may have opportunities to join formational communities where they can grow in the ways of Jesus,” asks Justin Van Zee, a Resonate missionary in Cambodia.

19 MONDAY (Safe Church) *Peace*—In this season we celebrate the One who came to restore all things. Pray that all who are affected by abuse will find healing, restoration, and freedom in Christ, and that our church communities will be places of peace and safety.

20 TUESDAY (Candidacy Committee) *Leadership*—We give thanks for the many leaders God has been drawing to the Christian Reformed Church. Please ask the Lord to give them strength and wisdom as they move forward on their journey toward candidacy. Ask also that God will continue to send more harvest workers!

21 WEDNESDAY (Edmonton Native Healing Centre) *Thanks and support*—*Creator, we give thanks for a season of people returning to the circle after isolating during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are thankful for new opportunities challenging us to increase capacity in the area of dentistry. May we develop a strong relationship with University of Alberta contacts in dentistry and raise sufficient support for obtaining dental equipment. Creator, thank you that ENHC remains a sanctuary of hope, peace, and love.*

22 THURSDAY (Resonate) *Michigan*—A Resonate church plant partner in Michigan is reaching people with a Muslim background. The church planter asks you to pray for him, his wife, and his congregation as they develop relationships with their Muslim neighbors.

23 FRIDAY (ReFrame) *India*—A man in India has been a Christian for many years, listening to programs from our partners in India. He recently professed his faith publicly and donated property to a local church. Praise God for his testimony of faith in a country where many people, including him, risk persecution for their belief in Christ.

24 SATURDAY (Communications) *Christmas Eve*—Christ entered the messiness of our world to bring healing, reconciliation, and life. Pray that he will fill our hearts and lives so that we will be emboldened to share his love and good news at Christmas and throughout the year.

25 SUNDAY (World Renew) *Christmas Day*—We give thanks to God for the opportunity to love and serve our brothers and sisters around the world. We pray for a peaceful, joyful, and blessed Christmas with God at the center of all activities as we celebrate the birth of the Savior. We ask for peace in the midst of disaster, conflict, and other unexpected events that happen in people’s lives.

26 MONDAY (Resonate) *New missionaries*—Give thanks for the many missionaries who have joined our team this year! Several have already moved to the field. Others are raising a support team and preparing to serve. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide these new missionaries.

27 TUESDAY (Raise Up: Educational Care) *Guidance*—Give thanks with us for our new Educational Care program manager, Diana Boot. As she transitions into this role, pray for discernment, opportunities, and fruitful communication with new partners as Educational Care seeks to meet many requests from around the world.

28 WEDNESDAY (ReFrame) *North America*—Praise God for this testimony from Cecilia, who asked for prayer for her grandson during Hurricane Ian in Florida: “There are times when I wonder if God hears me, and then something happens, like my grandson’s safety in that horrible hurricane—and I say, ‘You did hear me, God. You are so good!’”

29 THURSDAY (World Renew) *Refugees*—The United Nations estimates that over 100 million persons have been forcibly displaced worldwide. As this year comes to a close, we pray for the millions of refugees around the globe who are seeking opportunity, safety, and freedom. Please pray that they find strong advocates for their basic human rights, bringing them hospitality and hope for the future.

30 FRIDAY (Resonate) *Dominican Republic*—Steve and Sandra Brauning, Resonate missionaries serving in the Dominican Republic, ask for prayers that the Lord will “mobilize his church worldwide for mission work, evangelism, discipling, church planting, and all forms of witness and service.”

31 SATURDAY (CRCNA leadership) *New Year’s Eve*—As we reach the end of another calendar year, thank God for his presence with us each day and each moment throughout our lives. Pray for his continuing guidance in the lives of all his people and in the ministry and work of his body, the church.

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