

PRAYER GUIDE

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He gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly.

-Acts 10:2

1 THURSDAY (Thrive) *Chaplains*—Several of our chaplains serve as certified supervisor-educators in clinical pastoral education/spiritual care and psychospiritual therapy. Please pray for wisdom and energy as they provide spiritual care, teach, and supervise the training of many other chaplains and therapists to prepare them to serve in a variety of institutions.

2 FRIDAY (World Renew) *Equity*—We are committed to pursuing equity, inclusion, and justice for all. Ask God to raise up leaders who are champions for people often overlooked or mistreated in their societies. Ask God also that we may have words of wisdom as we lead and ears to hear as we learn from the international community.

3 SATURDAY (Resonate Global Mission) *Ontario*—Give thanks for Ashleesha, who served as a Resonate emerging leader with Momentum Campus Ministries in Ontario. God is working through Ashleesha to reach the growing Indian population on the campuses of St. Lawrence College and Loyalist College-Belleville.

SUNDAY (ReFrame Ministries) *Burkina Faso*—Our partners in Burkina Faso ask you to pray for peace and stability in the country. Many schools are closed because of terrorist attacks in areas where our listeners and their children live. Meanwhile, our church planting team faces challenges with the continuous movement of people who are fleeing attacks.

5 MONDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Growth and learning*—Our spring semester began Jan. 29. Pray for our faculty and for our distance, residential, and international students as they begin new courses. Pray for deep learning as God forms students for ministry.

6 TUESDAY (Resonate) *Romania*—A local man found new life in Christ through Ózd Therapy Center, a Resonate partner in Romania. Please pray for him as he continues to grow as a disciple of Jesus.

WEDNESDAY (Thrive) *Children and youth*—Please pray for the spiritual development and protection of children and young people in CRC congregations. Pray also for children's ministry leaders, youth leaders, parents, and caregivers as they model faith practices and contribute to the faith formation of the next generation.

8 THURSDAY (World Renew) *Community health*—Much of our work connects with health, whether through agriculture training or maternal and child nutrition and care during the first 1,000 days of life. Education and resources for good hygiene and sanitation are especially important

in areas where preventable diseases happen frequently. Pray for improved and ongoing health and safety across the Global South.

9 FRIDAY (Resonate) *Montreal*—Pray for the French-learning workshops that Mission Montreal, a Resonate partner in Quebec, hosts for children and their families. "This program is a direct result of families in the neighborhood expressing a desire to learn French with one another. It's our joy to come alongside families and equip them to flourish!" said Jacynthe Vaillancourt of Mission Montreal.

10 SATURDAY (ReFrame) *China*—Chinese New Year (Feb. 10) is the biggest holiday in China and traditionally the busiest travel season of the year as people return to their hometowns to be with family. Pray for opportunities for believers to share their faith and hope in Christ during this season.

11 SUNDAY (Communications) *Ministry Shares: Celebrating Your Impact*—Praise God today for the many ministries we are able to support through ministry shares! Each church's contributions help to fund people and programs that share the love of Jesus around the world through media ministry, church planting, campus ministries, church and pastor support, training and learning opportunities, and more.

12 MONDAY (Thrive) Worship—Please pray for your congregation's worship leaders and planners. Lent can become an exceptionally busy time in preparation for Holy Week. Ask God to fill worship leaders and planners with energy, give them joy in their work, and provide ample times of rest.

13 TUESDAY (Resonate) *South Korea*—Resonate missionaries Jeannie and Joel Huyser are helping to start a Christian school in South Korea. They ask for prayer for the enrollment of students and the recruitment of teachers. Pray that this school may be a strong faith community where students and families can be equipped as followers of Jesus.

14 WEDNESDAY (Communications) *Ash Wednesday*—As we enter the season of Lent, ask God to guide us in seeking him through prayer, reading the Bible, reflection, and fasting. Pray that as we draw closer to God, he will draw us and others to himself.

15 THURSDAY (World Renew) *Peace and protection*—In some regions where World Renew serves, political instability and extremist groups present challenges. Pray for discernment as we strive to work toward justice and mercy in these areas, and may the Prince of Peace reign even in

situations that seem hopeless. Praise God that he is able to do what seems impossible to us.

16 FRIDAY (ReFrame) Today *devotions*—Elise, a reader of the *Today* daily devotions, recently shared that she feels herself growing distant in her relationship with God. Pray for Elise and others who feel this way. Pray that these devotions and other faith-forming resources will offer spiritual insights for Elise and others who are going through spiritual valleys.

17 SATURDAY (Resonate) *Cohorts*—Pray for young adults who are serving with Resonate's Cohort programs in Detroit, Central America, Europe, and the Middle East. Ask God to work through the Cohort experience to help shape these young leaders to his calling for their lives.

18 SUNDAY (Centre for Public Dialogue) Justice and Hope Sunday—Lent gives us space to grieve the many injustices that we see in the world. Praise God that we are not left in Lent but are also a resurrection people. The Centre for Public Dialogue (Canada) helps to point out injustices in public policy and works toward shalom in these areas. Pray for this work as Lent begins.

19 MONDAY (Indigenous Family Centre) *Community members*—Please pray for the community members here at IFC. They need prayers for their health and for the strength to carry on as they support other family members. Pray also for the people in Winnipeg who are without homes especially for those struggling with drug addictions and for their families. We also give thanks for the CRCNA's support.

20 TUESDAY (World Renew) *Partnerships*—Our participation with organizations like Canadian Foodgrains Bank and Growing Hope Globally extends our impact. Church-to-church partnerships between the Global South and North America enrich our understanding of our neighbors and our Lord. And most of our work involves local partners such as church denominations and grassroots charities. Give thanks and pray with us that our partnerships remain effective.

21 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) *Nicaragua*—Nicaragua Christian Academy often has a difficult time finding teachers to meet their needs each school year. Ask God to help meet the needs of this Resonate partner school and to bring the right people to serve as teachers.

22 THURSDAY (ReFrame) *Japan*—Pray for Yamato and others in Japan who cannot physically go to church. Pray that they'll discover and continue to use online resources or radio messages to strengthen their faith. "The messages are a valuable source of sustenance," Yamato wrote to our Japanese ministry team. "I listen to them every day. Thank you for your continued support of spiritual guidance."

23 FRIDAY (Thrive) Unity in Christ–Please pray for a spirit of love, understanding, and collaboration among members within your own congregation. May hearts lean

toward faithfulness, patience, kindness, and other fruits of the Spirit.

24 SATURDAY (Diaconal Ministries Canada) Support–Deacons serve by leading and equipping their churches in a rich diversity of ministries, awakening compassion, demonstrating mercy, seeking justice, promoting stewardship, and collaborating with God's Spirit for the transformation and flourishing of all people and places. Please pray for our staff and for diaconal coaches as they equip and support deacons and churches across the country.

25 SUNDAY (World Renew) *Disaster recovery*—Disaster recovery—Disaster recovery takes a long time, and the people affected are often left vulnerable long after the media stop talking about them. Pray for people in Malawi still recovering from Cyclone Freddy; for partners in Syria as they provide food and hygiene supplies and more after the 2023 earthquake; and for Disaster Response Services volunteers and staff serving in communities across the U.S.

26 MONDAY (Resonate) *Berlin*—Resonate missionaries David Kromminga and Mary Buteyn planted a church with and for refugees in Berlin, Germany. They also lead an Alpha course for people interested in learning more about Jesus. They ask for prayer that "the merely curious participants in the Alpha course and worship services may recognize the love of Jesus."

27 TUESDAY (Thrive) *People serving churches*—Please pray for wisdom, discernment, and strength for pastors, leaders, and volunteers in congregations across the U.S. and Canada.

28 WEDNESDAY (ReFrame) India—Pray for believers like Rajesh, who lives in a remote part of India that has very few believers. "It's very challenging for Rajesh to remain firm in Jesus when he is surrounded by so many different religions and false gods," shared our Hindi ministry partner. "Please pray for the Lord's help to overcome all these situations."

29 THURSDAY (Resonate) *Sierra Leone*—With support from a Resonate grant, the Christian Reformed Church in Sierra Leone was able to plant a church among the people of the Lungi community. The church baptized 12 new believers, who are now active members of the church. Praise God! Please pray for this church plant's work in this community.

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