

“Devote yourselves to prayer,
being watchful and thankful.

—Colossians 4:2

1 SUNDAY (Communications) *New Year’s Day*—As we begin a new year, ask the Holy Spirit to fill us and give us courage, wisdom, and love to faithfully follow where he leads.

2 MONDAY (World Renew) *Staffing*—Praise God with us for bringing talented and passionate individuals to fill several positions on the World Renew team. Pray that our new colleagues may transition quickly and be able to share their gifts fully. Pray also for team cohesion, for willingness to learn from one another, and for God’s holy creative spark to touch our work.

3 TUESDAY (Resonate Global Mission) *Haiti*—In the past few years, Haiti has experienced many challenges, including earthquakes, a presidential assassination, and kidnappings. “Pray for the Haitian people, for peace and justice to return to this land. Pray for God’s provision and for the gospel to go forward,” said Luis Pellecer, regional mission leader.

4 WEDNESDAY (ReFrame Ministries) *New spiritual habits*—In the new year, people around the world are looking for new ways to connect or reconnect with Christ. Pray for new spiritual habits to form this year. Pray that online tools like podcasts and devotions can help form lifelong relationships with Christ.

5 THURSDAY (Safe Church) *Light*—As daylight hours increase in the Northern Hemisphere, we pray for safe shelter for all who are most vulnerable to being victimized by abuse. We pray for people with hidden emotional and spiritual trauma, that they may find safety, respect, and homes full of faith, hope, and love. Lord, shine your great light in all dark places!

6 FRIDAY (Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations) *Unity*—The world is watching the church, so we pray, pleading for unity within our denomination, among different denominations, and among Christians all around the world. As Jesus prayed, may we be brought to complete unity so that the world will know Jesus and the Father’s great love everyone (John 17:23).

7 SATURDAY (Resonate) *Nicaragua*—Give thanks for the ways God is working through Resonate partner IMPACT clubs in Nicaragua. “They are designed to build relationships around community service. As the Nicaraguan leaders do that, they so effortlessly share the ‘hope within’ that each year over 10 kids come to know Christ and are baptized,” said Steve Holtrop, regional mission leader.

8 SUNDAY (ThereforeGo Ministries) *SERVE*—As the new year begins, we can’t help being excited for SERVE 2023! Please join us in praying for youth groups who are still deciding where to SERVE in 2023. We still have several exciting sites

available, and we pray that our sending teams will find the right sites for them!

9 MONDAY (World Renew) *Training opportunities*—Inflation has the greatest impact on our global neighbors who earn barely enough to get by. Through training, people can diversify their livelihoods. Pray for community members who seize training opportunities, many of whom become trainers themselves. May they be encouraged as they help others in their communities learn skills like beekeeping, sewing, and fish farming.

10 TUESDAY (Resonate) *Ontario*—Guelph Campus Ministry, a Resonate partner in Ontario, hosts weekly community dinners for students. “Community dinner remains the main entry point, or first stop, for students who are connecting with Christian community,” said Sara DeMoor, campus minister. Pray that students will experience the love of Christ through these dinners.

11 WEDNESDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Classes and preparations*—Pray for January Term classes, for students who are traveling, and especially for new students preparing to begin their studies in the spring semester. Pray for health and safety for all.

12 THURSDAY (ReFrame) *India*—Harahita leads her church in worship planning and reading from the Bible during Sunday worship services. She recently began sharing our Hindi devotional book, *Dainik Bhojan*, with her congregation. Pray for the people in her church who are beginning a new habit of reading devotions outside of Sunday worship.

13 FRIDAY (World Renew) *Peace and justice*—Last month we participated in 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. The World Health Organization estimates that one in three girls and women worldwide experience abuse because of their gender, and that number is likely higher due to various stigma. Praise God for the men and women striving to bring an end to this injustice.

14 SATURDAY (Resonate) *Europe*—Resonate missionaries serving among people from a Muslim background in Europe ask for prayer for a woman at their church, who says she wants to see a sign from God before she commits to Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to continue working in this woman’s heart.

15 SUNDAY (Disability Concerns) *Lament and hope*—Each of us is made in God’s image and for his glory. We lament ways in which we have perpetuated ableism in our lives and churches, excluding essential parts of the body of Christ for the sake of our own ease or comfort. We grieve that so many of our churches are not safe and accessible for all. Pray that

through the Holy Spirit working in us, all people will be valued and find belonging in Christ and his church.

16 MONDAY (Race Relations) *Martin Luther King, Jr., Day*—We celebrate Martin Luther King’s legacy by remembering his insight that “injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” We remember his hope that “dark clouds of racial prejudice will soon pass away.” *Lord, help us to live a life free of prejudice and to represent your righteousness and justice. We desire to dwell in unity and to be one with you. Amen.*

17 TUESDAY (ReFrame) *Indonesia*—Our Indonesian ministry partners recently launched a new video program for children to complement their daily print devotions. Pray for Trinsawati, a woman who has been sharing the videos with her children. “Thank you so much—I am so blessed to share these videos,” she said.

18 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) *Burundi*—Give thanks for pastors in Burundi who were able to participate in Timothy Leadership Training facilitated by Resonate missionaries. More pastors are asking for an opportunity to continue their training! Pray that we may continue to expand this training in Burundi and in other countries throughout the world.

19 THURSDAY (World Renew) *Partnerships*—We thank God for the trust we have been able to build with many ministry partners around the world. When we resource trusted organizations already hard at work, they can do more within their communities. Pray for World Renew’s 72 global partners as they continue God’s work of mercy and justice in their contexts.

20 FRIDAY (Trinity Christian College) *Mental health*—Post-pandemic realities have exposed a crisis of mental health among college students. Students at Trinity, as on many other campuses, struggle with anxiety, depression, loneliness, disordered eating, and suicidal ideation. Ask the Spirit to comfort and restore them in body, mind, and soul, and to equip staff and faculty as they journey alongside.

21 SATURDAY (Diaconal Ministries Canada) *Stewardship*—We are called to manage faithfully all that God has entrusted to us so that all of creation flourishes. A good steward asks, “How can my whole life show that Jesus is my Lord?” Pray with us that the launch of our new online stewardship course will bless deacons and churches and guide them in this important task.

22 SUNDAY (Resonate) *Alberta*—Pray for Bridge Church, a Resonate-partner church plant in Alberta. This church has grown a lot in a few years. Ask the Holy Spirit to continue drawing people into this faith community.

23 MONDAY (GEMS Girls’ Clubs) *Love and truth*—It’s not easy being a girl today. Girls are anxious, lonely, and fearful. But everything changes when a girl hears who God is and everything that he says about her. A girl’s hope increases, and her fear dissipates. Pray for GEMS girls’ clubs and their leaders as they share God’s love and truth with girls everywhere.

24 TUESDAY (World Renew) *Education*—Today is the International Day of Education. As we support education in many ways, pray with us that communities trying to build schools for their children will be blessed with all the resources and people power they need. Praise God for the many participants in our literacy programs as they learn to read and to try new possibilities!

25 WEDNESDAY (Chaplaincy and Care) *Emergency relief*—When events like floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes affect so many lives, active and retired chaplains from across North America are called upon to provide emergency support, critical incident debriefing, and spiritual care. Pray for these chaplains providing such support in communities that are suffering.

26 THURSDAY (Resonate) *Michigan*—“Pray that we continue to be invited into students’ stories and that we can share Christ,” ask campus ministers at International Campus Ministry, a Resonate partner at Western Michigan University.

27 FRIDAY (ReFrame) *Japan*—In Tokyo, Japan, Maaya shared, “I listen to your radio program every day. The other day I learned that my neighbor is a Christian, and I’m thinking of sharing the program with him too. Could you send me a CD with the recording?” Pray for fruitful conversations between Maaya and her neighbor.

28 SATURDAY (Raise Up: Global Coffee Break) *Writers*—Pray for our writing team as they follow God’s lead to create new *Discover Your Bible* studies and revise existing ones. Ask God to oversee the process from start to finish, that this work may help to further his kingdom.

29 SUNDAY (Calvinist Cadet Corps) *Cadet Sunday*—Our theme “Amazing,” based on Joshua 3:5, continues to remind cadets, counselors, and their families to strive to be holy and to recognize the many ways God blesses us. We pray that the boys in Cadets will look for, find, and share the many amazing things God is doing as they live for Jesus.

30 MONDAY (Resonate) *Japan*—The Japanese are one of the largest unreached people groups in the world. “Pray for God’s wisdom and courage for Japanese Christians to share the gospel to their family and friends,” ask Resonate missionaries Ken and Jeannie Lee, who serve in Japan.

31 TUESDAY (ReFrame) *Prayer ministry*—Pray for Mark, a man who recently shared a request with our prayer ministry team. “We have gotten far away from a regular church connection,” Mark said. “I know that we need to get back, but this addiction and also struggling with social anxiety and depression have made it tough.”

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