

I called to the LORD,
who is worthy of praise.

—Psalm 18:3

- 1 THURSDAY** (World Renew) *Human trafficking prevention*— Forced labor, child marriage, and sexual exploitation are all results of human trafficking. This Canada Day, World Renew invites you to join in standing against injustice. *O God, grant us courage to speak for people who have no voice, give us determination to act, and fill us with faith to trust in your promises, that we may reflect Christ's gracious love.*
- 2 FRIDAY** (Resonate Global Mission) *Cohorts*—Pray for individuals and churches in Canada and the United States who are participating in Resonate's Go Local cohorts. Ask the Holy Spirit to work in and through participants as they join God at work in their local communities. Pray that people will be able to build meaningful relationships with neighbors that lead to conversations about faith.
- 3 SATURDAY** (Safe Church Ministry) *Webinar*—Safe Church works with a vision that one day our churches will be free from abuse. As we work toward this goal, our ministry continues to bring in experts to share how to prevent and address abuse. Pray that our webinar with Scot McKnight on July 7 will offer more guidance to our community (see bit.ly/ChurchCalledTov).
- 4 SUNDAY** (ReFrame Ministries) *China*—Two of our largest WeChat channels were shut down recently, leaving about 240,000 followers without access to devotions and other biblical content. This came as part of a broad wave of restrictions on Christian content by the government. Pray that people in China may find other Christian resources online, including some of ReFrame's other social media channels.
- 5 MONDAY** (Communications) *Canada Day and Independence Day*—We have just celebrated national holidays marking milestones in our nations' histories. Let us praise and thank God for all the blessings we enjoy. May we also seek mercy for the ways our nations have stumbled, and may we pray for wisdom for our leaders as they govern our countries going forward.
- 6 TUESDAY** (Resonate) *Michigan*—Give thanks for Hesed Community Church, a Resonate-partner church plant in Detroit, Mich. "Our housing ministry continues to create space for dialogue and sharing of resources for neighbors regarding home ownership, foreclosure prevention, and home maintenance," said pastors Nate Bull and Mark Van Anel. Pray that through Hesed people will continue to experience Christ's love in a faith-filled community.
- 7 WEDNESDAY** (World Renew) *Mercy and justice*—World Renew invites you to stand in solidarity and support of Indigenous families who have been mourning the loss of their children for many generations. We lament the history of tragedies involving killing, disease, starvation, forced relocation, and cultural genocide harming Indigenous peoples. May God grant us his mercy and heal these lands, for we are broken people.
- 8 THURSDAY** (Pastor Church Resources) *Leadership and discernment*—At any given time, approximately 10 percent of all CRC churches are vacant—without a pastor. Vacancies can bring a number of opportunities and/or challenges. Ask God to guide vacant churches and their leaders as they search out what's next in their journey. May they experience a time of discernment, reflection, and hope.
- 9 FRIDAY** (ReFrame) *India*—Pray for Mr. Dar, who recently lost both of his parents and has been meeting with ReFrame's Hindi ministry team after hearing their radio programs. The team said, "We are in continuous touch with him so that he may not feel alone or abandoned. Kindly pray for him."
- 10 SATURDAY** (Resonate) *Cambodia*—Resonate missionaries Navy Chann-Chhay and Ly Chhay in Cambodia ask you to pray for more opportunities for the church to share the hope of the gospel with people who are weary and burdened from the coronavirus pandemic.
- 11 SUNDAY** (Raise Up: Global Coffee Break) *Conferences*—Pray that the body of Christ may be built up in leadership and small groups through our upcoming Global Coffee Break (GCB) Canadian conference, global Korean conference, and training in the Philippines. Pray also for plans for a national GCB Connect conference in November. May the life-giving power of God's Word be evident to all, for his glory.
- 12 MONDAY** (Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee) *Grace*—The EIRC continues in its efforts to be inclusive of fellow Christians. Please keep us in prayer as we connect with new members amid the ongoing concerns of the coronavirus pandemic. Pray for open hearts and sound minds focused on the Lord's work. Lift up our leaders in prayers for grace and protection.
- 13 TUESDAY** (Chaplaincy and Care) *Crisis care*—Chaplains minister in psychiatric hospitals, behavioral health units, and forensic hospitals to provide holistic care for patients who are in emotional, spiritual, and mental crisis. Please pray that our chaplains in these situations may receive overflowing measures of grace and wisdom for those entrusted to their care.
- 14 WEDNESDAY** (Resonate) *North America*—Pray for CRC congregations in Canada and the United States who are joining God on mission in their communities and throughout the world. Ask God for wisdom and guidance as congregations seek ways to serve and share the gospel.
- 15 THURSDAY** (World Renew) *Israel-Palestine*—Please pray for a just and lasting end to the conflict in Israel-Palestine. We are grieved by recent increased violence and the

loss of Palestinian and Israeli lives. Pray that godly wisdom may prevail amid leadership changes in Israel, and that people of differing ideologies and faiths may find peaceable ways to live together.

16 FRIDAY (Disability Concerns) *Training*—We are thankful that despite the pandemic we can plan for a time of connection and support for our advocates through our annual leadership training event. At the online event Aug. 11-12, our conversation will focus on “Who’s Missing in My Church?” (see bit.ly/whosmissinginmychurch). Pray for the ongoing growth and development of our disability community within all churches.

17 SATURDAY (ReFrame) *Japan*—Yamato recently wrote to ReFrame’s Japanese ministry team, asking for prayer: “I ask the Holy Spirit to help me accept salvation with confidence. I trust the maker of the heavens and the earth.” Pray for Yamato as he listens to our programs and grows in his faith.

18 SUNDAY (Resonate) *Mexico*—Resonate missionaries Abe and Elaine Lee ask you to pray for the leaders they are training to lead Bible studies and Coffee Break small groups. Ask God to equip these leaders for sharing the gospel and discipling believers.

19 MONDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Plans and preparations*—About 40 percent of our students are international students. Pray for their plans for travel, border crossings, and residential transitions. Pray for plans being made this summer to welcome all students back in the fall.

20 TUESDAY (World Renew) *Latin America*—Through the generous gifts of North American churches, World Renew has been able to provide hygiene kits, food, shelter, and more for communities in Honduras and Nicaragua that were devastated last year by two consecutive hurricanes. Please pray that everyone affected may continue to rebuild their lives, leaning on God’s goodness and mercy.

21 WEDNESDAY (ReFrame) *Family Fire*—Pray for Ruth, who is struggling in her marriage. Although things have been better lately between her and her husband, Ruth is still struggling to forgive him. “My heart is broken,” she shared. “I have tried to forgive, but I can’t forget, and that’s the hardest part.”

22 THURSDAY (Resonate) *West Africa*—Resonate missionaries give praise for the teachers they work with in West Africa. Through Christ-centered education these teachers have a major influence in the lives of children and their communities. May God equip, encourage, and challenge them in their day-to-day callings.

23 FRIDAY (GEMS Girls’ Clubs) *Conference*—Women will gather online July 23-24 for a GEMS virtual conference. Attendees will worship our unshakable God, celebrate their sisterhood in Christ, and learn more about the challenges of girls today. Please pray that each woman will leave strengthened and equipped to mentor girls well.

24 SATURDAY (The King’s University) *Preparations*—The King’s University is planning for a return to in-person community this fall. Please pray for staff, faculty, and students as they navigate the transition to being back together again. Pray for

joy, grace, and creativity in the working-out of details. Excitement is in the air!

25 SUNDAY (Diversity) *Ministry leaders*—Pray for Latino pastors being trained and supported through Consejo Latino. Pray for Korean second-generation leaders ministering in racially changing neighborhoods, bringing people into the kingdom of God. Pray for First Nations leaders who conduct vital pastoral leadership. Pray for diaspora leaders partnering with CRC churches with the hope of becoming one church. Thank you!

26 MONDAY (Resonate) *Central Asia*—Resonate missionaries serving in Central Asia give thanks for recent baptisms: “Pray that these new believers may grow in their relationship with God. Pray for their families to see God in them.” Please also ask God to protect these believers. For many of them, it can be dangerous to share their faith.

27 TUESDAY (ReFrame) *Burkina Faso*—Salimata, age 19, contacted our French ministry team and shared, “I am not a Christian or a Muslim, but your preaching on the radio touched me. I think it’s good to believe something. Can you tell me more?” Pray for our staff in Salimata’s area as they help her to learn more about faith in Christ.

28 WEDNESDAY (Diaconal Ministries Canada) *NewGround*—Please pray for NewGround as it provides tools, resources, and grant money to help deacons and churches share Christ’s love in their surrounding communities. Seven partners across Canada are helping us to grow God’s kingdom in new and exciting ways! Please also ask God to inspire generous donors to contribute to this vital ministry.

29 THURSDAY (Resonate) *Central America*—Pray for the many people still recovering from Hurricanes Eta and Iota from last fall. Missionary Steve Holtrop in Nicaragua has been facilitating trauma-healing workshops that help people bring their pain to Christ. Pray that people who participate in these workshops will continue to find hope, healing, and encouragement.

30 FRIDAY (Centre for Public Dialogue and Office of Social Justice) *World Day against Trafficking in Persons*—Please pray today for people experiencing trafficking. In particular, Indigenous women are at high risk to experience this harm. Ask God to equip workers helping to support people exiting trafficking. Pray for policies that will help to prevent trafficking and to support survivors.

31 SATURDAY (World Renew) *Zambia*—Winter is approaching in Zambia, and a spike of COVID-19 seems to be emerging. As of early June, Zambia used up all of its vaccine supply, so many more vaccines are needed. Election fever is also starting as parties look forward to elections in August. Please pray for health and safety and for peace and calm in Zambia in the days ahead.

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