

Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances.

—1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

1 WEDNESDAY (World Renew) *Refugees and displaced people*—We entered 2022 with 84 million people forcibly displaced worldwide, 27 million of them as refugees. As the war in Ukraine battles on, the number of displaced people has risen by 10 million since February. We have nearly 100 million neighbors in need of shelter and safety. Please join us in asking God to keep these vulnerable people safe and to provide for their needs.

2 THURSDAY (Resonate Global Mission) *Cambodia*—Resonate missionaries Ly Chhay and Navy Chann Chhay give thanks for 18 new believers in the villages where they serve in Cambodia! Please pray for these new believers as they continue to grow as disciples of Christ.

3 FRIDAY (Safe Church Ministry) *Policies and teams*—This past month Safe Church hosted a webinar on making and revising safe church policies. In a time when we are hearing so often about sexual abuse and misconduct in the church, we are thankful for safe church teams throughout the CRCNA that continue to work toward creating spaces free of abuse. Please continue to pray for our safe church teams as they provide ongoing training and support to congregations in abuse awareness, prevention, and response.

4 SATURDAY (ReFrame Ministries) *United States*—Pray for Gail, who reads ReFrame's *Today* devotions and recently shared, "I have spent many years being a single mom, and I really don't have anyone to help me. I am so lonely."

5 SUNDAY (Resonate) *Pentecost*—As we celebrate Pentecost today, please pray for Resonate missionaries, church planters, campus ministers, and other ministry leaders who share the gospel in communities throughout the world. May they be in step with the Holy Spirit, and may God open doors, guide conversations, and make his love, grace, and power evident in people's lives everywhere.

6 MONDAY (World Renew) *New U.S. building*—On April 30, World Renew held a dedication ceremony for its new U.S. office located in Byron Center, Mich. In attendance were guests, family members, friends, volunteers, and supporters of World Renew. We praise God for his abundant faithfulness and provision, and we pray for his continued blessing on the partner ministries and communities we work with worldwide.

7 TUESDAY (ReFrame) *Japan*—Keiko is not able to attend church, but she listens to ReFrame's Japanese ministry programs and is thankful for the opportunity to hear God's Word each day. "Thank you very much," she writes. "I'm an elderly person, I'm physically disabled, I'm sick, and I'm taking care of my husband." Pray for Keiko and her husband as they care for one another, both spiritually and physically.

8 WEDNESDAY (Chaplaincy and Care) *Workplaces*—In industrial and corporate settings, our workplace chaplains serve the needs of employees who are affected by crises at home or at work and who may not have a spiritual support network to engage with. In the past year our workplace chaplains have often been called upon to care for employees experiencing grief, trauma, and crisis. Please pray for these chaplains and the people they serve.

9 THURSDAY (Disability Concerns) *Training*—Planning is well under way for our next Disability Concerns online training event, scheduled for Aug. 11-12. This year our focus will be on dismantling ableism in our churches. Please pray for our ministry as we plan this event and learn from one another. May this conference lead to reduced discrimination of people with disabilities and a greater sense of belonging in our churches.

10 FRIDAY (Communications) *Synod 2022*—The annual decision-making assembly of the Christian Reformed Church begins in person today in Grand Rapids, Mich. Please pray for leaders and delegates as they pray, discuss, and make decisions. May God's will be done in all things.

11 SATURDAY (Resonate) *Ukraine*—Please continue to pray for everyone affected by the war in Ukraine. Pray for Resonate missionaries and ministry partners who are supporting and caring for refugees. Ask God for protection and provision, and may the peace of Christ reign.

12 SUNDAY (Worship Ministries) *Trinity Sunday*—Praise be to our triune God: eternal Father, saving Christ, life-giving Spirit. We dwell in the mystery of the Trinity, acknowledging that God is far beyond anything we can understand. The Lord pursues relationship with us and calls us to dwell in unity with God and with one another. May we be one as our triune God is one.

13 MONDAY (World Renew) *Global food crisis*—Russia and Ukraine are major suppliers of wheat, barley, corn, sunflower oil, and fertilizers to many of the world's countries. The conflict in Ukraine has disrupted supplies of these resources and caused food prices to skyrocket, straining many families already struggling with food insecurity. Globally, 44 million people are facing famine. Please pray for God's provision.

14 TUESDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Summer plans*—Pray for students and graduates as they enter the summer season—seeking placements for work and internships and on summer ministry sites. Pray for God's hand in forming them through all their activities.

15 WEDNESDAY (ReFrame) *Mali*—Ruth recently began managing ReFrame’s partner radio station in Mali. Pray for her as she adjusts to her new role, and praise God for her willingness to air our French ministry programs, sharing the gospel in Mali.

16 THURSDAY (Resonate) *Nicaragua*—Resonate missionaries Steve and Kim Holtrop in Nicaragua give thanks for eight young people who recently accepted Christ through Resonate partner IMPACT clubs. Praise God!

17 FRIDAY (World Renew) *Guatemala*—For several months our team in Guatemala has worked without a director as the search for a new director continues. Neighboring country teams try to assist as much as they can, but it has been difficult to operate with the position vacant. Please pray for a successful search process and that current staff may resume more manageable workloads soon.

18 SATURDAY (Indigenous Ministry) *Worship*—Music is a gift from the triune Creator, and as we seek to be spaces of welcome for people from every tribe and nation, music can be powerful. As we focus on music and drumming for Indigenous Ministry Sunday tomorrow, pray that everyone will find a welcome in our churches.

19 SUNDAY (Race Relations) *Wonderful light*—“You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light” (1 Pet. 2:9). Pray with us for our ongoing work with diverse denominational leaders; pray also for newly appointed leaders in the U.S. and Canada and for wisdom in the often dysfunctional discourse of national politics.

20 MONDAY (Resonate) *Ontario*—Pray for The Bridge, a Resonate church plant partner in Fergus, Ont. Ask the Holy Spirit to draw more people into this community.

21 TUESDAY (Edmonton Native Healing Centre) *Lament and thanks*—*Creator, we pray for the families who have lost loved ones due to overdose, for peace in their midst as they ask many hard questions and seek answers. We give thanks for the changing seasons and the hope we receive from the earth’s bringing forth foods and medicines.*

22 WEDNESDAY (Raise Up: Educational Care) *Nigeria*—Pray for eight Nigerian Educational Care facilitators who will lead sessions this month. Praise for their growth, skills, and leadership; pray for safe travels and the ability to keep small groups on track, that people may grow in faith and in living for Christ.

23 THURSDAY (World Renew) *Honduras*—Two healthy babies have been born to World Renew Honduran staff so far this year: Emily (Jan. 5) and Olivia (Jan. 15). Praise God for the gift of new life! Our staff and partners in Honduras also ask for prayers for wisdom in designing the best projects and programs to benefit people who are the most vulnerable.

24 FRIDAY (ReFrame) *India*—Kumar shared with our partners in India, “Through your video programs on Facebook I get real joy and peace from the Word of God—something the world could not give me.” Praise God for this transformation for Kumar and for other young people in India.

25 SATURDAY (Resonate) *Iowa*—This past academic year, Areopagus Campus Ministry, a Resonate partner at Iowa State University, hosted a Bible study for international students from several countries in Africa. The Bible study was an opportunity for students to discuss and explore faith in Christ. Pray that the seeds planted will continue to grow.

26 SUNDAY (Candidacy Committee) *Candidates*—“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” (Luke 10:2). Please ask the Lord to raise up many passionate, devoted leaders to serve the Christian Reformed Church. Please also ask God to lead and empower this year’s candidates for ministry as they step into the work they are called to do.

27 MONDAY (ThereforeGo Ministries) *Summer missions*—The first SERVE mission trips of 2022 are happening now! Ask God to work abundantly in the lives of students, leaders, and host teams, and that transformation may take place in the communities they serve. Please also pray for our Mentoring Networks as they seek clarity and next steps in emerging adult ministry.

28 TUESDAY (World Renew) *Afghanistan*—Under Taliban rule, Afghan rights have dwindled, especially those of women and girls—much to the concern of international communities. Meanwhile, the nation is facing an enormous humanitarian crisis, with nearly 23 million people in acute food insecurity. Please pray for the well-being and safety of countless people who have been displaced by violence and insecurity, that they may find hope and strength in God’s unfailing love and faithfulness.

29 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) *Ontario*—This summer, several young adults are participating in the SoCo Beach Project, a Resonate partner in Ontario. SoCo is a discipleship opportunity for young adults. Pray that each of the participants will experience Christ’s love in a new way, grow as a leader, and have opportunities to develop and explore their gifts for God’s kingdom.

30 THURSDAY (ReFrame) *North America*—Pray for a member of our Prayer Ministry Team as he and his wife are raising their grandson. Meanwhile, their daughter is struggling with addiction. Pray for wisdom and strength in this difficult situation.

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