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PRAYER GUIDE

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“... for he is praying.”

—Acts 9:11

1 TUESDAY (ReFrame Ministries) *Chinese ministry*—Pray for Qing, who read a New Testament book produced by our Chinese ministry team, thanked them for it, and shared copies with his coworkers. Pray that Qing may continue to grow in faith, that these resources may bless many more people, and that our Chinese ministry partners may have many other opportunities for meaningful follow-up and support.

2 WEDNESDAY (Thrive) *Military chaplains*—Please pray for our U.S. and Canadian military chaplains who serve on active duty, in the reserves, and in the National Guard. Many spend time away from their families in training and deployments as they provide a ministry of presence to service members. Pray also for the families of military chaplains as they support this calling.

3 THURSDAY (Resonate Global Mission) *Kenya*—When Lucy Otieno participated in Educational Care training led by Resonate missionary Mwikali Wambua, she felt called by God to start a Christian school in Lucky Summer, a neighborhood of Nairobi, Kenya, that really needed—and wanted—a Christian school. Give thanks for the ways God is working through Lucy and the teachers there to bring transformation for students and their families.

4 FRIDAY (World Renew) *Disaster Response Services*—After serving as

World Renew’s groups program manager since 2018, Chris Gibson has accepted the role of director of Disaster Response Services (DRS) following the retirement of Bob Laarman. Please pray for a smooth transition for Chris and the rest of the DRS team as they continue to respond to disasters in North America and to support communities in need.

5 SATURDAY (Thrive) *Healing*—Lord ... you are the God who calls people from every nation, tribe, people, and language. ... Save those who are hurting and displaced ... because of war, famine, crime, natural disaster, and persecution. ... Bring healing to our communities and countries through your church. Give our civil leaders wisdom, and give us words to support and advocate for the voiceless. (From crcna.org/news-and-events/news/prayer-and-call-action-immigration)

6 SUNDAY (ReFrame) *English ministry*—Pray for Bobbie, who recently reached out to our Prayer Ministry team and shared, “I’m drug-free and rebuilding my life after addiction. I live in transitional housing, seeking work and stability, but a mentally unstable man threatens my safety. Fear holds me back. Pray for my faith, protection, and freedom from these obstacles.”

7 MONDAY (Resonate) *South Korea*—Resonate missionaries Jeong and

Misook Gho ask for prayer for Rev. Kim, a pastor from North Korea who now lives in South Korea. Please pray for him as he seeks to share the gospel with fellow North Koreans who have moved to his community.

8 TUESDAY (GEMS Girls' Clubs) *New believers*—Please join us in praising God for the five girls who recently came to trust in Jesus as their Savior through a GEMS Club in Illinois. Pray that more girls will come to know Jesus and believe they are loved in the Lord through GEMS Girls' Clubs around the globe.

9 WEDNESDAY (World Renew) *Global executive team*—We are grateful to have filled our Global Executive Team roles after a prayerful and discerning recruitment period. Please join us in praying for Brittani Anthony, Bernad Ojwang, Christi Schaeftbauer, and Ru Waddell as they lead and guide our work along with World Renew's codirectors, Mike White and Carol Bremer-Bennett.

10 THURSDAY (Thrive) *Guidance*—Please pray for wisdom, discernment, and strength for pastors, leaders, and volunteers in congregations across the United States and Canada.

11 FRIDAY (Resonate) *Graduates*—Many university students are wrapping up their spring semesters this month. Resonate partner campus ministers ask you to pray especially for students who are graduating. Ask God to guide their steps as they transition into the next season of life. Pray that God will provide them with a strong faith community.

12 SATURDAY (ReFrame) *Indonesia*—Pray for Sutrisno, who has deeply appreciated Ngulik Alkitab (Bible Study) YouTube videos produced by our Indonesian ministry partners. Through this program, Sutrisno says he continues to grow in faith and in understanding God's Word. Pray that he may encourage others in his community and that Ngulik Alkitab may continue to be a source of learning and transformation.

13 SUNDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Prison initiative*—The seminary teaches and works with men in Handlon Prison in Ionia, Mich., through partnerships with the Celebration Fellowship congregation and with Calvin University through the Calvin Prison Initiative. Pray for the students as they learn and minister in their context.

14 MONDAY (Resonate) *Lithuania*—“Pray for our student leaders who are continuing to grow in faith and to ask meaningful questions about belief. Ask God to continue to soften their hearts toward the good news and that they may have opportunities to discuss their questions often,” ask Resonate missionaries Joel and Hailey Altena, who serve at LCC International University.

15 TUESDAY (World Renew) *Rains in East Africa*—After a very hot, dry season, farmers in East Africa have been awaiting the year's first rainy season (typically from March to June) so that they can plant crops. Please pray that enough rain will come so that these farmers can feed their families and earn income. Pray that our agricultural programs may continue to help families improve their livelihoods.

16 WEDNESDAY (ReFrame) *Today devotions*—Pray for people who are reading ReFrame’s Today devotions or special Lenten series for the first time. May they continue to read Scripture and apply it to their lives after Easter celebrations.

17 THURSDAY (Resonate) *Michigan*—Our church planting partners in Michigan ask you to pray for their ministry with Albanian and Afghan communities. Many of the individuals and families in these communities come from Muslim backgrounds. May they experience the love and grace of Christ through the church community and the relationships being formed.

18 FRIDAY (Communications) *Good Friday*—In the Nicene Creed we confess: “For us and for our salvation [Jesus] came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried.” As we remember Jesus’ suffering and death today, may we give thanks for his redeeming sacrifice and rejoice that on “the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures”!

19 SATURDAY (Thrive) *Gather: Des Moines*—Pray for the Gather event taking place in Des Moines, Iowa, Apr. 28-30. In this final meeting of 10 Gather events held across North America in 2024-2025, three Christian Reformed classes are connecting to bear witness to God’s work in their local contexts and to discern where God may be leading them into renewed ministry and mission.

20 SUNDAY (Resonate) *Easter*—Today let us give thanks that Jesus has overcome sin and death through the cross and his resurrection. Please pray for our denomination as we live into this truth a little more every day, and as we seek to step into God’s call to share the gospel and work toward the kingdom transformation that the Lord has brought to us.

21 MONDAY (World Renew) *National Volunteer Week*—This year, National Volunteer Week is celebrated Apr. 20-26 in the U.S. and Apr. 27-May 3 in Canada. We praise God for the faithful volunteers who work with Disaster Response Services to help disaster survivors across North America repair their homes and find hope again. May many people continue to be blessed by the work of their hands.

22 TUESDAY (Climate Witness Project) *Earth Day*—Give thanks that God continues to sustain the earth—and us through it. May God help us shift our relationship with creation from being consumers to serving as cosustainers with God so that all things may flourish as God intended. May we hear the praise that all things raise to the Creator—and may we join in their song.

23 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) *Nicaragua*—Resonate missionary Vinnie Adams, who serves with Tesoros de Dios in Nicaragua, asks you to pray for upcoming trainings that are designed to equip churches well to serve families living with disabilities.

24 THURSDAY (ReFrame) *Japan*—Pray for Etsuko, who finds comfort and encouragement through hymns and audio messages that our ministry partner in Japan shares online. “Sad events are always happening in the world,” Etsuko wrote, “but this program gives me the push I need.” May God continue to uplift Etsuko’s heart, deepen her faith, and guide her to be a witness to others.

25 FRIDAY (Indigenous Christian Fellowship) *New director*—As our executive director, Bert Adema, prepares for retirement and we search for a new director, please ask the Creator to bless the recruitment process so that this ministry may be blessed with the best possible candidate.

26 SATURDAY (Resonate) *Ontario*—Give thanks for Ella and her classmates, who led a workshop on young adult faith formation at a recent Resonate conference in Ontario. May God continue to work through the seeds that were planted at the workshop to better equip churches to engage young adults.

27 SUNDAY (Thrive) *Abuse Awareness Sunday*—Bounteous Spirit, bring forth in our lives your fruit—that we may find rest in your love, joy in your service, peace in your merciful pardon, patience in affliction, goodness and gentleness amid trials and provocations, faithfulness and kindness to

forgive freely, and self-control to align our desires with your holy will (Gal. 5:22-23).

28 MONDAY (World Renew) *Maternal and child health*—The well-being of mothers, infants, and children can determine the health of the next generation and the future of a community. Please pray for the continuation of maternal and child health training and resources for communities worldwide, that every mother may access the care she needs, and every child may have a healthy start.

29 TUESDAY (Resonate) *Cambodia*—Resonate missionaries Navy and Ly Chann-Chhay work with many pastors and growing churches in Cambodia. They give thanks for the many people who are deciding to follow Jesus, and they ask you to pray for “new believers to grow in understanding the Word of God.”

30 WEDNESDAY (ReFrame) *Cuba*—Please pray for Yami, who receives Cada Día devotions through our Spanish ministry partners. She gives thanks that these devotions have been a source of encouragement and spiritual growth for her. Ask God to keep strengthening Yami’s faith, provide for her needs, and bless her journey with biblical wisdom and peace. Pray that *Cada Día* may also reach and uplift many more Spanish speakers.

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