



PRAYER GUIDE

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Look to the LORD and his strength;
seek his face always.

—1 Chronicles 16:11

1 MONDAY (World Renew) *Climate Witness Project*—We recently received funding from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy for a pilot project that will enable low-income congregations in Michigan to achieve energy efficiency and potentially be equipped for solar energy. We praise God for this opportunity for houses of worship in low-income areas!

2 TUESDAY (Safe Church Ministry) *Training*—Last month eight leaders from across North America became trainers in restorative practices through FaithCARE (Shalem Mental Health Network). The goal for this group is to help equip others to embody restoration as Christ's church. Pray that we may continue to move forward in a restorative posture as a denomination.

3 WEDNESDAY (Cadets) *New season*—The theme of our upcoming Cadet season, based on Joshua 3:5, is "Amazing!" We pray that this theme will remind cadets and counselors that God has done, is doing, and will do amazing things among us. May this reassurance uplift and encourage boys and men as they live for Jesus.

4 THURSDAY (CRC Communications) *Inspire 2022*—Today people will gather in Chicago from across North America and beyond to worship together, learn from

speakers and workshop leaders, and find fellowship together at Inspire 2022. Pray that this three-day conference will bless all involved and that hearts will be refreshed for service and ministry.

5 FRIDAY (ReFrame Ministries) *Russian ministry*—Lika, one of our Russian ministry partners, recently returned to her home country of Ukraine, where she is ministering to internally displaced Ukrainians and reaching out through media to others throughout the country. Pray for her safety and mental health as she proclaims the hope of the gospel in the midst of a war.

6 SATURDAY (Resonate Global Mission) *Montreal*—Pray for leaders who are part of the Urban Lab at Mission Montreal, a Resonate partner in Québec, as they study the Bible and discover how to join God on mission in their city. Ask the Holy Spirit to work in and through them.

7 SUNDAY (Worship Ministries) *Renewal*—Pray for worship leaders and pastors to enjoy a time of rest before the busyness of fall programming begins. We ask for renewal and for creative direction from the Holy Spirit. Please pray also for Worship Ministries as we seek to offer resources, connections, and support for all who plan worship.

8 MONDAY (World Renew) *West Africa Ministry Team*—Pray for our ongoing programs and for discernment and wisdom as we plan and implement activities. Praise God for our supporters, and ask for God’s blessings on our partners and beneficiaries. Pray for success in hiring local staff to strengthen our country teams.

9 TUESDAY (Race Relations) *Comfort for God’s people*—“Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand” (Isa. 41:10). Please pray for Race Relations in planning a new season of ministry. Pray also for our scholarship recipients and that youth in our society may find God-centered direction and guidance.

10 WEDNESDAY (ReFrame) *Japan*—Two people recently shared how they are using devotions from our partners in Japan to share the good news with fellow nursing-home residents. Praise God for this willingness to share his love with others as they enter a new stage of life.

11 THURSDAY (Disability Concerns) *Training*—Disability Concerns is hosting an online training on ableism Aug. 11-12. As people gather for important conversations on ableism and how we can work within our churches to overcome it, please pray for the speakers and all participants, that they will be encouraged to work within their communities toward positive change.

12 FRIDAY (Resonate) *Japan*—“Pray for God’s wisdom and courage for Christians to share the gospel with their

family and friends,” ask Ken and Jeannie Lee, Resonate missionaries serving in Japan.

13 SATURDAY (World Renew) *East Africa Ministry Team*—Pray that our grant proposals for assistance will be well-received. Pray for security in regions of Uganda and Kenya where tensions are high, particularly with elections coming up. Pray also for safe passage for our staff and partners as they travel to communities where World Renew is at work.

14 SUNDAY (Diversity) *Leadership*—Pray for young urban leaders training toward ministry possibilities through their work with Urban Mission Design, for Latino and Zuni leaders in seminary training, for Southeast Asian and Pacific Islander leaders at an upcoming retreat, and for Chinese leaders discerning church-planting opportunities in North America. Pray also for new Korean leadership in Resonate Global Mission and for the work of African American leaders in Christian Reformed churches.

15 MONDAY (ReFrame) *India*—Brijesh, a recent college graduate, says that the ReFrame messages he listens to touch his heart, reminding him to slow down and seek God each day. Pray that Brijesh and other Christians in India will continue to connect with God in their lives.

16 TUESDAY (Resonate) *Ukraine*—Please continue to pray for Resonate missionaries who are ministering with many people displaced from their homes in Ukraine. Ask for God’s comfort and encouragement for those who are grieving, and for God’s peace and protection where there is fighting.

17 WEDNESDAY (Raise Up: TLT) *Worldwide*—Pray for shared vision, open doors, removal of obstacles, and clear conversations so that strategic partnerships with Timothy Leadership Training (TLT) may help to equip international church leaders. May church leaders who do not have access to formal training be edified, equipped, and affirmed in their calling to serve Jesus and the church.

18 THURSDAY (ReFrame) *North America*—Pray for Lona, a Prayer Team member, who writes, “The past two years have been extremely difficult; I lost my full-time job during the pandemic in 2020. . . . But a few weeks ago I was offered a full-time temporary job with full benefits, working close to home. Praise God! Pray that this temporary job will turn into a permanent one.”

19 FRIDAY (World Renew) *World Humanitarian Day*—Today is World Humanitarian Day, when partners across the humanitarian spectrum advocate for the survival, well-being, and dignity of people affected by crises. This year’s focus is on climate emergency. May our world’s leaders act to reverse the effects of climate change affecting the world’s most vulnerable people.

20 SATURDAY (Resonate) *West Africa*—A Resonate missionary in West Africa asks for prayer for a local Christian school, in which most of the students come from families that practice Islam: “Pray for wisdom in how to share Christ with our students and their families.”

21 SUNDAY (Justice ministries) *Day of Justice*—On this annual Day of Justice in the CRC, pray that the church will answer the call of Isaiah 1:17 to do justice.

May the church learn to do what’s right, defend the marginalized, care and serve in the local community, and work for just systems. Lament the injustices you see, and ask God to show the church his path forward.

22 MONDAY (Chaplaincy and Care) *Veterans*—Chaplains who serve in veterans hospitals meet large numbers of men and women returning from recent war fronts with physical injuries or less obvious cognitive, emotional, spiritual, and moral injuries. Pray for our chaplains as they provide pastoral care for many who can feel alone and misunderstood. May our local churches also find ways to enfold veterans into their own communities.

23 TUESDAY (World Renew) *Global food crisis*—Globally, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization, food is about 20 percent more expensive than it was a year ago. As rising prices of staple foods continue to take a toll on the world’s most vulnerable people, we pray that, by God’s grace and the generosity of our supporters, we can continue to help families solve food security challenges in the communities where we work.

24 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) *Campus ministry*—Many university students are heading back to campus this month! Pray for Resonate partner campus ministries throughout North America as they welcome students back for a new academic year. Pray that campus ministries will provide faith communities in which students are supported, valued, and heard.

25 THURSDAY (ReFrame) *Chinese ministry*—Pray for wisdom and creativity for our Chinese ministry team as they develop a new smartphone app. The project is bigger than originally planned, so please pray also that it will be completed on time and help to reach more Chinese speakers with God's Word.

26 FRIDAY (Indigenous Family Centre) *Staff and community*—Please pray for our staff, long term and new, as summer is a busy time with children's programs and other activities. Pray for safety, joy, and new experiences for staff and children. May the physical, emotional, spiritual, and mental needs of our community be met and healed.

27 SATURDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) *New academic year*—Pray for God's strength and guidance as staff and students begin the new school year together—from traveling and moving in to orientation to ongoing classes, both residential and online.

28 SUNDAY (Resonate) *Nicaragua*—Tesoros de Dios, a Resonate partner in Nicaragua, serves children with disabilities and their families. Ministry leaders ask for prayer for these families. Many face difficult financial circumstances. Ask God for provision through better opportunities, community support, and other means.

29 MONDAY (World Renew) *Southern Africa Ministry Team*—With COVID restrictions lifted in Malawi, travel is really picking up. Pray for the safety of team members who are often on the road; pray that current food distributions in southern Malawi may go smoothly; ask God to provide for our ongoing recruitment for team positions; pray that we may work effectively with partners and communities across the region.

30 TUESDAY (ReFrame) *Burkina Faso*—Pray for Amandine, a 28-year-old listener who called to learn more after hearing one of our French radio programs. Soon after she called, both she and her sister visited ReFrame's partners in Burkina Faso and received Christ. Praise God!

31 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) *Worldwide*—Give thanks with us for several new missionaries and their families who have committed to serving with Resonate in countries throughout the world! Please pray for these individuals and families as they prepare to work in various fields.

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