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PRAYER GUIDE

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“Look to the Lord and his strength;
seek his face always.”

—1 Chronicles 16:11

1 FRIDAY (Resonate Global Mission) *Iowa*—“Pray for our summer programs and events—asking that God will use them to make new connections and continue to build on existing ones,” ask Brett and Leigh Ann Erickson, Resonate partner campus ministers at Geneva Campus Ministry, University of Iowa.

2 SATURDAY (World Renew) *Disaster Response Services*—As the hurricane and wildfire seasons intensify, ask God to protect communities vulnerable to natural disasters. Ask also that our Disaster Response Services teams may be prepared to respond with compassion and care. Pray for volunteers, local churches, and survivors as they rebuild lives and homes.

3 SUNDAY (ReFrame Ministries) *China*—Pray for Chinese pastors, theologians, and leaders who will be attending our second annual symposium in China in September to talk about the Bible and public theology. Pray that God’s Word will illuminate the path ahead and that the Chinese church globally may shine the light of Christ into the world’s darkness.

4 MONDAY (Resonate) *Central Asia*—A Resonate missionary in Central Asia has been studying the Bible with a friend to help them practice learning English. They’ve had many conversations together about what the Bible says and means. “In the Lord’s

timing, may my friend view God’s Word as more than just a helpful source for English practice,” asks our missionary.

5 TUESDAY (Thrive) *Chaplains*—In veterans care facilities, chaplains serve veterans who have injuries of all kinds—not only physical but also cognitive, emotional, spiritual, and moral injuries. Pray for our chaplains as they provide pastoral care. Pray also that our local churches may find ways to enfold veterans into their communities.

6 WEDNESDAY (World Renew) *Global food crisis*—Pray for the millions of families worldwide facing hunger due to conflict, climate change, or economic instability. Ask God to help World Renew and its partners in responding wisely with food assistance, sustainable agriculture programs, and advocacy. Pray for just policies and compassionate action from global leaders, and for crisis awareness in the media.

7 THURSDAY (Resonate) *Sierra Leone*—“Pray for the Christian Reformed Church in Sierra Leone. Thank God for the growth of this denomination, and pray for its ongoing partnership with Resonate. May godly leaders be equipped to serve the church and reach out with the gospel of Jesus,” asks Mike Van Der Dyke, our regional mission leader for West and Central Africa.

8 FRIDAY (ReFrame) *Japan*—After a time of instability and family struggles, Sho began attending church again and was encouraged to hear that even when our faith feels weak, God invites us to draw near through his Word. Sho also finds comfort and hope through our *Asa no Kotoba* (Morning Word) messages. Pray that Sho will continue to grow and be strengthened in faith.

9 SATURDAY (Diaconal Ministries Canada) *Scams*—When deacons are ordained to their office, they are charged to “be prophetic critics of the waste, injustice, and selfishness in our society, and be sensitive counselors to the victims of such evils.” Sadly people are often unwittingly pulled into scams, and seniors are particularly vulnerable. Pray for deacons as they support and educate people who have been victimized.

10 SUNDAY (Resonate) *Uganda*—Pray for the recent graduates of a Timothy Leadership Training group in a refugee camp in Uganda. May the skills they have learned bring healing, vision, and kingdom changes toward peace.

11 MONDAY (World Renew) *Education for all*—Lift up children in vulnerable communities who lack access to education and whose daily journey to school can be long and dangerous. Ask God to bless students with perseverance as they study. Pray also for success in our efforts to support schools and train teachers in places where education provides a way out of poverty.

12 TUESDAY (ReFrame) *Prayer team*—Chris, a volunteer with Kairos Prison Ministry and a member of

our prayer team, gives thanks for a one-day ministry event allowed behind prison walls, followed by a return visit in June. Twenty inmates attended the follow-up, and hearts were on fire for Jesus. Give thanks for God’s work there, and may these inmates continue growing in faith.

13 WEDNESDAY (Thrive) *Children’s ministries*—Please pray for your congregation’s children’s ministry leaders and volunteers as they give of their time to disciple the next generation and invest in their faith formation. Pray for creativity, support, energy, and encouragement.

14 THURSDAY (Intercultural Ministry) *Diverse congregations*—Maybe your church is engaged in refugee support, offering services in diverse languages, or simply striving to reflect the diversity of your local community. Whatever the case, please pray that our churches may be spaces of hospitality, and pray for the work of Intercultural Ministry supporting these churches.

15 FRIDAY (Resonate) *Michigan*—Give thanks for students who participated in the Abundant Life Ministries Youth Camp this summer. This camp is specially designed to minister with students from diaspora communities in West Michigan. Pray that seeds planted during this Bible camp will continue to grow.

16 SATURDAY (World Renew) *Dry season, Africa*—The dry season brings increased hardship to communities in southern Africa, where water scarcity affects crops, livestock, and health. Hydroelectricity has also become scarce in recent years, affecting the daily work of welders, mechanics,

tailors, and many more. Pray for rain in due season, for our work in climate-smart agriculture, and for sustenance throughout this challenging time.

17 SUNDAY (Thrive) *Thrive staff*—Please pray for guidance and wisdom for Thrive staff as they serve alongside congregations. May they meaningfully support church leaders and volunteers as they seek to cultivate deeper spiritual growth and vibrant faith communities.

18 MONDAY (ReFrame) *Burkina Faso*—Félix, a listener from southern Burkina Faso, reached out to share that he was deeply moved by our French radio broadcasts and decided to follow Christ. Give thanks for the Holy Spirit's work in Félix's life. May he find a supportive community of believers, and may his life become a testimony to the hope and grace found in Jesus.

19 TUESDAY (Resonate) *Middle East*—"Praise God with us for the opportunity to share hope, healing, and redemption with others," say our Resonate missionaries serving in the Middle East, where war and conflict affect many people and communities.

20 WEDNESDAY (World Renew) *Peacebuilding*—Pray for peace in regions where violence, political unrest, or ethnic tensions have torn communities apart. Ask God to guide our peacebuilding initiatives, trauma healing programs, and reconciliation efforts. May the Holy Spirit soften hearts and restore relationships in places longing for healing.

21 THURSDAY (Indigenous Family Centre) *Community and support*—

We give thanks for continued faithfulness in financial support through the CRC. Please pray that we can remain a safe and welcoming place for all community members, offering meaningful fellowship and effective programming. May people continue to be able to connect, share, and thrive here together.

22 FRIDAY (Cadets) *Upcoming season*—This year's Cadet theme, "Stand Firm," drawn from 1 Corinthians 16:13-14, calls both cadets and counselors to live with courage, strength, and love in all they do. Please lift up our programs in prayer as counselors mentor and guide boys to grow in Christlike living.

23 SATURDAY (Resonate) *Mexico*—Resonate missionary James Lee works with COMPA, a campus ministry in Mexico. He and his wife, Barbarita, ask for prayer "for COMPA students and alumni who are faithfully living out their commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ, even in the midst of cultural idols."

24 SUNDAY (ReFrame) *India*—This summer our Hindi ministry team was invited to lead worship and devotions at a vacation Bible school organized by the Ranchi Youth Fellowship. More than 700 children and youth participated. Give thanks for this opportunity, and pray that the truth of God's Word will root deeply in everyone's hearts and bear lasting fruit for God's kingdom.

25 MONDAY (Thrive) *Peace and hope*—Holy Lord, you are the God who calls people from every nation, people, and language into one church in all places and throughout all generations. Save people who are hurting and displaced,

O Lord; help us to share your peace with all who fear; and bring healing to our communities and countries through your church as we look forward to your return and to full life with you forever.

26 TUESDAY (World Renew) *Economic livelihoods*—Pray for families striving to break the cycle of poverty through small businesses, savings groups, and vocational training. Ask God to bless our efforts to equip individuals with the tools and opportunities they need to thrive. Pray that these initiatives will lead to dignity, stability, and flourishing communities.

27 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) *Japan*—Many young adults in Japan are drifting away from church communities, report missionaries Ken and Jeannine Lee. Please pray for God's wisdom and guidance in building relationships with young adults, and may these churches be welcoming spaces for young adults where they can grow as leaders.

28 THURSDAY (ReFrame) *Kids Corner*—Please pray for the successful completion of the Kids Corner app as we enter final development stages. May the app reach many children and families through its devotions, memory verses, games, and creative challenges to encourage spiritual growth and a lasting relationship with God.

29 FRIDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Upcoming academic year*—As we gear up for a new school year (both online and residential), orientation, travel, move-ins, and other preparations are ongoing. Pray for these transitions as we begin the new school year together.

30 SATURDAY (Thrive) *Pastors and leaders*—Take a moment to pray for the pastor(s) and ministry leaders in your congregation. May they find rest, support, and a renewed sense of calling in this upcoming ministry year.

31 SUNDAY (Communications) *New season*—As summer comes to a close, many churches, ministries, schools, and campus ministries are preparing for a new season of sharing and growing in the good news of Jesus through classes, programs, small groups, meals, and fellowship. Pray for God's presence and guidance as we seek to live and serve in his name.

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