PRAYER GUIDE  FEBRUARY 2021

He gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly.
—Acts 10:2

1  MONDAY (Resonate Global Mission)  
*Lithuania*—At LCC International University, a Resonate partner in Lithuania, all classes are being conducted online because of the COVID-19 pandemic. “Pray that students will engage with the Word of God even as courses are delivered online rather than in person,” say Resonate missionaries Chris and Steve Van Zanen.

2  TUESDAY (ReFrame Ministries—formerly Back to God Ministries International)  
*Portuguese ministry*—Quésia has grown in her understanding of the Christian faith after following ReFrame’s Portuguese television programs. Today she leads a women’s ministry through the Presbyterian Church of Brazil. Pray for her as she disciples women and serves churches in Brazil.

3  WEDNESDAY (World Renew)  
*Cambodia*—Storms and flooding recently brought significant damage across 19 provinces in Cambodia. These include three of our target provinces—Svay Rieng, Kampong Speu, and Kampong Chhnang—where more than 300,000 people are affected. We thank God that the government has worked well with development partners, NGOs, and individuals to respond quickly and to manage the situation well. Please continue to pray for all of the affected families.

4  THURSDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary)  
*Safety and flexibility*—Our spring semester began on Monday this week. We are planning on face-to-face residential classes. Please pray for everyone as we work to provide flexible (online/in-person) learning for our students, and for the health and safety of our seminary community in West Michigan and around the world.

5  FRIDAY (Resonate)  
*Africa*—Resonate missionaries ask for prayers for the Christian educators they work with in Nigeria, Uganda, and other countries throughout Africa. Many schools are struggling financially due to the COVID-19 pandemic, especially as they try to safely reopen for in-person learning. Ask God to provide for these schools. Pray for wisdom and encouragement for educators as they strive to support students and families.

6  SATURDAY (ReFrame)  
*Burkina Faso*—Ky is one of the most dedicated listeners to ReFrame’s French ministry programs. Every year she collects all the scripts from the past year’s radio messages to reread them. She says these messages nourish her faith so much that she cannot do without them. Praise God for Ky’s faithfulness! Pray that she will continue to seek understanding of God’s Word.
7 **SUNDAY** (Race Relations) *Peace*—
Praise God, who made all of us human beings in his image. Give glory to Jesus, who came to break the curse of sin and will rule in righteousness. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill us as we pray and work against the sins of racial division, mistrust, and distress around our world. Pray that we will better reflect the mind of Christ and the will of God and shine his light in a broken world.

8 **MONDAY** (World Renew) *Uganda*—
The time leading up to the Jan. 14 national elections in Uganda included violent clashes between police and supporters of the opposition presidential candidate, resulting in a number of deaths. Please pray for peace in Uganda at this time, and ask for God’s protection against the rising spread of COVID-19.

9 **TUESDAY** (Resonate) *Mexico*—
Pray for students at the Reformed Presbyterian Church Seminary in Mexico City, where Resonate missionary David Gifford serves. Ask the Holy Spirit to equip and guide these students as they study God’s Word and serve churches and communities.

10 **WEDNESDAY** (Indigenous Family Centre) *Leadership*—The Indigenous Family Centre’s executive director will be stepping down to make way for its first Christian Indigenous leader, Shannon Perez, who is Sayisi Dene and a member of the Christian Reformed Church. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for all as this leadership transfer takes place.

11 **THURSDAY** (ReFrame) *Indonesia*—
Due to COVID-19 restrictions, many of ReFrame’s listener communities in Indonesia are not able to meet. While some are able to follow ReFrame’s online programs, many do not have access to the internet. Pray for isolated Christians in Indonesia. Pray that they will find strength despite not being able to meet with fellow Christians.

12 **FRIDAY** (World Renew) *Latin America*—Looking ahead, 2021 will be a challenging year for World Renew’s Latin America Ministry Team. In three of the four countries we serve, there will be presidential elections that are likely to cause significant unrest. Please pray for peace and justice in these countries and for wisdom and safety for our country teams.

13 **SATURDAY** (Resonate) *Worldwide*—Many Resonate missionaries serve as teachers at Resonate-partner Christian schools throughout the world. Pray that these missionaries will be able to form meaningful connections with students, especially if they are teaching online because of the coronavirus pandemic.

14 **SUNDAY** (GEMS Girls Clubs) *Loved*—Use Valentine’s Day gifts to prompt prayers for our GEMS. Chocolates: May girls taste and see that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8). Flowers: May anxiety dissipate as girls consider how God cares for flowers (Matthew 6:28-29). Jewels: May girls know they are valued, treasured, and loved by God (Isaiah 62:3).

15 **MONDAY** (Resonate) *Family Day*—
As Canadians celebrate Family Day, pray for families throughout the world whose children are enrolled in Resonate partner Christian schools. COVID-19 has made education difficult for children and parents. Pray that these families will experience the peace of Christ in the midst of stress and
challenges. Pray that circumstances will not divide them but that they will draw nearer in relationship to God and one another.

16 **TUESDAY** (World Renew)

*Nigeria*—Nigeria is currently experiencing a second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. We thank God for providing grace for people adjusting to the challenges of this situation. Please pray for a solution to the pandemic in Nigeria and around the world, and pray for safety and wisdom for World Renew and partner staff as we continue in ministry.

17 **WEDNESDAY** (Worship Ministries)

*Ash Wednesday*—Savior, many worship leaders feel exhausted as each season quickly leads to the next. Give them peace to know you are present in their preparation and renew their body and spirit. On this Ash Wednesday may we be mindful that we need the Savior, that we need to recognize our sin and turn to you. Having experienced your love and forgiveness, may we live grateful lives in service to you.

18 **THURSDAY** (Resonate) *East Asia*—Pray for educators in East Asia who are persecuted because of their faith. Several teachers who participated in Educational Care trainings facilitated by Resonate have recently been arrested. Ask God to protect these teachers and the many other educators who share the gospel with students who may never have heard of Jesus.

19 **FRIDAY** (ReFrame) *Japan*—Pray for a ReFrame Japanese ministry listener who recently called and shared his concerns about the end of the world. Pray for other listeners like him who are asking big and important questions during the ongoing pandemic. Pray that they’ll continue to look to God for answers.

20 **SATURDAY** (Safe Church) *New director*—We are thankful that Dr. Amanda Benckhuysen will be stepping into the role of director for Safe Church Ministry this month. Please pray for our ministry as we come together as a new team and plan for the years ahead. May Amanda receive abundant grace and strength as she serves in this new role.

21 **SUNDAY** (Centre for Public Dialogue) *Justice and Hope Sunday*—Please pray that God would use the disruptions of this past year to remind us of our interdependence with our neighbors. Ask God to use us to help governments see the importance of caring for people who are vulnerable. Praise God with us for signs of hope already emerging in the church’s calling to seek justice and speak truth.

22 **MONDAY** (Chaplaincy and Care)

*Workplace chaplains*—Many of our chaplains work in the industrial or corporate world, serving the needs of employees who are affected by crises at work or at home and who may not have a spiritual support network. During this past year, our workplace chaplains have been limited in their ability to make connections with employees experiencing trauma and crisis. Please pray for these chaplains and the people they serve.

23 **TUESDAY** (Disability Concerns)

*Connection and community*—We pray that during this time of isolation, people will find ways to connect and build community in new and unique ways. We are thankful that our book club (*Finding Jesus in the Storm*) starting in February will offer an opportunity
for members of our community to come together and explore the depth of God’s love and compassion in their lives.

24 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) Philippines—Asian Theological Seminary, a Resonate partner in the Philippines where Resonate missionary Stan Kruis teaches, equips students to serve as pastors, youth leaders, missionaries, and other ministry leaders. Pray for the students, faculty, and staff as they equip leaders and spread the gospel.

25 THURSDAY (ReFrame) English ministry—Pray for Paul, who recently retired from pastoral ministry and shared this prayer request with our English ministry team: “Please pray that I use my time wisely. Pray for my marriage, that I give my wife the attention, the time, the interest that she deserves. Please pray for my family members who do not seem to be walking with Christ.”

26 FRIDAY (Raise Up: TLTI) New manual—As a new Timothy Leadership Training manual, Do Not Fear, is field-tested internationally, please pray for effective learning and insightful feedback. Pray that church leaders may be equipped to respond wisely and with assurance in the face of spiritual influences such as witchcraft, curses, and demonic activity, sharing the message of Jesus’ lordship and freedom from fear.

27 SATURDAY (World Renew) Disaster Response Services (DRS)—Our DRS staff recently made extended driving trips to check in with existing and potential partners across the Gulf Coast and other areas hit by hurricanes and tropical storms in the past year. The needs are extensive, but the storms received limited media coverage, so response has been minimal. Please pray for wisdom on how best to proceed with disaster response in these areas.

28 SUNDAY (Resonate) East Asia—A Resonate missionary serving as a teacher in East Asia asks for prayer for a former student who is not a believer. The student is struggling with some personal challenges, and the missionary asks for prayer that the student will “want to learn more about the One who is sovereign over his life.”

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