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PRAYER GUIDE

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He gave generously to those in need
and prayed to God regularly.

—Acts 10:2

1 TUESDAY (World Renew) *Kenya*—This past year, Kenya navigated extreme dry weather and ongoing COVID-19 challenges. We praise God that the World Renew team in Kenya was able to visit communities and partners again. Pray with us for the team's ongoing health and safety, and ask God to provide the resources needed by vulnerable Kenyan families to keep striving toward income security.

2 WEDNESDAY (Resonate Global Mission) *Relationships*—As people move throughout the world, our neighborhoods are becoming more ethnically and religiously diverse. Resonate's *Journeys into Friendship* network is a community of believers committed to sharing Christ's love with newcomers in our communities. Please ask for the Holy Spirit's wisdom and guidance in these friendships.

3 THURSDAY (ReFrame Ministries) *Latvia*—Pray for our radio partners who broadcast our Russian-language ministry programs in Latvia and into neighboring Russia. New, much higher, electricity rates are being charged in 2022, and these partners are struggling to make ends meet. Please ask the Spirit to provide wisdom and the resources needed for continued broadcasting there.

4 FRIDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Learning*—The spring semester began on January 31. Pray for our faculty and students—residential, international, Spanish-language, and distance-learning—as they begin new courses. Pray for deep, lasting learning as the Lord forms students for ministry.

5 SATURDAY (Resonate) *Campus ministry*—Pray for International Campus Ministry, a Resonate partner at Western Michigan University, as they seek to provide a welcoming community for students studying from abroad. Pray that students will continue to experience the love of Christ through this ministry.

6 SUNDAY (Race Relations) *Unity and support*—Thank God for expressions of support, prayers, and financial gifts, and give thanks for leaders who take the initiative to dismantle racism in their churches and communities. Please pray against divisiveness, asking God that we Christians may be especially humble, gentle, and patient, "bearing with one another in love" and making every effort "to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:2-3).

7 MONDAY (World Renew) *Disaster Response Services (DRS)*—North America experienced a slew of natural disasters in the past year: floods in British Columbia and Washington state, tornados

in Kentucky and neighboring states, fires in Colorado, and many other storms that devastated communities. Looking ahead, we ask the Spirit for discernment in how to respond to increasingly large and frequent storms across the continent.

8 TUESDAY (Resonate) *Spain*—Resonate missionaries Tony and Stacey Meyer lead Mountainview International Church in Spain. They ask for prayers that their church members may have opportunities to be witnesses to their families and friends. “Most are the only Christians in their families, workplaces, schools, and neighborhoods,” explain the Meyers.

9 WEDNESDAY (ReFrame) *Mali*—Our French ministry team recently began a new partnership with a radio station in Mali. Pray that this new programming will connect with radio listeners in the region and that God will work through the radio station staff to answer any questions the listeners may have.

10 THURSDAY (Disability Concerns) *Community*—In January, Disability Concerns hosted a book club to discuss Kate Bowler’s book *No Cure for Being Human (and Other Truths I Need to Hear)*, which focuses on navigating life’s challenges in hard times. We thank God for the reminders that strength lies in community and that we, the body of Christ, are designed to support and encourage one another. May we continue to look for ways to do so in our daily lives.

11 FRIDAY (World Renew) *Southern Africa Ministry Team*—COVID cases have increased rapidly in southern Africa, affecting staff and partners in the region. We praise God that many cases have been relatively mild and that staff have been able

to rest and recharge over the holidays. The team requests prayers for wisdom in the year ahead as they discern how best to aid partners in the many communities they reach.

12 SATURDAY (Resonate) *University of Michigan*—“Many of our students are at points of transition, and it is a particularly difficult time to be applying for academic programs or going into the job market. Pray for peace and trust in such an anxious space,” said Matt Ackerman, a Resonate partner campus minister at the University of Michigan.

13 SUNDAY (Office of Social Justice) *Giving thanks*—Today is the designated Sunday for giving to OSJ. Praise God with us for all that the church has learned about root causes of poverty, hunger, and oppression and how, in Jesus’ name, the church calls on people in power to improve systems and enact just policies.

14 MONDAY (Safe Church Ministry) *Survivors*—Please continue to pray for people within our community who have experienced harm. We are thankful for the strength God provides for survivors to come forward and speak the truth. Please pray with us for survivors of abuse, especially those who have been victimized by persons in our denomination, and pray for all who walk alongside them.

15 TUESDAY (ReFrame) *Japan*—A Japanese-ministry listener named Keiko attended church with her non-Christian husband on Christmas, and he expressed interest in learning more about Jesus. Now they are listening to ReFrame programs on the internet together. Praise God! Pray that

Keiko's husband and loved ones may come to faith in Jesus Christ.

16 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) *West Africa*—A Resonate missionary in West Africa asks you to pray for a Christian school that she and other believers recently started. Most of the students are from Muslim families. Pray that students and families may experience the love of Jesus and come to know him as Lord and Savior.

17 THURSDAY (World Renew) *Climate change*—Across the globe, droughts have wiped out crops, resulting in food insecurity, and floods have washed away entire villages, taking lives and destroying property. Even so, hope in Christ lifted spirits and strengthened the resolve of people who suffered loss. Please pray with us that God's most vulnerable children will come to find hope and the courage to persevere through life's hardships, knowing they are loved and cherished by God—always.

18 FRIDAY (Chaplaincy and Care) *Teaching and learning*—Several of our chaplains serve as certified supervisor-educators. Please pray for wisdom and energy as they provide spiritual care to patients and as they arrange for, teach, and supervise the training of many other chaplains and psychospiritual therapists, preparing them to serve in a variety of institutions.

19 SATURDAY (Resonate) *Worldwide*—As the coronavirus pandemic continues to ravage the world, many people are asking questions about the meaning of life and are open to the gospel. "Pray for God's wisdom and creativity as pastors and church leaders find opportunities

amid the pandemic to share the good news of Jesus," ask Resonate missionaries Ken and Jeannie Lee, who serve in Japan.

20 SUNDAY (Pastor Church Resources) *Wisdom and patience*—In some ways, congregations are like families. The experience good times, not-so-good times, laughter, tears, and sometimes significant strife. Pray for consultants who work with churches experiencing challenging situations. May God give them the wisdom they need as they offer assistance and counsel. Pray too for all of our congregations as they navigate life together.

21 MONDAY (Indigenous Family Centre) *Community health*—Please pray for community members as COVID cases increase in Winnipeg, Manitoba. May God keep everyone safe from the virus and the effects of isolation. Please pray that staff may remain physically and mentally healthy as they seek to meet the needs of the community while following health guidelines. We continue to be thankful for the steadfast support of the CRC.

22 TUESDAY (World Renew) *Haiti*—Amid the ongoing pandemic, please pray for the availability of vaccines to protect the health of the Haitian public. Also pray for the health and safety of World Renew staff and partners as they continue to work under difficult conditions to bring hope to Haiti's most vulnerable people.

23 WEDNESDAY (ReFrame) *Today*—Pray for Marianne and Julie, *Today* readers who both lost their husbands in the past year and reached out for prayers. "I thought my faith was rock solid, but this has been a challenge," said Marianne. Ask God

to comfort them, both through the devotions in *Today* and through family and friends who know Marianne and Julie.

24 THURSDAY (Resonate)
Nicaragua—Pray for the Nehemiah Center, a Resonate partner in Nicaragua, as they continue to build relationships with local churches and work to help strengthen and equip them. Ask the Holy Spirit to work powerfully through this community of churches to transform communities and bring people into a relationship with Christ.

25 FRIDAY (Worship Ministries)
Preparing—Worship leaders and pastors are constantly thinking ahead in preparation for the next season. With Lent beginning in March, pray for space and time in February to reflect on the wonderful things God has done and will do in their lives and congregations. Pray for renewed strength and energy for all who are involved in leading worship.

26 SATURDAY (Raise Up: Timothy Leadership Training)
Burundi—Pray for pastors from a variety of denominations in Burundi, East Africa, who have asked for Timothy Leadership Training. Pray also for insight and well-laid plans for Resonate staff who are visiting there to assess this request. May God's power and plans to equip and strengthen these churches bear fruit and extend farther into this area.

27 SUNDAY (ReFrame) *India*—
Pray for Pankaj, who serves with ReFrame's partners in India, ministering among people who are differently abled. He not only shares the gospel with these people but also helps with their physical needs. Ask God to work through Pankaj's efforts.

28 MONDAY (Resonate) *Ontario*—
"Pray for curiosity among students who are spiritual but not religious to explore the deeper questions of life, thought, and faith," asks Mike Wagenman, campus minister at Western University, a Resonate partner in Ontario.

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