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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 SATURDAY (World Renew) *Disaster Response Services (DRS)*—Wildfires have devastated several locations in the Los Angeles, Calif., area. Please pray for all who have been evacuated and for all of the firefighters working to contain the fires. Pray for measures and conditions that can prevent more fires from starting, not only in California but also elsewhere in the world. Ask God to be with all the DRS volunteers who offer needed assistance in crises like this one.

2 SUNDAY (Resonate Global Mission) *Japan*—Resonate missionaries Jeong and Misook Gho, who serve in Japan, give thanks for the recent baptism of Mr. Kitamura. Please pray for Mr. Kitamura as he continues to grow as a disciple of Christ, and ask the Holy Spirit to work through him as he shares his faith with family and friends.

3 MONDAY (Thrive) *Gather events*—Please pray for the series of Gather events taking place across the United States and Canada. Pray that attendees may experience a renewal of faith and an increased sense of community with other congregations.

4 TUESDAY (ReFrame Ministries) *India*—Pray for Sagar, who comes from a Hindu background, has embraced the Christian faith, and was recently

married in a Christian wedding. At his request, our partners in India conducted the ceremony. Praise God that the wedding went smoothly and that Sagar's family participated in the ceremony. Pray that Sagar's family will continue to experience God's love and that Sagar and his wife may have continued blessings in their marriage.

5 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) *Alberta*—Give thanks that Ashley and Steven have found a faith community in Bridge Church, a Resonate partner church plant in Fort Saskatchewan, Alta. Because of this community, Ashley came to faith in Christ. Ashley professed her faith, and the couple also baptized their daughter. Please pray for this family as God continues to work in and through them.

6 THURSDAY (World Renew) *Justice and equality*—Please pray for the World Renew Antiracism and Reconciliation Team as they prepare resources and plan cultural events that will foster justice, reconciliation, and healing. As our staff look forward to upcoming learning events, pray for wisdom, growth, and understanding for all who are involved with World Renew's ministry.

7 FRIDAY (Thrive) *Abuse prevention and response*—Please pray for Thrive's ongoing abuse prevention

and response work. Pray that all our churches may be healthy and safe, where abuse is unconscionable and solace and safety are offered to people who have experienced betrayal.

8 SATURDAY (ReFrame) *Japan*— Pray for Haruto, a listener who wrote to our partners in Japan expressing gratitude for the peace and encouragement he receives through our programming. Pray that Haruto may continue to grow in faith, experiencing God's love, and that God's Spirit will fill him with lasting joy and hope.

9 SUNDAY (Communications) *Ministry shares*—Praise God for the generous way in which congregations together support each other and the ministries of the Christian Reformed Church in North America. May God continue to use the church's resources to further his work in this world through congregations, campus and training ministries, media connections, outreach, and more.

10 MONDAY (Resonate) *Indonesia*— Praise God for the ways in which Educational Care, a Resonate training program, is equipping teachers and transforming classrooms. Through Educational Care training, Cici, a teacher in Indonesia, was able to work more effectively with a difficult student. He is now better behaved and has friends!

11 TUESDAY (World Renew) *Family*— World Renew works with families in more than 1,300 communities. Most of them deal with tremendous challenges, including poverty and food insecurity. Pray that they may feel God's love

for them as we and our partners walk alongside them. May the Lord equip them with what they need in order to thrive in the coming year.

12 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) *Ukraine*—It has been three years since Russia launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Give thanks for the many believers, like Pastor Pavel of Salt of the Earth Church in Estonia, who are welcoming and supporting refugees from Ukraine. Please pray that refugees may continue to experience the love of Christ through this care.

13 THURSDAY (ReFrame) *Burkina Faso*—Pray for Aïcha in Burkina Faso, West Africa, who lives in a Muslim family and is not allowed to attend church. Despite this challenge, she listens to our French ministry programs, taking notes and growing in faith through biblical teachings. Ask God to strengthen Aïcha's faith, provide her with opportunities for fellowship, and bless her with his peace and guidance.

14 FRIDAY (Justice Ministries) *Hearts Exchanged*—On this Valentine's Day please pray for Hearts Exchanged. Participants in this program are exploring how our churches can become places of belonging, especially for Indigenous people. Pray that each participant may be equipped to better exchange their heart with others, and pray for program leaders as they guide group members through the training.

15 SATURDAY (Thrive) *Disability advocates*—Disability advocates serve congregations by advocating

with and for people with disabilities and working to address barriers to full inclusion. Please pray for the advocates serving in your local area.

16 SUNDAY (Resonate) *United States*—Give thanks that Hannah, a university student in the United States, rediscovered her faith while serving with Resonate’s Cohort Middle East. Please ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance for Hannah as she continues to follow God’s call on her life and live out her faith.

17 MONDAY (Indigenous Family Centre) *Winter*—With the cold and darkness of winter, pray that the community members here will not be lonely and will be able to get around safely in the ice and snow. Pray that staff may remain safe, healthy, and protected to be able to continue the programming at the Indigenous Family Centre.

18 TUESDAY (World Renew) *Canadian Foodgrains Bank*—The Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a partnership of 15 denominations working together to end hunger, and World Renew is a founding member. Thank God for this partnership that allows donations to be multiplied through a variety of sources. Ask God to bless the expanded impact of work that World Renew can have through alliances like this one, that more families and communities may be food secure.

19 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) *California*—Chenaniah (Ken) and Merlin Perumalla have found a unique calling ministering with the Indian immigrant population in and around Livingston, Calif. Give thanks for their

ministry, Outreach IndiaUSA, and the connections God is providing for them to share the gospel.

20 THURSDAY *Today devotions*—Pray for Tammy, a Today reader who asks for healing for her husband, who has a swollen leg, and that he may be drawn closer to God. She thanks God that her husband agreed to attend the Christmas Eve service at her church. Pray that God’s healing, peace, and love will surround Tammy and her family.

21 FRIDAY (Thrive) *Pastors and ministry 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 the coming year.

22 SATURDAY (Resonate) *Michigan*—Give thanks for God’s work through Healing in Arts, an art ministry initiated by Resonate missionary Pamela Alderman, to support Laszlo, a veteran living in Michigan, when he was struggling with depression and post-traumatic stress disorder. Please pray that Laszlo will continue to find healing and hope through art.

23 SUNDAY (World Renew) *Learning journeys*—Several times each year, we offer the opportunity for individuals and church groups to take part in discovery trips. Praise God for the commitment of trip participants! May they be informed and inspired as they see God’s work in and through World Renew firsthand and learn how God is moving through global communities.

Pray for traveling mercies as participants travel overseas.

24 MONDAY (Diaconal Ministries Canada) *Deacons—God of love, you are with us in every transition and change. May we sense your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for deacons, who go into their churches and communities armed with these postures and attitudes. We thank you for their work that gives breadth and depth to the ministry of each congregation.*

25 TUESDAY (ReFrame) *English ministry—Jon, a prayer team member, asks for prayer for his 11-year-old grandson who has Down Syndrome. Pray for his growth, health, and ability to communicate. He has started speech therapy and is working on focusing in school.*

26 WEDNESDAY (Thrive) *Chaplains—Several of our chaplains serve as certified supervisor-educators in clinical pastoral education/spiritual care and psychospiritual therapy. Please pray for wisdom and energy as they provide spiritual care, teach, and supervise the training of many other chaplains and psychospiritual therapists to serve in a variety of institutions. Pray also for a chaplain who has started the process of becoming a certified supervisor-educator.*

27 THURSDAY (Resonate) *Germany—Resonate missionaries David Kromminga and Mary Buteyn give thanks that more than 200 people a week attend their two language cafes to learn German. Ask God to continue to work through these language cafes to help people form connections and relationships, and pray that participants may experience the love of Christ.*

28 FRIDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Studies—Our spring semester began on January 27. Please pray for our faculty and students—in distance learning, residential, and international programs—as they begin new courses. Pray for deep learning as God forms students for ministry.*

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