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PRAYER GUIDE

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Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. —Colossians 4:2

1 THURSDAY (World Renew) *Global Family Day*—Today we thank God for the families and communities that shape our lives with love and support. Pray for families around the world who face hardship, separation, or fear. Ask God to bring peace, unity, and healing to every home. May our work help families grow strong together and experience God's care in the year ahead.

2 FRIDAY (CRC Communications) *New year*—As we step into a new year, we enter a new season of ministry. Pray for God's continuing guidance, for his renewing Spirit to infuse the church, and for his love to fill and motivate his people as we seek and follow him.

3 SATURDAY (ReFrame Ministries) *Egypt*—Please pray for a young man named Joseph who is studying at university while also working to support his education. He asks for prayer that God will grant success in his academic, spiritual, and professional life.

4 SUNDAY (Resonate Global Mission) *California*—Please pray for Fresno Punjabi Fellowship, a Resonate partner church plant reaching out to Punjabi speakers in central California. Ask God to continue to work in and through this community as they welcome people who are beginning to learn about the gospel.

5 MONDAY (Church Renewal) *Renewal in the CRC*—Throughout the history of the church, prayer and fasting have been an

integral part of uniting together for renewed passion for God's mission. As we pray for renewal and for church planting efforts for the next decade and beyond, may the Spirit of God raise up leaders and renew us in mission.

6 TUESDAY (Thrive) *Epiphany*—*Lift our eyes, O God, and let your light shine in our hearts! Illuminate truth for us to see, guide our steps by your light, and give us courage to follow where you lead. Help us to arise, shine, and reflect your love.*

7 WEDNESDAY (ReFrame) *China*—Pray for the hundreds of thousands of people who have recently moved from mainland China to Hong Kong in search of greater freedom and opportunity. Pray that in their search they will find the One who offers true freedom and life.

8 THURSDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Students*—Pray for January term classes, for doctor of ministry students coming to campus for classes, for other students who are traveling, and especially for new students preparing to begin their studies in the spring semester. Pray also for students moving into our new seminary apartments!

9 FRIDAY (Resonate) *Japan*—Please pray that the gospel may spread in Japan. "The Japanese are the largest unreached people group in the world," share Resonate missionaries Ken and Jeannine Lee, who serve in Japan. "Pray that the gospel may

take root in the Japanese culture and no longer to be perceived as a Western or foreign religion.”

10 SATURDAY (World Renew) *Partners and resilient communities*—Pray for the people of Cambodia and for the work happening through our partners there. We thank God for the recent Discovery Tour in Cambodia, where visitors saw how kind, resilient, and hardworking the Khmer communities are. May God bless every community with safety, courage, and hope.

11 SUNDAY (ReFrame) *Prayer ministry*—Debra shared through our prayer website that she is seeking healing, restoration, and reconciliation within her family. After more than 40 years of marriage, emotional distance has taken a heavy toll. Debra asks for prayers that God will bring renewed connection, peace, and unity to her home.

12 MONDAY (Church Renewal) *Multiplication*—Pray that the Spirit raises up disciples and leaders in the local churches and in each classis. Pray that many will hear the call to ministry, whether as pastors, elders, deacons, or church planters, and respond to God’s call. “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few” (Matt. 9:37).

13 TUESDAY (Canadian Ministry) *Leadership*—Pray for Al Postma, the CRCNA’s executive director-Canada. As we enter this new year, ask God to grant him wisdom, renewed strength, and clarity. May God guide him as he serves the church and supports leaders and members across Canada.

14 WEDNESDAY (Thrive) *Chaplains*—When events like floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes affect so many people,

active and retired chaplains across North America are called to provide emergency support, critical incident debriefing, and spiritual care. Some also assist police and fire personnel in the events of car accidents, suicides, and shootings. Please pray for chaplains providing such support to people who are suffering.

15 THURSDAY (World Renew) *Health and training programs*—Please pray for the teams in Bangladesh as they work on important health programs for teens and families. Pray that recent training will help to guide good decision-making and improve care for many people. Ask God to give the teams wisdom, energy, and protection as they continue serving with compassion and commitment.

16 FRIDAY (Trinity Christian College) *Guidance*—Trinity Christian College is in its final semester before closing in May 2026. Please pray for Trinity’s students, staff, faculty, board, and supporters as they grieve this ending and thank God for the college’s faithful legacy, and as they make decisions about next steps in their lives.

17 SATURDAY (Resonate) *Nigeria*—Resonate missionaries Dami and Sarah Aderemi, who live in Lagos, Nigeria, share that many migrants are escaping conflict and looking for opportunities in the city. “Please pray that God will give us wisdom and compassion to be able to love ‘the stranger’ in our own community,” they ask.

18 SUNDAY (Thrive) *Sanctity of Human Life Sunday*—Gracious God, for the unborn we ask for your protecting hand over their fragile and hidden lives. Safeguard every child you have knitted together, and may their worth as your imagebearers be honored and upheld. Surround them with communities ready

to cherish them, advocate for them, and welcome them with joy.

19 MONDAY (Church Renewal) *Martin Luther King, Jr., Day (U.S.)*—Pray for the growing number of diverse church planters in many communities. Seventy-five percent of CRC church plants are ethnic-minority or multiethnic churches, many of which include people from countries around the world. Pray for the needs of these congregations as they reach out in their communities.

20 TUESDAY (GEMS Girls Clubs) *Relationships*—Please pray that the girls attending GEMS Girls Clubs will continue growing in their relationship with Jesus, and ask God to strengthen and equip GEMS leaders as they work with these girls.

21 WEDNESDAY (World Renew) *Tanzania*—*Lord, after recent violence hurt many families in Tanzania, we pray for peace in the country and for comfort for all who are grieving. We give thanks that our staff and their families there are safe. God, grant our team strength as they continue helping communities and sharing hope, even during this difficult time.*

22 THURSDAY (ReFrame) *India*—A woman in a church in India spent several nights in prison because she was unable to repay money borrowed from a friend. Alternatively, she gives thanks that her eldest son, who had been ill, came to faith in Christ recently. She asks for prayer for God's comfort, financial provision, and strength for her and her children in the new year ahead.

23 FRIDAY (Resonate) *Michigan*—Campus ministers at Resonate partner Campus Ministry at Grand Valley

State University ask for prayer for students who lead small groups. Pray for these leaders as they continue caring for students in their groups.

24 SATURDAY (ThereforeGo Ministries) *New year*—Please ask God to guide youth leaders and churches as they discern where to serve and how to engage students meaningfully through SERVE and our other ministry programs this year. Pray for clarity, unity, and Spirit-led decisions that open doors for young people to grow in faith, community, and compassionate service.

25 SUNDAY (World Renew) *Malawi food crisis*—Please pray for families in Malawi who are facing a serious food shortage. Because of long dry spells last year, many crops did not grow, and people are struggling to find enough to eat. Ask God to send the rain they need and to bring hope, strength, and safety to every family.

26 MONDAY (Church Renewal) *Commitment to support*—Church planting is the most effective way to reach people for Christ. Pray for congregations and classes to renew commitments to support church planting in their regions. May the Lord give us all a heart for church planting, raise up church planters, and provide resources to plant new ministries to share the gospel.

27 TUESDAY (ReFrame) *Mexico*—Please pray for David, a member of our staff who recently experienced severe back trouble. He is recovering, and we are grateful that he will likely not need surgery. Please pray that his healing continues steadily and without complications.

28 WEDNESDAY (Resonate)
Nicaragua—Our missionary Adrianna Herrera asks for prayer for the youth discipleship program led by the Nehemiah Center, a Resonate partner in Nicaragua. Nehemiah Center clubs hosted by local churches provide places for teenagers to find belonging, to learn about the gospel and practical life skills, and to enjoy games and food.

29 THURSDAY (Thrive) *Spiritual fruit*—Please pray for a spirit of love, understanding, and collaboration among members within your own congregation. Pray for hearts reflecting faithfulness, patience, kindness, and other fruits of the Spirit.

30 FRIDAY (Calvinist Cadet Corps)
Firm faith—As we live into this year's theme, "Stand Firm," from 1 Corin-

thians 16:13-14, pray that our counselors may lead with Christlike courage, strength, and love. Ask God to shape our cadets into young men who truly live for Jesus in their homes, schools, clubs, and communities. May leaders and boys stand firm in faith wherever God calls them.

31 SATURDAY (Ecumenical and Interchurch Relations)
Relationships—Our committee has formed three subcommittees to review relationships with the following church groups: the Dutch Reformed Churches (NGK), the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC), and the Reformed Church in America (RCA). Please pray for wisdom and discernment toward good and fruitful dialogue that will build up the church of Christ.



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