

Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances.

—1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

1 TUESDAY (Therefore Go Ministries) *SERVE*—Please pray for ThereforeGo Ministries and the churches in Canada and the United States that we will be working with this summer through *SERVE@Home*. Ask God to use this ministry to help churches show Christ's love to their neighbors and communities, and pray that the youth and adults in each congregation will deepen connections through shared service opportunities.

2 WEDNESDAY (ReFrame Ministries) *Groundwork*—Darrell Delaney recently became the new cohost of ReFrame's *Groundwork* audio program. Pray for him and for cohost Scott Hozzee as they unpack Scripture together. Pray that listeners will uncover new ways to live out God's Word.

3 THURSDAY (Resonate Global Mission) *British Columbia*—Ray and Angie De Lange serve as Resonate missionaries among people from a Muslim background in Vancouver, B.C. When Ray recently shared the gospel with a young married couple and an older gentleman, they all came to faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Praise God! Pray for these new believers as they grow in their relationship with Christ.

4 FRIDAY (World Renew) *India disaster response*—India's dramatic surge in COVID-19 cases has claimed many lives, threatened its health-care system, and put

vulnerable families in crisis. World Renew has mobilized a response in at least 23 communities, providing medical treatment, emergency items, vaccine shots, and essentials like food during lockdown. Please continue to pray for God's hope and provision for our brothers and sisters in India.

5 SATURDAY (Raise Up: Educational Care) *Impact*—Schools are just beginning to resume in regions of the world where Educational Care has a presence. We give thanks for testimonies of the ongoing impact of EC and teachers' implementation of what they have learned. Political instability, economic uncertainty, and disrupted school schedules have made resuming and/or beginning new sessions a challenge.

6 SUNDAY (Resonate) *Cambodia*—Resonate missionaries Navy Chann-Chhay and Ly Chhay in Cambodia give thanks for 27 people who have received Jesus as their Lord and Savior over the past few months. Please pray for these new believers as they grow as disciples of Christ. Pray also for guidance and wisdom as Navy and Ly continue to share the gospel.

7 MONDAY (World Renew) *Kenya*—In Kenya, access to clean water for sanitation and hygiene and for irrigation for agriculture have been a major focus in World Renew's programming. We praise God for all he has given these communities, and we pray that these programs may continue to bless them.

8 TUESDAY (ReFrame) *Brazil*—A woman in Brazil named Perolina shares ReFrame’s Portuguese devotional booklets with everyone she knows, including a government official and all of the residents in her apartment building. Praise God for her passion for sharing his Word.

9 WEDNESDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Students*—Pray for students as they enter into summer placements in ministry and as they work and travel. Ask God to continue shaping these students through their summer activities.

10 THURSDAY (Resonate) *Germany*—Resonate missionaries David Kromminga and Mary Buteyn planted a church with and for newcomers in Berlin, Germany. Please pray for this church as they connect with their surrounding community. “Ask God for people to respond to Jesus’ invitation in their lives,” ask David and Mary.

11 FRIDAY (Communications) *COD special meeting*—Synod 2021 has been canceled because of the pandemic and ongoing travel restrictions. This week, on June 11-12 and 15-16, the Council of Delegates will gather virtually for a special meeting to discuss and make decisions on matters that cannot wait for action by Synod 2022. Please ask God to guide their decision-making with wisdom and love as they do their work.

12 SATURDAY (Safe Church) *Webinar*—Today Safe Church will host a new webinar, “On Being Restorative Congregations in the Aftermath of COVID-19.” We pray this will encourage participants on how to move forward after a year filled with so much loss, isolation, and division. May conversations in this space encourage church

communities to come together, rebuild, and learn how to move forward together.

13 SUNDAY (Candidacy Committee) *Candidate presentation*—Today is designated Candidacy Sunday to recognize and pray for the 31 persons being presented as first-time candidates this year. Please ask God to fill their hearts with trust in his guidance, and to empower them with courage and strength to be proclaimers of the gospel and restorers of the broken communities they will work in (Isa. 61).

14 MONDAY (World Renew) *Disaster Response Services (DRS)*—Working with partners, DRS is updating technology for needs assessment to help identify and prioritize the unmet disaster-caused needs of Hurricane Sally survivors. Please pray for the many storm survivors as they navigate the road to recovery, asking that their hope will be restored and their homes and lives will be rebuilt.

15 TUESDAY (Disability Concerns) *Awareness*—Today is world Elder Abuse Awareness day. As we live through the devastation of the pandemic, reports show increases in domestic abuse and elder abuse. Please pray for senior citizens living through the pandemic, that they may flourish, free from abuse. Pray also that those struggling with mental health issues may reach out for support and be met with compassionate and understanding help.

16 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) *Sierra Leone*—Resonate missionary Istifanus Bahago gives thanks for a successful Timothy Leadership Training among the Krim people in Sierra Leone. He says that ministry there is “yielding fruits for the growth of the church.” Pray for wisdom and

encouragement for these trained leaders as they work in God's kingdom.

17 THURSDAY (ReFrame) *Today daily devotions*—Pray for Gage, a 20-year-old *Today* reader who is scheduled to be released from prison later this month. "Please pray that I get to go home," Gage shared. "I am ready to be an adult and change."

18 FRIDAY (World Renew) *Malawi*—World Renew works with the CCAP Public Health Department to lead a maternal and child health program in vulnerable villages such as Chiguwo in Malawi. Before the program began, only 12 percent of families in the village had gardens; now 72 percent of families have access to fresh vegetables. We praise God for providing for these parents and children!

19 SATURDAY (Resonate) *Middle East*—A Resonate missionary who mentors and disciples believers in the Middle East asks for prayer for wisdom and guidance in conversations and in strengthening relationships. Pray also for protection. Many of these believers come from a Muslim background, and studying the Bible and sharing their faith can be dangerous.

20 SUNDAY (Edmonton Native Healing Centre) *Providence*—This year the Edmonton Native Healing Centre is celebrating its 30th anniversary. Please pray for the continued success of this ministry. Pray for staff in their adaptation to COVID-19 restrictions, for the funding and creativity needed to continue offering programs, and for the building of reconciliation through this ministry.

21 MONDAY (Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee) *National Indigenous Peoples Day*—*Creator, Redeemer,*

and Sustainer: Thank you for the gift of this day. Help us to walk humbly into it so that we may reflect your light in this world. We pray for all of the staff and volunteers who serve in Indigenous ministries; grant them grace, mercy, and peace!

22 TUESDAY (Resonate) *Japan*—Less than one percent of Japan's population are professing Christians. Resonate missionaries Ken and Jeannie Lee in Japan ask for prayers that God may "impart grace to his people that will enable them to live out their faith in everyday life." Ask the Holy Spirit to work in and through Christians in Japan to draw many more people into a relationship with Christ.

23 WEDNESDAY (World Renew) *Refugee resettlement*—Many of today's 26 million refugees are burdened by hunger and poverty, and the COVID-19 pandemic has made difficult living conditions even harder. Please pray that God will keep these vulnerable families safe, providing food, shelter, and good health. Pray also that government officials will see the importance of allowing refugee travel.

24 THURSDAY (ReFrame) *Burkina Faso*—Pray for Matthieu in his faith journey. He recently traveled to our French ministry team in Burkina Faso to ask about the Christian faith. A former Muslim, he has been learning through our French radio programs about what it means to follow Christ.

25 FRIDAY (Faith Formation Ministries) *Relationships*—We give thanks for God's provision and opportunity to partner with the RCA's Next Generation Engagement on expanding Generation Spark, an intergenerational mentoring initiative.

Pray for intergenerational relationships that strengthen the church and lead to long-lasting enrichment in churches and their communities.

26 SATURDAY (Resonate) *Nova Scotia*—Pray for Sam K., a Resonate missionary serving in Halifax, N.S. Because of the pandemic, people were confined to their 18-story apartment complex, which has been the location of Sam’s ministry. Ask the Holy Spirit to continue working in this community, and pray that more people will come to know Jesus and grow in relationship with him.

27 SUNDAY (World Renew) *Human trafficking*—Every 30 seconds, a child is trafficked. One in seven girls is married before age 15. Over 600 million women live in regions where domestic violence is not illegal. World Renew works to help bring justice where there is inequity, training families of the dangers of child trafficking, and working with government officials to help end these systemic issues. Ask God to bring justice in these areas.

28 MONDAY (ReFrame) *Japanese ministry*—Seiryō shared that he has been reading the Bible every morning and reading our Japanese devotions in the evenings. He said that he feels closer to God because of these opportunities to go deeper with Scripture. Praise God! Pray that Seiryō will continue to discuss God’s Word with his friends and loved ones.

29 TUESDAY (Chaplaincy and Care) *Care and safety*—With ongoing COVID-19 positivity rates, our chaplains serving in long-term care, hospice, and hospitals continue to provide pastoral care in the midst of safety restrictions and great grief. Pray that they will be a light of hope for the people they serve and carve out space for their own self-care in the midst of this pandemic.

30 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) *Nicaragua*—Last fall, two category-4 hurricanes devastated parts of Nicaragua and other countries in Central America. Steve Holtrop, a Resonate missionary and regional mission leader for Central America, facilitated trauma-healing workshops to help people start to heal emotionally and spiritually from the disasters. Ask the Holy Spirit to continue to work in people’s hearts and minds.

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