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PRAYER GUIDE

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Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances.

—1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

1 SATURDAY (ReFrame Ministries) *Japan*—Pray for a man in Tokyo who says he has been accessing our Japanese ministry resources and attending church services and wants to learn how to pray. “Help me find the words to pray at various times and places each day,” he shared. Pray that he will be open to the Spirit’s guidance as he shares his thoughts with God.

2 SUNDAY (Thrive) *Worship*—Pray that every worshiping community in the CRCNA will experience Spirit-filled gospel proclamation and worship that is directed to God, is biblically based and theologically Reformed, and is characterized by creativity, discernment, spiritual vitality, the faith formation of all worshipers, and a call to serve others.

3 MONDAY (World Renew) *Midwest tornadoes*—In April/May several deadly tornadoes whipped across the U.S. Midwest, causing widespread, catastrophic damage. World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is in the early stage of assessing needs and developing a long-term response. Please pray for the families affected by these storms, asking that God will use DRS staff and volunteers as a blessing.

4 TUESDAY (Resonate Global Mission) *Lithuania*—This past spring, Resonate missionaries serving at LCC

International University in Lithuania celebrated student baptisms in the Baltic Sea! Please pray for these students who have committed their lives to Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide, encourage, and provide for them.

5 WEDNESDAY (ReFrame) *Finland*—Angela contacted our prayer ministry team and asks for prayers for her church in Finland. Pray for her church and the worldwide church today. “Pray for growth, financial protection, and helping hands. Pray for every church member, love for another, and strength to study the Bible and pray every day,” Angela writes.

6 THURSDAY (ThereforeGo Ministries) *SERVE 2024*—As summer begins, we look forward to the beginning of SERVE! Please pray for safety at all of our sites across the U.S. and Canada. This summer participants will be studying the fruit of the Spirit. Pray that their hearts will be fertile soil for the gospel and that they will grow in their relationships with the Lord.

7 FRIDAY (Resonate) *Japan and Korea*—Resonate missionaries Jeong and Misook Gho, who serve in Japan, are traveling to South Korea this month to lead two Timothy Leadership Training sessions. These trainings equip pastors and church leaders to join God on mission. “Please pray for a safe trip and

for strength and wisdom for the trainings,” ask the Ghos.

8 SATURDAY (World Renew) *Kenya*—After a time of drought, heavy rains swept through northern Nairobi, Kenya, causing widespread flooding and washing away many farmers’ crops. Pray for God’s comfort and provision for all who have lost loved ones and livelihoods. Pray also for guidance for our Kenya staff and partners as they work to share hope with people affected by this disaster.

9 SUNDAY (Thrive) *Justice—Holy Spirit, help us to remember that justice is mission work. We thank you for being the Prince of Peace who can tear down the dividing walls between nations and peoples. Lord, we ask that you replace any hostility in the world with the peace of Christ and any hate with your unconditional love. Amen.*

10 MONDAY (Resonate) *Campus ministry*—Brian Bork, Resonate’s campus ministry leader, asks you to pray for campus ministries throughout Canada and the United States that are transitioning staff, vision, or more this summer. “Pray that they might hear the voice of God as they discern the way forward, and come to know how best to serve their campuses and communities,” he asks.

11 TUESDAY (ReFrame) *Chinese ministry*—Pray for students at Wheaton University who will be viewing an art installation from our Chinese ministry team. May they learn about the spread of Christianity in China and how media ministry continues to help share the gospel in this challenging context.

12 WEDNESDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Summer*—Pray for students as they begin summer routines—placements for graduates, summer ministry sites, work, travel, and more. Ask God to keep forming students through their summer activities.

13 THURSDAY (Resonate) *Nicaragua*—Resonate missionaries Kate and Vinnie Adams in Nicaragua give thanks that their church community, International Christian Fellowship, has celebrated seven baptisms over the past few months. Give thanks for how God is working through this church community, which Vinnie helps to lead.

14 FRIDAY (Communications) *Synod 2024*—Today is the first full day of Synod 2024, the annual assembly of delegates from all CRCNA classes. The theme for worship and prayer this year is “God with Us.” As delegates, staff, and visitors begin their work together, please pray that in their interactions, conversations, and decisions they may sense God’s presence and listen for the leading of the Holy Spirit.

15 SATURDAY (Thrive) *Committees*—Please pray for the advisory committees meeting at synod today, asking that they may have clarity, grace, and Spirit-led understanding in their communication and discernment.

16 SUNDAY (World Renew) *Refugee Sunday*—Over 100 million people have been forcibly displaced worldwide due to persecution, conflict, violence, or human rights violations. We continue to serve and advocate for these vulnerable populations.

On this Refugee Sunday and beyond, please join us in praying that God will keep these families safe, providing food and shelter and good health through disaster response, refugee resettlement, and more.

17 MONDAY (Resonate) *Ecumenical relationships*—Today during synod, guests from churches around the world will be gathering together for lunch, and Korean delegates will be gathering for dinner. Give thanks for God’s global church and for opportunities to gather as believers. May these times of fellowship and Spirit-filled conversation lead to stronger partnerships and better understandings of one another and the Lord.

18 TUESDAY (Candidacy Committee) *Candidates*—We give thanks for God’s provision of leadership for the CRCNA as we celebrate our 2024 candidates for the ministry of the Word! Please join us in asking the Lord to uphold them and guide them in their next steps. Pray also for the Lord of the harvest to send many more laborers into the harvest field.

19 WEDNESDAY (ReFrame) *Grace*—As delegates continue to meet at Synod 2024, offer this prayer with us from tomorrow’s *Today* devotions, written by Portuguese-ministry leader Hernandes Dias Lopes: “*Loving God, only your grace can restore peace and bring forgiveness. Help us to work against breakdowns in our relationships. Help us to be agents of peace. For Jesus’ sake, Amen.*”

20 THURSDAY (Communications) *Synod 2024*—As synod concludes today, the future remains as it always does: unknown. Yet God’s promise

holds, that he will be Immanuel (“God with us”). Pray that as the CRCNA moves ahead into the future, we may experience God’s presence and leading amid the uncertainty ahead.

21 FRIDAY (Edmonton Native Healing Centre) *National Indigenous Peoples Day (Canada)*—*Creator, thank you for calling us to be in reconciled relationships. In Edmonton we grieve the loss of one of those relationships in the passing of Sharon Turner, a board member who suddenly passed away. Please bless her family with peace. Creator, life is fragile, and we look forward to your coming again, when there will be no more death or mourning. Hiy, Hiy, Amen.*

22 SATURDAY (Resonate) *Africa*—Resonate missionary Anthony Sytsma has been planning and leading a lot of Helping without Hurting trainings in Uganda and other countries in Africa. Please pray for guidance as he leads these trainings, and for the participants as they put into practice what they have learned.

23 SUNDAY (Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee) *Indigenous Ministry Sunday*—This year we think about the beauty of sharing food across cultures and the joy it gives as we continue a needed reconciliation journey. Please pray for continued depth, richness, and joy as the CRC leans into reconciled relationships with Indigenous peoples in Canada.

24 MONDAY (ReFrame) *Portuguese ministry*—Members of our Portuguese ministry team are planning a family conference to share new ways to incorporate the Bible into family life. Pray

that this event will help more families in Brazil access and apply Jesus' teachings on a regular basis.

25 TUESDAY (World Renew) *Clean water*—Clean water is essential to good health, but for one-third of the global population it remains out of reach. World Renew helps communities to establish safe, consistent water sources and teach proper sanitation and hygiene practices. Please pray for all who do not have access to clean water. May God purify, protect, and multiply their water sources so that their communities may thrive.

26 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) *Detroit*—Safe, dignified, and affordable housing can be tough to find in Detroit. Hased Community Church has been providing housing for two families and five individuals. The church also has two active housing rehabilitation projects and four waiting to begin. Give thanks for this church as they share the love of Christ in their city, and please pray for this work.

27 THURSDAY (Thrive) *Chaplains*—Our chaplains who serve in industrial or corporate settings help to meet the needs of employees impacted by crises at home or at work who may not have a spiritual support network. Our workplace chaplains are regularly called on to offer spiritual care to employees experiencing grief, trauma, and crisis.

Please pray for these chaplains and the people they serve.

28 FRIDAY (World Renew) *Human trafficking awareness*—Every 30 seconds, a child is trafficked. One in seven girls is married before reaching age 15. More than 600 million women live in regions of the world where domestic violence is not a crime. World Renew works to help bring justice where there is inequity, training families about the dangers of child trafficking, and working with government officials to help end these systemic issues. Ask God to bring justice into regions where injustice prevails.

29 SATURDAY (Resonate) *Haiti*—Despite the challenges Haiti is facing, particularly in the capital of Port-au-Prince, young people in other parts of the country are hard at work through Resonate partner IMPACT Clubs. Please pray for these students as they grow as disciples of Christ and leaders in their communities.

30 SUNDAY (Thrive) *Summer*—Pray for a gentle and smoothly executed transition into summer programming across congregational ministries. Pray for an excitement for what God has in store for each ministry in the summer months.

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