

Pray, lifting up holy hands. . . .

—1 Timothy 2:8

1 TUESDAY (Resonate Global Mission) *Michigan*—Pray for a new cohort of young adults who recently began serving with Cohort Detroit. “I am eager to grow my faith and love for God in this cohort and to build fellowship among everyone who is apart,” said one participant.

2 WEDNESDAY (World Renew) *Disaster Response Services (DRS)*—In late September, Fiona became the strongest hurricane to make landfall in eastern Canada after leaving widespread damage in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. Soon afterward, Hurricane Ian destroyed parts of Cuba and the southern United States from Florida to the Carolinas. World Renew DRS is busy assessing how best to share Christ’s hope with people most severely affected by these storms. Please pray for the recovery of all the affected communities.

3 THURSDAY (ReFrame Ministries) *Tanzania*—Pray for Hussein, a *Today* devotions reader in Tanzania who recently shared a request with our prayer ministry team: “I was a Muslim and became a believer in Christ. Because of persecution, I have run away to South Africa, but it seems I have taken a very bad step coming here, and things have become hard for me. Pray that I can find a safe group of Christians to live with and to help me grow in faith.”

4 FRIDAY (Pastor Church Resources) *Togetherness*—In some ways congregations are like families. There are good times, not so good times, laughter, tears, and, on occasion, significant strife. Pray for our consultants who work with churches experiencing challenging situations. May God provide the wisdom they need as they offer assistance and counsel. Pray too for all of our congregations as they navigate life together.

5 SATURDAY (Resonate) *South Korea*—Resonate missionaries Joshua and Emily are ministering among Chinese immigrants in South Korea. “One of our goals will be to reach out to the Chinese immigrants living here and not only seek to bring them into the church but also care for their lives and help provide for their needs,” they said. Please pray for this ministry.

6 SUNDAY (World Renew) *World Hunger Sunday*—This year, conflict, drought, and the effects of COVID-19 have intensified the global food crisis. World Renew has plans, systems, partners, and people in place to come alongside communities experiencing hunger. This World Hunger Sunday, as we lift our prayers to the Great Provider who can accomplish abundantly more than all we ask or imagine, we ask God to nourish, protect, and bring hope to the hungry.

7 MONDAY (Kuyper College) *New year*—Please offer prayers of gratitude and praise with us for an excellent start to the school year. Please pray also for the growing impact of Kuyper as a work college as we equip students with opportunities to learn, work, and serve in their chosen fields. Pray for successful preparations and student recruitment this year as we launch a new athletic program in Fall 2023.

8 TUESDAY (ReFrame) *India*—Pray for Vidya and Rajesh, a couple who were recently baptized in northern India. “Rajesh is addicted to alcohol, and this causes a lot of problems in their family,” shared one of our partners in India. “They are in pain, but in the past year God has been bringing them peace as they have grown in relationship with him.”

9 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) *Campus ministry*—Give thanks for student leaders at Resonate partner campus ministries. These young leaders are discipling and mentoring students and helping to organize and run events. Ask the Holy Spirit to work in and through them for kingdom transformation on their university campuses.

10 THURSDAY (World Renew) *Disaster Response Services (DRS)*—Hurricane Ian was one of the top five storms to hit Florida in the past 100 years. Many homes were left underwater from heavy rain and historic storm surge. World Renew DRS is working with partners to gather information and prepare for a long-term recovery response. Ask for God’s peace and provision for families affected by the storm.

11 FRIDAY (Communications) *Veterans Day/Remembrance Day*—Today we acknowledge the service and sacrifices of

men and women who have served our nations in a variety of ways. Pray for the families and loved ones of people who died in military service, for all who are serving now, and for all whose lives are affected by conflict and war.

12 SATURDAY (Justice ministry) *Day of Prayer*—Tomorrow is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Afghanistan is one of the most dangerous places for a Christian to live, especially since the Taliban took over the government in 2021. Ask God to strengthen Christians facing persecution there and in many other parts of the world.

13 SUNDAY (ReFrame) *China*—Pray for believers and seekers in China who are looking online for gospel materials despite government restrictions. Pray for their safety and for their ability to find answers to the questions they may have.

14 MONDAY (Resonate) *Mexico*—James and Barbarita Lee, Resonate missionaries serving in Mexico, ask for prayers for Ailed, a student who decided to lead a Bible study on her university campus. Pray for courage as she shares the gospel, and ask the Holy Spirit to draw students into this Bible study.

15 TUESDAY (Safe Church) *Awareness*—November is Family Violence Awareness month in Canada. During the pandemic, people affected by family violence experienced increased isolation and limited access to resources that could provide help. Please pray for victims who feel caught in cycles of violence and are struggling to discern how to go forward. Pray also for organizations that come alongside

these people to provide support, assistance, and education.

16 WEDNESDAY (Diaconal Ministries Canada) *Equipping*—Please pray for deacons as they lead and equip their congregations in community engagement and development, service and justice, benevolence/mercy and stewardship. May God grant them abundant wisdom (James 1:5), love for God and others (Matthew 22:37-39), and faith that God is able to work in them and through them (Hebrews 11:6, Phil. 2:13).

17 THURSDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Diversity*—About 40 percent of our students come from 23 countries outside North America. Over 30 percent of our students are women. It is a blessing to hear diverse stories of the church and of calling as we learn together. Give thanks and pray with us for the beautiful diversity of this community.

18 FRIDAY (Resonate) *Middle East*—Resonate missionaries serving in the Middle East ask for prayers for people living in poverty. “The gap between the rich and the poor grows,” say these missionaries. Pray that the church can help to meet immediate needs. Ask God for creativity and strategy in addressing cycles of poverty.

19 SATURDAY (Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee) *Unity and peace*—Help us, Father God, to follow your call to “make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” Help us to remember that “there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and

Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all” (Ephesians 4:3-6).

20 SUNDAY (Chaplaincy and Care) *Chaplain Sunday*—Please be thinking today of chaplains who dedicate their lives to being with others in times of crisis—in the hospital, nursing home, military, corrections, and the workplace. Pray that these chaplains may have the “peace that passes understanding” in order to be the presence of Christ for others.

21 MONDAY (ReFrame) *Japan*—Praise God for these encouraging words from Makoto, who listens to our Japanese audio program: “Thank you for letting me know the joy in the Lord. My friend is in the midst of a trial, and I am grateful to be able to share these encouraging words with him.”

22 TUESDAY (Resonate) *Germany*—Resonate missionaries David Kromminga and Mary Buteyn planted a church with and for newcomers in Berlin. Please pray for people in this city to seek hope and life in Jesus and to grow in him, ask David and Mary.

23 WEDNESDAY (Disability Concerns) *Book club*—We thank God for our partnership with the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship (CICW) in supporting our book of the year, *My Body Is Not a Prayer Request*, by Amy Kenny. CICW is covering the cost of up to 10 books for each congregation who hosts a book club focused on this book.

24 THURSDAY (World Renew) *Thanksgiving Day (U.S.)*—We praise and thank God for his faithfulness and mercy in our lives, and for guiding us and

allowing us opportunities to serve brothers and sisters in Christ around the world. Thank God for the generous support World Renew receives to sustain its ministries. May God bless all individuals, churches, organizations, and government agencies supporting this work in various ways.

25 FRIDAY (Cadets) *Learning and growing*—This Cadet season, our theme, “Amazing,” based on Joshua 3:5, reminds cadets and counselors to strive to be holy and recognize the many ways God blesses them. We pray that the boys will look for, find, and share about the amazing things God is doing among them as they live for Jesus.

26 SATURDAY (ReFrame) *Christmas messages*—Many of our ministry teams are providing songs, devotions, and other content for churches to use in their Christmas services. Pray for church leaders and media ministry leaders around the world as they prepare Christmas messages and times of fellowship.

27 SUNDAY (Worship) *First Sunday of Advent*—Pray for pastors and worship leaders as they enter the busy season of Advent. Ask for the Holy Spirit’s guidance in their preparation and for joy in their waiting for the celebration of Jesus’ birth. May they guide their communities to concretely see God’s hope, peace, love, and joy. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

28 MONDAY (Resonate) *Uganda*—Pray for discipleship opportunities that Resonate missionaries Josh and Mandy Shaarda facilitate in prisons in Uganda. Give thanks for the many individuals who have found grace and hope in Christ through this ministry. Pray for continued growth in this ministry.

29 TUESDAY (World Renew) *Giving Tuesday*—Today is Giving Tuesday, an international day of charitable giving. Nearly one billion people are experiencing food insecurity around the world due to conflict, climate change, and economic downturn. Please join us in asking God to bring hope to these people in need. Pray that they may gain sustainability and that assistance may be available to all who have experienced loss.

30 WEDNESDAY (Raise Up: Timothy Leadership Training) *Indonesia*—After a long delay caused by the pandemic, a group of 21 pastors from the Gereja Kristus Tuhan church in Indonesia met for five days of TLT training in September 2022 to complete their final courses. Thank God for their achievements, pray as they now train others, and pray for the 150+ TLT groups worldwide who are resuming training activities.

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