

“I will intercede with the LORD for you.”

—1 Samuel 7:5

1 WEDNESDAY (Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee) *Urban ministries*—The CRC’s three urban Indigenous ministries in Canada are located in Regina, Sask.; Winnipeg, Man.; and Edmonton, Alta. They provide numerous services for many people. In 2022 the Indigenous Christian Fellowship provided twice as many snacks as in 2021. Please pray for the staff members who run these programs, asking God to provide the resources they need.

2 THURSDAY (ReFrame Ministries) *Japan*—A man named Kenji recently contacted our Japanese ministry team to say, “Last year, I wandered in my faith many times. Thanks to your intercessory prayers and your online radio program, I was able to stay in the Christian faith. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.” Pray that Kenji will continue to grow in faith this year.

3 FRIDAY (Resonate Global Mission) *Cambodia*—Pray for Resonate missionaries Ly Chhay and Navy Chann-Chhay as they work with pastors in rural Cambodia. Ask the Holy Spirit to help strengthen these pastors and their churches, that the gospel may continue to spread.

4 SATURDAY (Safe Church) *Training*—We pray today for the organizers and presenters at the Annual Inter-Classis Safe Church Conference in Waterloo, Ont. Workshops will focus on repentance and accountability; power, trust, harm, and abuse; responding restoratively; and the use and misuse of power in the church. Pray that all who attend may continue to learn about the dynamics of abuse and how best to move forward as the church in their communities.

5 SUNDAY (World Renew) *Earthquake recovery*—We grieve with the many people in Türkiye and Syria who have lost family members, homes, and livelihoods. Pray for our team as we assist with recovery efforts in Syria, where factors such as ongoing food insecurity, a harsh winter, large numbers of displaced persons, and risks of cholera make this disaster even more catastrophic.

6 MONDAY (Disability Concerns) *Training and awareness*—We thank God for the 75 attendees at our virtual “Get in the Loop” event. Please pray that church leaders and tech people will be receptive to adding loop systems so that people with hearing aids can hear at church. Pray also that churches will make accessibility a priority as they budget.

7 TUESDAY (Resonate) *West Africa*—A Resonate missionary serving in a Muslim-majority country in West Africa recently had the opportunity to share the gospel with a group of people. Pray that the Holy Spirit will work in each person’s heart.

8 WEDNESDAY (Communications) *Annual Day of Prayer*—Join CRC congregations and members in asking for God’s blessing on the world, our nations and communities, crops and industry, and the church worldwide.

9 THURSDAY (ReFrame) *India*—ReFrame’s partners in India ask for prayers after some states in India are passing new anticonversion laws. “The central government is planning to introduce a national anticonversion law after a high-profile advocate named religious conversion by force as a threat to national security. Pray for the truth to prevail and for the Lord’s justice to be done.”

10 FRIDAY (World Renew) *Gender equity*—The 67th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women is taking place Mar. 6-17 in New York. Representatives of member states, UN entities, and nongovernment organizations from all regions of the world are invited to attend, and World Renew has a voice at the table. Pray that our team will help grow the credibility of faith-based organizations in the area of gender equity.

11 SATURDAY (Resonate) *Seattle*—Resonate partner campus ministries aren’t just for students—they support faculty and staff too! Campus ministers at Graduate Christian Fellowship at the University of Washington in Seattle share that several new faculty members are interested in joining the faculty fellowship. May this be an encouraging faith community for them.

12 SUNDAY (Raise Up: Educational Care) *Growth*—New doors are opening for partners around the globe to use Educational Care (EC). Planning for new EC programs in India and Indonesia has begun. Some Latin American contacts are also interested in introducing EC into their region. Pray that our team will have wisdom and patience in the process.

13 MONDAY (Calvin University) *Future students*—Join with Calvin University in praying for the Class of 2027! These students are currently high school seniors studying around the world, discerning God’s guidance for their next chapter of learning. We pray for a sizable incoming class made up of students from around the world who love Jesus and who long to think deeply, act justly, and live wholeheartedly as Christ’s agents of renewal in the world.

14 TUESDAY (ReFrame) *Burkina Faso*—Sanogo is one of several wives to her husband, and she has struggled because she has not been able to have children. She recently came to a church where ReFrame’s partners serve, and she says she appreciates our radio programs about families. Pray for strength for Sanogo as she continues to seek Christ in her life.

15 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) *Michigan*—A Resonate partner church planter who ministers among people

from a Muslim background received a call from a woman who professed faith in Christ a few years ago. She wants to be baptized but is facing resistance from family members. “Pray that we can work through this situation and that doors may open for her to be baptized,” asks the church planter.

16 THURSDAY (World Renew) *Southern Africa*—Heavy rains have been a blessing to some in the region while causing severe damage to others. Cholera has killed more than 1,000 people in Malawi and seems to be spreading to neighboring countries. The stock of government-distributed vaccines has run out. Pray for relief and for good weather for farmers, that their crops can grow, and for city dwellers, that flooding won’t cause sanitation concerns.

17 FRIDAY (Pastor Church Resources) *Volunteers*—Churches rely on people who freely give of their time as small group leaders, nursery attendants, greeters, elders, deacons, and more. Pray that these volunteers have the strength and energy to continue in the good work they do. Ask God to encourage new volunteers to serve in open positions.

18 SATURDAY (Resonate) *Worldwide*—Pray for Resonate volunteers serving in communities throughout the world. Pray that they will be able to form strong relationships, learn from the community and culture where they are serving, and be able to use their gifts and skills.

19 SUNDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Finishing strong*—Senior students will be taking their oral comprehensive exams this month as they prepare for graduation and ministry beyond seminary. Pray that the exams will not cause undue anxiety but will bless them in knowing how much they have learned in their studies.

20 MONDAY (Faith Formation) *Belonging*—Pray for children to experience belonging in their church communities as part of God’s big family. Pray for church leaders and congregations to welcome children to contribute to the life of the church and to become communities that nurture and encourage the faith of their youngest members.

21 TUESDAY (World Renew) *Asia*—Give thanks that one of our Asia teams completed a three-month flood recovery program, helping more than 1,000 ethnic minority families. We are hopeful that with the planting of new crops a good harvest will come. Pray for this program and many others like it that offer support for subsistence farmers across several countries in Asia.

22 WEDNESDAY (ReFrame) *China*—Pray for the population of China as they navigate challenges that can occur while ending COVID lockdowns: high rates of infection, little access to medical supplies, and overly full hospitals. Pray for opportunities for believers to share their faith and hope in the midst of this complex season.

23 THURSDAY (Resonate) *Nicaragua*—Pray for our partner IMPACT clubs in Nicaragua. These clubs provide a safe space for young people to learn about servant leadership from a biblical perspective, to form friendships, and to serve their communities. Ask the Holy Spirit to continue working through these clubs.

24 FRIDAY (Chaplaincy and Care) *Hospice care*—Our hospice chaplains assess and care for the spiritual needs of patients and their loved ones. Anticipatory grief and adjustment to reducing capacities is an ever-present reality. Often questions about God and eternity and concerns for loved ones left behind are raised. Please pray for these chaplains who walk with individuals and families in these settings while presenting the peace and love of God.

25 SATURDAY (Candidacy Committee) *Raising leaders*—We praise God for his faithfulness to draw many diverse people into ministry in the CRCNA. Ask the Spirit to fill those who are working toward candidacy with encouragement and endurance. Pray also for the many mentors and classis teams who partner in this work. May the Lord grant joy in their conversations and discernment as they counsel and guide.

26 SUNDAY (Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee) *Preparations*—*Father in heaven, we ask for your blessing on the preparations for Synod 2023. Bless the reports being written, the hearts of all who will attend, and the sending of invitations to ecumenical guests. May your name be glorified.*

27 MONDAY (Resonate) *Middle East*—Being a missionary is tough work. Following a call from the Holy Spirit, a Resonate missionary in the Middle East started a new ministry to support and care for missionaries on the field who are burned out. Ask God to work through this ministry to renew these leaders for their work.

28 TUESDAY (ReFrame) *Today devotions*—Pray for Molly, a *Today* reader who recently was released from prison and is asking for prayers for strength; she lost her husband while in prison and is also a recovering addict.

29 WEDNESDAY (World Renew) *Partnerships*—Our ministry teams around the world work closely with local churches and nongovernment organizations to implement trainings, projects, and programs. Pray for wisdom and accountability to nurture continued trust with each partner organization. Pray for equity and inclusion, that World Renew may be a constant seeker of justice in its work in communities.

30 THURSDAY (Diversity) *Togetherness*—Pray for the “One Family” conversation in which the Council of Delegates seeks to encourage the gifts and voices of ethnic minority leaders in their classes across Canada and the United States. May these leaders find a sense of belonging and appreciation as the Christian Reformed Church grows through their efforts of evangelism and discipleship.

31 FRIDAY (Resonate) *South Korea*—Emily, a Resonate missionary in South Korea, has been leading English classes for children. “We have had the opportunity to introduce some of these children to the gospel for the first time because their parents want them exposed to English,” said Emily. Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue drawing these children into a relationship with Jesus.

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