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PRAYER GUIDE

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"I will intercede with the LORD for you."

—1 Samuel 7:5

1 SUNDAY (Thrive) *Hospice chaplains*—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 in this care. Please pray for chaplains who walk with individuals and families in these settings while offering the peace and love of God.

2 MONDAY (Church Renewal) *Multiplication of disciples and leaders*—Ask God to open doors and provide opportunities for the training of disciples and leaders in all of the CRC's 49 classes. Pray too that partnerships with the CRC's denominational ministries (Thrive, Resonate, Calvin Theological Seminary) will develop and grow as we strive together toward this goal.

3 TUESDAY (World Renew) *Africa*—Many families have been uprooted by conflict and extremist violence throughout Africa. Please ask God to provide food, shelter, and safety as people resettle; peace across the region; and good weather for bountiful harvests. Pray also that World Renew and local partners will have new opportunities to share Christ's hope with communities facing hunger and fear.

4 WEDNESDAY (Resonate Global Mission) *Central America*—Please pray for your missionaries in Central America as they gather for a spiritual retreat in Guatemala. May God use this time to encourage them and teach them. May they learn from one another and be able to return to their work with fresh energy for mission.

5 THURSDAY (ReFrame Ministries) *India*—Our Hindi ministry team recently gathered for a staff retreat to reflect, pray, and plan for the year ahead. They have listened for God's direction and are energized to move forward. Pray that the Lord will bless their plans, strengthen their unity, and bring fruit from the work they've committed to him.

6 FRIDAY (Calvin University) *Milestone*—Praise God with us for his faithfulness to Calvin for 150 years! Please pray for the celebration events we are hosting around the world, especially where alumni work and serve in places that have few Christians. A celebration worship service is planned for Palm Sunday evening, Mar. 29, in which musicians, readers, and worshipers across the globe will join in praise and thanksgiving.

7 SATURDAY (Intercultural Ministries) *Getting together*—Praise God with us that the West Intercultural Cohort could meet at the beginning of February in British Columbia. Please pray for the cohort participants as they continue to learn and grow together.

8 SUNDAY (World Renew) *International Women's Day*—Pray that women and girls in communities where we

serve are safe, valued, and able to use their gifts. May churches and partners champion women's leadership, economic opportunity, and protection from violence; and may programs for trauma healing and gender justice reflect God's heart for dignity and restored relationships.

9 MONDAY (Church Renewal) *Church planting in diaspora communities*—Pray for strength and support for our many ethnic-minority and multiethnic churches throughout Canada and the U.S. as they minister in their local communities. May their unity in Christ bind them together, and may the church embody the Revelation 7:9 vision of believers "from every nation . . . and language" praising God and serving together.

10 TUESDAY (Thrive) *Worship*—Please pray for your congregation's worship leaders and planners. Lent is an exceptionally busy time of preparing for Easter. May God fill them with energy, give them joy in their work, and provide ample times of rest.

11 WEDNESDAY (Communications) *Annual Day of Prayer*—In the CRCNA the second Wednesday in March is designated as the Annual Day of Prayer. All CRC congregations are requested to take time to request God's blessings for the world, our nations and communities, crops and industry, and the church worldwide.

12 THURSDAY (Resonate) *Nicaragua*—Give thanks for God's work in Dani and Karen's life—they have experienced the hope of the gospel through a financial stewardship course facilitated by your missionary Steve Holtrop and your partners at the Nehemiah Center in Nicaragua. Now they are living out their faith by teaching this course to others in their community.

13 FRIDAY (ReFrame) *Arabic ministry*—Please pray for Sudanese pastors who are reaching out to our Arabic ministry for resources to use in their work. Ask God to encourage and strengthen them, to equip them with wisdom and clarity, and to guide them as they lead others toward Christ. May these resources support their ministry and help to build up the church in places where faithful leadership is deeply needed.

14 SATURDAY (World Renew) *International Disaster Response*—Pray for our international disaster response work in fragile contexts. In Afghanistan, families affected by the August 2025 earthquake still need support to rebuild homes and livelihoods; ask God for protection and provision. In Bangladesh people are still facing food insecurity, economic distress, and environmental challenges amid a wider humanitarian crisis; pray that emergency aid and long-term solutions will reach people at risk.

15 SUNDAY (Thrive) *Flourishing*—We praise God for the work he is doing among CRC congregations. Please continue to pray for Thrive as we journey alongside congregations to discern the Spirit's call and take practical steps toward renewal and flourishing.

16 MONDAY (Church Renewal) *Church plants*—Ask that congregations and classes may receive a vision of the Holy Spirit doing a new thing among them. Pray for renewed commitments from congregations and classes to support church planting in their areas, providing leadership, finances, prayers, and encouragement.

17 TUESDAY (Resonate) *Montreal*—Your partners at Mission Montreal ask for your prayers for a new cohort of young adults who will join in this ministry this spring. Ask that through this experience God may equip and show them what it means to be a community in mission.

18 WEDNESDAY (Candidacy Committee) *Focus and perseverance*—Pray for seminary students and candidates working toward the end of another academic year. May this year's candidates finish well in their studies, clearly discern God's guidance for next steps, and represent themselves well in the final elements of the candidacy process.

19 THURSDAY (ReFrame) *Today devotions*—Jason asks for prayer as he awaits his next parole decision and longs to go home. Please pray for peace as he waits, for favor in the process, and for his relationship with God to continue as he grows in faith, obedience, and hope through the Lord's guidance and presence.

20 FRIDAY (Thrive) *Refugees*—Please pray for refugees and displaced people worldwide, that they may find safety and peace. Pray also for host nations that have openly received thousands of refugees; may God give them compassion and logistical wisdom in caring for vulnerable individuals and families.

21 SATURDAY (Resonate) *Mission renewal*—Resonate director Kevin DeRaaf asks for prayer that the Holy Spirit will spark a vibrant passion for mission in all CRC members and churches—so that with God's leadership we may work together to grow our capacity for local mission, global mission, and church planting.

22 SUNDAY (World Renew) *World Water Day*—Pray for families who lack safe, reliable water—especially young children in their first 1,000 days. Ask that our clean-water, sanitation, hygiene, and climate-smart agriculture programs may help communities conserve water, grow food, and stay healthy, and that local leaders and volunteers may have strength and wisdom as they care for neighbors.

23 MONDAY (Church Renewal) *Life cycles*—Pray for congregations discerning and seeking God's leading for their future. May the Spirit's direction be clear, and may these churches follow in faith for the development of new ministries and partnerships, ministry closings, or whatever else the Lord has in store.

24 TUESDAY (Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee) *Global church—Father God, thank you for the work we can do to keep in contact with churches around the world, sharing each other's burdens and concerns. Help us to stay anchored in your Word in dealing with current issues. Grant us wisdom and a humble heart as we seek to encourage and to receive encouragement from brothers and sisters worldwide.*

25 WEDNESDAY (Thrive) *Volunteers*—Praise God for the faithful ministry of volunteers committed to equipping their local congregations to be safe and accessible worshipping communities.

26 THURSDAY (World Renew) *Children in crisis*—Pray for children and youth in Syria who have experienced fear, loss, and instability. Ask God to protect them from harm and to provide safe places where they can learn, play, and begin to heal. Pray for caregivers, teachers, and local partners as they support children's well-being with patience and compassion.

27 FRIDAY (Resonate) *Trips and connections*—Please pray for all volunteers undertaking an upcoming service or learning trip. Ask God to bless their work and relationships with the people they are serving alongside. May they also be able to put what they learn into practice when they return to their own churches and communities!

28 SATURDAY (ReFrame) *Prayer ministry online*—Mario asks for prayer for his father, Juan, who is not yet a believer and has experienced two serious health crises. Please pray for healing and strength, asking that Juan may come to know Christ and experience the hope and peace found in him.

29 SUNDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Exams*—Senior students will be taking their oral comprehensive exams this month as they prepare for graduation and ministry beyond seminary. Pray that they may be free of anxiety and may experience blessing in knowing how much they have learned in their studies.

30 MONDAY (Church Renewal) *Renewed engagement in mission*—Often it is easy to just keep doing what we have been doing in our churches. Ask God to bring new opportunities to congregations to participate in ministry. Pray also that churches may step into those opportunities with a boldness for the gospel.

31 TUESDAY (Thrive) *Belonging*—Creator God, you form each person in your image and call us to full belonging in your body. Bless efforts that remove barriers and open doors. Teach us to listen, include, and celebrate the gifts of all your people. May our communities reflect your wholeness and grace.

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