

Jesus . . . [showed] them that they should always pray and not give up.

—Luke 18:1

1 SUNDAY (Diaconal Ministries Canada) *NewGround Sunday*—NewGround (formerly Operation Manna) helps churches love their community! Please pray for our expanded program, which includes a youth justice initiative and deacon scholarships. Ask God to multiply the offerings collected for NewGround today so that even more churches across Canada can be a healing presence and a doorway of hope in their local communities.

2 MONDAY (Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee) *Reconciliation*—Participants in the 2021-22 season of Hearts Exchanged are wrapping up the reconciliation stage of their learning this month. Hearts Exchanged is a reconciliation learning and action journey. Please pray for participants as they consider how best to use their learning in their local churches in further dialogue and action.

3 TUESDAY (World Renew) *Leadership*—Delegates at World Renew’s annual board meeting in April celebrated many things, including ministry impact, strong fundraising results, the chance to be together after two years of virtual meetings, the new U.S. headquarters, and the 60th anniversary of World Renew! Praise God with us for this time of business, worship, relationship building, learning, strategic planning, and celebration.

4 WEDNESDAY (Resonate Global Mission) *Europe*—Many Resonate missionaries serving throughout Europe are caring for refugees fleeing Ukraine. Ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance in this work. Pray for safety, protection, and provision for people who have been displaced from their homes.

5 THURSDAY (Communications) *National Day of Prayer (U.S.)*—Join Christians across the United States in praying for the nation and the world. May God’s will and wisdom guide leaders at all levels for the good of all communities and families.

6 FRIDAY (ReFrame Ministries) *Russia*—ReFrame’s Russian ministry partners are publishing a new Christian devotional guide in partnership with a large church in Russia. Pray that the new devotions will be able to be distributed as planned and will encourage the 3,000 readers of the magazine in which they will be published.

7 SATURDAY (Disability Concerns) *Children and youth*—May 7 in Canada is Child and Youth Mental Health Day. As we have learned from navigating the pandemic, the mental health of the next generation has been greatly affected. Please join us in praying for the mental health of children and youth and for those who provide mental health care.

8 SUNDAY (World Renew) *Mother’s Day*—Around the world, women are often denied basic human rights and opportunities. Genesis 1:26–27 teaches that men and women are created equally in the image of God. World Renew sees women

as capable and strong, resilient and essential to God’s plan to restore creation. Please join us in praying for women’s rights worldwide so that they can make positive changes for their families and communities.

9 MONDAY (Resonate) *Michigan*—Please pray for student interns and leaders of the campus ministry at Grand Valley State University, a Resonate partner in Michigan. These students are passionately following Christ and discipling other students on campus.

10 TUESDAY (Raise Up: Timothy Leadership Training) *Learning*—Please continue to pray that Timothy Leadership Training may support local pastors and leaders in difficult areas worldwide. Pray for leaders’ wise use of training materials, deep encouragement, and joy in spite of suffering. May God be exalted through these training events and materials.

11 WEDNESDAY (ReFrame) *Japan*—Yamato has been listening to our Japanese programs about prayer, and he recently shared, “Thank you for your great broadcast. I want to change from a self-centered way of life to a God-centered way of life through prayer.” Pray that Yamato will continue to practice praying and grow in his faith.

12 THURSDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Graduates*—More than 60 students will be graduating this month. Rejoice with our graduates and their families and the churches and others who have supported them. Pray for them as they transition to ministry positions, further studies, or other places where God may lead them.

13 FRIDAY (Resonate) *Philippines*—Resonate missionaries Charles and Hensel Oh in the Philippines are building relationships with children in their neighborhood. Ask the Holy Spirit to work through these relationships to bring these children and their families into a relationship with Christ.

14 SATURDAY (World Renew) *Southern Africa*—In Zambia, we are assisting partner organization RCZ Diaconia Response in planning a large new phase of work to help the communities we serve. Please pray that this work in community engagement and planning develops plans in line with the communities’ needs, and give thanks for God’s continued blessings on our staff, partners, and participants.

15 SUNDAY (Safe Church Ministry) *Families*—Today is International Day of Families. Please pray for Safe Church Ministry as we work with congregations to help create safe communities that can respond with compassion and walk with families facing domestic abuse, empowering persons who have been victimized to take steps toward safety. May churches

be safe spaces where vulnerable members of each family may worship without fear or concern.

16 MONDAY (Resonate) *Michigan*—Give thanks for the many individuals and families who have found a church home at City Hope GR, a Resonate church plant partner in Michigan. City Hope is a church where people of all abilities can worship, serve, and grow together. Pray that more churches will also work toward becoming accessible for people with disabilities.

17 TUESDAY (Pastor Church Resources) *Synod*—Many churches will be sending delegates to Synod 2022 in just a few weeks. Pray that they may be open to the Spirit's leading, engage in thoughtful conversations, respect and honor each other, and have the strength and energy needed for a very full week. Pray also for pastors and church leaders as they continue in ministry after significant decisions have been made at synod.

18 WEDNESDAY (World Renew) *West Africa*—Our West Africa Ministry Team celebrated International Women's Day with a presentation on trauma healing work for survivors of gender-based violence and a solidarity walk. As a result, the local executive chairman pledged his and the local government's support to ending discrimination against women and girls. Though insecurity and poverty persist, we praise God for supportive, positive impacts on people's lives.

19 THURSDAY (Resonate) *Dominican Republic*—Resonate missionaries Steve and Sandra Brauning ask you to pray for ongoing church planting in the Dominican Republic. Please ask God to provide resources and raise up leaders.

20 FRIDAY (Calvinist Cadet Corps) *Trust*—We pray that our theme "God's in Control," based on Joshua 1:9, continues to remind cadets and counselors that God is always with them through good times and bad times. Please pray that Calvinist Cadets will effectively help boys and men be strong and courageous as they live for Jesus.

21 SATURDAY (Resonate) *Central Asia*—A Resonate missionary serving in Central Asia works with men at a rehabilitation center. He teaches them about the gospel and disciples them. Please pray that these men, wherever they are in their faith journey, will continue to learn more about Jesus.

22 SUNDAY (ReFrame) *Indonesia*—Pray that ReFrame's Indonesian ministry partners will continue to reach more people like Eny with their devotional materials. Eny watches *Kata-kata Wasiat* ("Testament Words"), a short video program that accompanies a monthly devotional booklet. "Thank you for your words and reflections," Eny shared. "You are strengthening my soul."

23 MONDAY (Faith Formation Ministries) *Building relationships*—Along with our partners in the RCA's Next Generation Engagement, we give thanks for the church communities investing in intergenerational relationships through the Generation Spark process. Pray that churches may continue to grow in strengthening intergenerational relationships that lead to thriving congregations and communities.

24 TUESDAY (Resonate) *Mexico*—Pray for people who are studying the Bible with Resonate missionaries Abe and Elaine Lee in Mexico. Ask the Holy Spirit to help participants grow closer in relationship with Christ. Pray that they may also share the gospel with family, friends, and neighbors.

25 WEDNESDAY (Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations) *Unity*—Pray that, through ecumenical relationships and dialogue, Christ's followers in diverse denominations will be drawn closer together and more nearly fulfill his prayer: "May [all who believe in me] be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (John 17:21).

26 THURSDAY (ReFrame) *Ascension Day*—Today, on Ascension Day, we begin a season of longing for Jesus' return and of preparation in the meantime. Pray that God's people around the world will continue forward with the Great Commission, serving as Jesus' witnesses "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

27 FRIDAY (World Renew) *East Africa*—Please pray for the programming in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda as our East Africa ministry team manages large institutional grants. Please pray that more institutions may be inspired to support World Renew programming in communities facing extreme drought, food insecurity, and poverty in this region.

28 SATURDAY (Redeemer University) *Graduation*—Pray ask God to continue to lead graduating students as they start the next stage of their life journey, to guide Redeemer in shaping students in the Reformed Christian worldview, and to provide Redeemer with the right faculty and staff needed for open positions in the year ahead.

29 SUNDAY (ReFrame) *North America*—Pray for Michelle, who recently shared a request with our prayer ministry team: "I suffer from mental illness and trust issues, and it's destroying my marriage. I want to be delivered from my negative thoughts and mistrust, and for God to give me his peace."

30 MONDAY (Chaplaincy and Care Ministry) *Memorial Day (U.S.)*—On this day we remember all service people who gave up their lives while serving their country. We remember lives that ended too soon. We pray too for friends and family who grieve the loss of those lives, often feeling abandoned and unknown in their grief. We continue to live in the hope that one day all wars will cease at the coming of Jesus Christ.

31 TUESDAY (ReFrame) *Burkina Faso*—Khadidjatou is a young woman from Burkina Faso's capital city who listens to ReFrame's radio programs. She recently connected with our staff, sharing that the programs are very helpful to her. Pray for healing for Khadidjatou as she suffers from a chronic disease and has had to drop out of school because of her health concerns.

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