

I will pray with my spirit,
but I will also pray with my understanding.

—1 Corinthians 14:15

1 THURSDAY (Dordt University) *New year*—Pray for students, faculty, and staff as we begin a new academic year. Pray for faithful learning and scholarship and for God’s continued guidance for the university and its alumni.

2 FRIDAY (World Renew) *Disaster Response Services (DRS)*—Flash flooding devastated eastern Kentucky in July, killing more than 37 people and severely damaging buildings and homes. DRS is developing plans for a long-term response toward rebuilding homes and restoring livelihoods. Please pray for all who are experiencing crisis and the loss of loved ones and property.

3 SATURDAY (Resonate Global Mission) *Eastern Europe*—Several Resonate missionaries serve with LCC International University in Lithuania. The university has opened 100 extra placements for students from Ukraine. Nearly half of the university’s students are from war-torn countries. “Pray that faculty and staff will be able to minister well to these students,” said missionary Chris Van Zanen.

4 SUNDAY (ReFrame Ministries) *Today devotions*—Josephine, a *Today* reader, recently started a new job, and she asks for prayers as she begins this new chapter in her life while grieving the loss of her only son last November. “I’m struggling with depression and anxiety,” she wrote. “The pain is so bad that my heart physically aches, and the pain literally takes my breath away.”

5 MONDAY (Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations) *Shared hope*—Pray for unity among Christians in every denomination as we work together in God’s kingdom and share one hope in Jesus as our Savior and Lord.

6 TUESDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) *New academic year*—As we start a new year, we rejoice in the enrollment of new students from North America and around the world. Pray with us for the transitions of new and returning students as they apply themselves to learning in the year ahead.

7 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) *Cambodia*—Resonate missionaries Navy and Ly work with churches and pastors in Cambodia. They ask for prayers for “God’s direction for the local church to carry out their ministry in their area and beyond.”

8 THURSDAY (World Renew) *West Africa*—Senegal’s elections this past month were peaceful, and the president’s political party no longer holds the majority in parliament. Please continue to pray for peace and stability for the many areas experiencing violence and insecurity across West Africa.

9 FRIDAY (ReFrame) *India*—Pray for people who feel too overwhelmed and busy to set aside time for God. Brijesh, a man in India, had felt that way before watching *Jeevan Vriksh* (“Tree of Life”) devotions, praise songs, and other biblical resources provided by our Hindi ministry team. Pray that Brijesh and others like him will continue to seek God despite the overwhelming busyness in their lives.

10 SATURDAY (Pastor Church Resources) *Church leadership*—Approximately 10 percent of CRC churches are without a pastor. These vacancies can bring a number of opportunities and/or challenges. Ask God to guide vacant churches and their councils as they seek what’s next in their journey. May it be a time of discernment, reflection, and hope.

11 SUNDAY (Resonate) *Mission Emphasis Week*—This week, many CRC congregations set aside time to celebrate mission. Ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance as Resonate and congregations work together to spread the gospel throughout the world and in local neighborhoods.

12 MONDAY (ThereforeGo Ministries) *SERVE 2023*—As the new ministry year begins, we look forward to SERVE 2023 and collaborating with our host sites. We covet your prayers as we ask churches to prayerfully consider if SERVE will be a right fit for them next summer. May the Lord give wisdom and discernment!

13 TUESDAY (World Renew) *Tanzania*—We praise God for his guidance in the process to hire a new country director in Tanzania. In May we welcomed Frederick Urembo to the team. Please pray for him as he adjusts to his new position, asking that he and World Renew may be a blessing to each other. Praise God for his faithfulness!

14 WEDNESDAY (ReFrame) *Brazil*—Elaine listens to our Portuguese ministry programs in Brazil. She recently shared, “My baby, Nicolas, was hospitalized since he was born last May with severe heart disease, and yesterday he passed away. Dear pastor, your preaching and the Word of God have sustained us. Please pray for us.”

15 THURSDAY (Resonate) *Toronto*—Campus ministers of the LOGOS Christian Community at York University, Toronto, share that because of pandemic restrictions they haven’t been able to be present very often on campus. This year they hope to be able to meet more with students in person. Please pray for them as they connect with students and build relationships.

16 FRIDAY (Raise Up: Educational Care) *Funding*—Educational Care has new partnership opportunities that will require us to hire a part-time program manager. We ask God to supply \$10,000 so that we can begin the recruiting process.

17 SATURDAY (Disability Concerns) *Serving well*—This past year has been incredibly challenging for many of us with physical and mental-health challenges. There are many gaps in services, and isolation can be devastating. As schools and churches start to reopen, we pray for wisdom to see that our most vulnerable are considered and cared for as communities navigate this unusual time.

18 SUNDAY (Resonate) *Mission Emphasis Week*—God’s heart for the world and all its people is greater than we can imagine. As Mission Emphasis Week comes to a close, please pray for a reenergized vision and passion for mission. Pray for our congregations, missionaries, church planters, and campus ministers as we work together to share Christ’s love throughout the world and in our neighborhoods.

19 MONDAY (GEMS Girls’ Clubs) *Connections*—Mentoring matters. Pray that every GEMS Girls’ Club may have an unwavering commitment to help bring girls into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. Please pray that every girl knows she belongs and is loved by God, her leaders, and the girls at her club.

20 TUESDAY (ReFrame) *Japan*—Pray for people who don’t have regular access to God’s Word because they live in remote areas. A radio listener in Japan recently shared that he moved and can no longer access the ReFrame program he has listened to for years. Still, he’s been reading our devotions and is thankful for that. Pray that he might soon be able to access the program again.

21 WEDNESDAY (World Renew) *International Day of Peace*—Every year on or around September 21 nations around the globe dedicate a day to strengthening the ideals of peace, toward building societies in which all people can flourish and be treated equally. Please pray with us as we work toward a world free of racism and discrimination.

22 THURSDAY (Chaplaincy and Care) *Chaplains training*—On Sept. 22-24 in Grand Rapids, Mich., we are hosting in person our annual conference for CRC chaplains from around the globe. Our theme is “Returning. Rebuilding. Restoring,” and our speaker is Dr. Danjuma Gibson of Calvin Theological Seminary. Pray for our chaplains as they collaborate with peers, find spiritual renewal, and hone skills to implement best practices for ministering in “moments that matter” in our communities.

23 FRIDAY (Resonate) *Nebraska*—Pray for F Street Neighborhood Church, a Resonate partner church plant in Lincoln, Neb. Ask the Holy Spirit to continue working through this community to transform lives and the surrounding neighborhood.

24 SATURDAY (Candidacy Committee) *Candidates*—Please join us in praying from Col. 1:9-11 for all those pursuing candidacy: “We continually ask God to fill you with

the knowledge of his will . . . so that you may live a life . . . of . . . bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened . . . so that you may have great endurance and patience. . . .”

25 SUNDAY (Safe Church Ministry) *Abuse Awareness Sunday*—Please pray for ministry leaders, councils, and churches as they work to determine the best ways to prevent abuse in the church and how to respond to situations of abuse when they are reported. Pray that those who have been abused may feel God with them and feel supported by their church community.

26 MONDAY (Communications) *All Nations Heritage Week*—This week we celebrate the diversity of people and stories that make up the Christian Reformed Church, looking forward to the reality of the “great multitude . . . from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb” (Rev. 7:9). Pray for a spirit of unity and joy as we learn, reflect, and anticipate together.

27 TUESDAY (World Renew) *Cambodia*—Please pray for the people of Cambodia. Inflation is high, and the government needs to find extra funding to support poor and vulnerable families during this difficult time. Pray also for peace and stability in Asia, considering the conflict in Myanmar, the tension between China and Taiwan, and uncertainty in the south China region.

28 WEDNESDAY (ReFrame) *Indonesia*—A young man named Vanno recently joined one of ReFrame’s listener communities in Indonesia. “At first I felt doubtful,” Vanno shared, “but I found new friends who filled their time with things that were beneficial for building spiritual life.” Pray that the young people in this community may grow to know and love God to live a life that reflects God’s love.

29 THURSDAY (Resonate) *West Africa*—Give thanks for God’s work in the Teacher’s Garden, a resource center for Christian education in West Africa begun by Resonate missionaries Sosthene and Kara Maletoungou. Lydia recently became a Christian through this resource center! Ask God to continue working through this ministry.

30 FRIDAY (Justice ministries) *Healing*—Today is the annual National Day of Truth and Reconciliation in Canada. Please pray for Indigenous peoples burdened by intergenerational trauma, and for the church as it seeks to live out a better way forward. Pray also for participants in the intentional learning journey of *Hearts Exchanged*.

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