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PRAYER GUIDE DECEMBER 2024

“Lord, teach us to pray.”

—Luke 11:1

1 SUNDAY (Resonate Global Mission) *Advent begins*—As we enter this season of Advent, let us give thanks that Jesus came to live incarnationally among us. Please pray for Resonate missionaries, church planters, and campus ministers who aim to live incarnationally in the communities they serve throughout the world. Ask God to guide them as they share the good news of Jesus, our Prince of Peace.

2 MONDAY (Thrive) *Advent*—Please pray for your congregation’s worship leaders and planners. Advent is an exceptionally busy time of preparing to celebrate Christmas in worship. May God fill these leaders and planners with energy, joy in their work, and plenty of rest.

3 TUESDAY (Communications) *Giving Tuesday*—Please pray for the financial health of the CRCNA’s denominational ministries that help to support local churches in their work of ministry. May the funds raised on this day help the church to be a light across North America.

4 WEDNESDAY (ReFrame Ministries) *Japan*—Pray for Yuki, who reached out to ReFrame’s partners in Japan to share that he recently began praying again and entrusting his life to God.

Yuki asks for prayers for peace of mind, strength, and daily joy in God’s presence. Pray that Yuki feels God’s guidance each day, growing in faith and confidence.

5 THURSDAY (Resonate) *Mexico*—As a nurse serving in end-of-life care in Mexico, Resonate missionary Barbarita Lee has a lot of opportunities to share the light of Christ with her patients. Please pray for the Holy Spirit’s wisdom and guidance in her gentle work caring for patients who are terminally ill.

6 FRIDAY (World Renew) *Mozambique*—People in Mozambique have experienced chaos and unrest following the country’s presidential election in October. Please pray for stability and lasting peace in Mozambique as the country grapples with this crisis. Ask God with us for protection for our staff and partners in Mozambique as well as in other areas experiencing violence and conflict.

7 SATURDAY (ThereforeGo Ministries) *SERVE*—Give thanks with us for all that God is doing in students’ lives through SERVE. We praise him for all who have already registered for SERVE 2025 as well as for those yet to sign up. May the Lord prepare their hearts and minds to engage with our theme for the summer: “Broken and Beautiful.”

8 SUNDAY (Thrive) *Chaplains*—
Several of our chaplains work in care centers for people with various disabilities. This work requires chaplains to be creative and compassionate as they care for residents with unique needs and gifts. Please pray for chaplains who walk with individuals and families in these settings while seeking to provide them with the peace and love of God.

9 MONDAY (Resonate) *Arizona*—
Pray for Justin as he discerns a call to church planting and participating in a church-planting residency through Resonate and Mission Church in Arizona. May he gain hands-on experience in leading a church plant while learning about Reformed theology and missiology.

10 TUESDAY (ReFrame) *Burkina Faso*—Pray for Pastor Jean and Ernest, friends of our ministry partners in Burkina Faso. Ask the Lord to provide guidance and strength. Please pray for healing and spiritual protection for these two French Ministry radio listeners.

11 WEDNESDAY (Dordt University) *Students*—Please pray for students as they head into exams this week, that their stress may be limited and they may be able accurately to reflect what they have learned. Pray also that students, faculty, and staff may enjoy a meaningful and restful Christmas break.

12 THURSDAY (World Renew) *Food security*—Globally, nearly a billion people are experiencing food insecurity due to conflict, climate change, and economic downturn. But in Christ there is hope! Through World Renew programs,

people in poverty can increase food production and income to help improve their daily living. Pray that these solutions may continue to help families and communities break the cycle of poverty.

13 FRIDAY (Resonate) *Michigan*—
Give thanks for God's work in the life of Coach Parker at Ferris State University, where Resonate partner campus minister Mike Wissink serves. Not only has Coach Parker become a follower of Jesus, but several of the young men on his team have come to faith in Christ as well!

14 SATURDAY (Thrive) *Healing*—
Lord, heal our hearts during this season of Advent. Help us to love more fully. To forgive more generously. To wait more patiently for Christmas, embracing each day and hour knowing the joy that awaits.

15 SUNDAY (Candidacy Committee) *Leadership development*—
Please ask the Lord to guide the Classis Ministerial Leadership Teams of our classes as they seek God's will for leadership development within their contexts. Ask God to give them vision and creative strategies for raising up leaders.

16 MONDAY (ReFrame) *Indonesia*—
Pray for Yakobus, a member of a listener community led by our ministry partners. Through the listener-community discussions and reflections, Yakobus says he finds humility and renewed insight in God's Word. Pray for continued spiritual growth and unity for Yakobus and his family.

17 TUESDAY (Resonate) *Japan*—
“Pray that Japanese people who are facing severe effects of stress put their faith in Christ and receive God’s grace and peace,” ask Resonate missionaries Ken and Jeannie Lee. The Lees serve in Japan, where less than one percent of the population identify as Christ-followers.

18 WEDNESDAY (World Renew) *Maternal and child health*—
The first 1,000 days of a child’s life are the most important, yet 15,000 children under age 5 die every day from malnutrition and preventable illnesses. Please pray for healing and hope as we work to deliver life-saving care to young children through maternal and child health initiatives. Together we can give children a healthy start.

19 THURSDAY (Thrive) *Serving with grace*—Please pray for wisdom, discernment, and strength for pastors, leaders, and volunteers in congregations across the United States and Canada as they live out God’s call for renewal in their churches and communities.

20 FRIDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Christmas break*—
Many of our students, especially international students, are not able to travel home to be with family for the holidays. Pray for those who travel as well as those who are apart from family during this season, that tidings of comfort and joy may overflow in their homes this year.

21 SATURDAY (Edmonton Native Healing Centre) *Encouragement*—
We give thanks for our days and pray that

we may walk humbly with our Creator. We seek strength and encouragement for staff. Creator, bless the marginalized in our society with peace, joy, happiness, and a roof over their heads. Create paths of reconciliation, and may we give you praise for all that you give daily. Amen.

22 SUNDAY (Resonate) *Uganda*—
Pray for Anastaze Nzabonimpa’s work with Rescue Mission for Street Life in Uganda. The ministry provides a home for children who would otherwise be living on the streets in Kampala and supplies them with food, clothes, love, and care. Anastaze builds relationships with the children and teaches the Bible to them.

23 MONDAY (World Renew) *Christmas season*—We are grateful for opportunities to help share joy and restore hope in communities around the globe. We ask the Lord of mercy and justice to be with people experiencing disaster, conflict, poverty, and other challenges. May God’s perfect peace bring comfort and joy now and in the days, months, and years to come.

24 TUESDAY (ReFrame) *North America*—Pray for a *Today* devotional reader who shared, “My mother has dementia, and my son has leukemia. My wife struggles with drugs. I ask that you pray for my family and for the Lord to walk with me in these hard times.”

25 WEDNESDAY (CRC Communications) *Christmas*—
Today we celebrate again the birth of Jesus and marvel at his love. He came,

lived among us to bring the good news of the kingdom of God, died, and rose again to redeem us and give new life to all who believe. Praise be to God!

26 THURSDAY (Resonate) *Ontario*—Resonate missionaries Nasser and Sylvie Charliekaram minister with Farsi speakers—both in person in Toronto and online throughout the world. “Pray that the gospel will continue to spread throughout Iran and the Middle East, despite many challenges,” they ask. “Ask God to empower believers with boldness and courage, raising up more witnesses to share the hope and love of Christ.”

27 FRIDAY (World Renew) *New staff*—We praise God for our growing ministry as we welcome new staff members, including Bernad Ojwang, our new chief operations officer, and Brittani Anthony, our new chief people and culture officer. We thank God for the gifts and strengths they bring to these leadership positions, and we pray for smooth transitions for all new staff at World Renew.

28 SATURDAY (ReFrame) *India*—Lift up Bipin, who watches our Hindi ministry programs online. May God continue to bless him with strength and joy. “I found amazing peace in my heart,” he shared. “May God bless you and your ministry.”

29 SUNDAY (Resonate) *Europe*—Resonate missionaries Sarah and George de Vuyst give thanks for “the growth of Healing Hearts Transforming Nations in work with diaspora and refugee ministry in Europe.” Ask God to continue using this ministry to heal people and reconcile communities.

30 MONDAY (CRCNA Leadership) *All nations*—The Heidelberg Catechism reminds us that God has chosen his “holy catholic church” from out of “the entire human race” (Q&A 54). Pray that CRC congregations and classes will welcome and embrace people from all nations and languages into the life, ministry, and leadership of our denomination.

31 TUESDAY (Thrive) *New Year*—God, we pray for a peaceful and safe new year. We ask for your protection over our congregations and the communities in which they minister. You are our refuge and strength, and we trust in your unfailing love to keep us secure. May your peace guard our hearts and minds as we navigate through whatever may come our way.

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