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## PRAYER GUIDE

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Devote yourselves to prayer,  
being watchful and thankful.

—Colossians 4:2

**1 WEDNESDAY** (Thrive) *New season*— Pray for a gentle and smoothly executed start to January programming across congregational ministries. Pray for joy in new beginnings and for excitement for what God has in store for each ministry in the new year.

**2 THURSDAY** (World Renew) *Peace and justice*—In November we participated in 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. The World Health Organization estimates that at least one in three girls and women globally experience abuse because of their gender. Praise God for the men and women partnering with World Renew who strive to bring an end to this injustice.

**3 FRIDAY** (Resonate Global Mission) *California*—Eric Sarwar, a Resonate partner church planter, asks you to pray for three church plants among the Indo-Pak communities in California: Artesia City Church, Fresno Punjab Fellowship, and Redlands Indo-Pak Worship Community.

**4 SATURDAY** (ReFrame Ministries) *Japan*—Pray for Hiroshi, who listens to ReFrame's Japanese ministry radio programs and enjoys the sense of community he feels knowing that other Christians are listening to the same episodes at the same time. Pray that he may continue to grow in faith and experience deep joy and that God will

continue to use this ministry to connect believers across Japan and beyond.

**5 SUNDAY** (Resonate) *East Asia*— Please pray for two people who recently started attending a church led by a Resonate missionary in East Asia who guided them through a six-week course so that they could learn more about Christianity. Both are eager to learn more about God and the Bible. Ask the Holy Spirit to continue drawing these two seekers nearer to Christ!

**6 MONDAY** (Communications) *Epiphany*—Today much of the worldwide church celebrates Epiphany, when we reflect on the revelation of Christ as the Redeemer for all peoples. Pray today that people around the world will welcome Jesus as their Savior.

**7 TUESDAY** (World Renew) *Syria*— Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Syria. As the political landscape shifts, there is a sense of uncertainty, and many in the global community fear what the future holds for the region. We ask for your prayers during this tumultuous time, that God may intervene and guide Syria toward lasting peace and stability.

**8 WEDNESDAY** (ReFrame) *Ukraine*— Lift up Rev. Sergei Sosedkin and other members of our Russian-language ministry team. Ask God to bless their

new radio programs, comforting women affected by war. May he grant listeners wisdom and strength as they share testimonies and offer hope amid uncertainty.

**9 THURSDAY** (Resonate) *Seattle*—Church on the Ave., a Resonate partner church plant in Seattle, recently celebrated the baptisms of three young adults! Please pray for these new believers, asking the Holy Spirit to guide their steps as they continue to follow Jesus.

**10 FRIDAY** (Thrive) *Gather*—Pray for the Gather events taking place in Orlando (Jan. 13-15) and San Diego (Jan. 29-31). At each event several Christian Reformed classes are coming together to bear witness to what has been happening in their local contexts and to discern where God may be leading them into renewed ministry and mission.

**11 SATURDAY** (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Classes and students*—Please pray for January Term classes, for Doctor of Ministry students coming to campus for classes, for other students who are traveling, and especially for new students preparing to begin their studies in the spring semester. Pray for health and safety for all.

**12 SUNDAY** (ReFrame) *English ministry*—Pray for Ashley, who contacted our English-language ministry, as she discerns how to share her faith with her son, Adam, who is not a Christian. Pray for God's guidance, asking that her son's heart may soften toward coming to faith. Ask God to grant Ashley wisdom and patience as she encourages Adam's spiritual journey.

**13 MONDAY** (Resonate) *Worldwide*—God is calling believers worldwide to step into new ways of sharing Christ's love with people who wouldn't normally set foot in a church building. "Pray for the members of historic churches to encourage new believers in Jesus who may act or think somewhat differently than traditional churchgoers do," asked Steve Holtrop, Resonate's regional mission leader for Central America.

**14 TUESDAY** (World Renew) *Disaster Response Services (DRS)*—We recently bid farewell to one of our longest serving staff members, Bob Laarman, as he retired from the role of leading our DRS team. Pray for Bob in this time of transition, and ask God to continue guiding the DRS ministry team as they rebuild homes and hope in people's lives in the wake of disasters.

**15 WEDNESDAY** (ThereforeGo Ministries) *SERVE 2025*—We are excitedly preparing for SERVE 2025 and the impact it will have in the lives of over 1,000 participants across the U.S. and Canada. As the new year begins, please join us in praying for all who will consider hosting SERVE in 2026 as we work to expand the locations and congregations we are able to reach through SERVE.

**16 THURSDAY** (Justice Ministries) *Intercultural Ministry*—Sebastian Maldonado and Jeremiah Bašurić have been hired as co-senior leaders for Intercultural Ministry in Canada. Please pray for them as they start this role and work. May the church benefit from their

insights into creating spaces where many different voices are valued and empowered.

**17 FRIDAY** (Resonate) *Philippines*—“We are praying to distribute Bibles to every child, which means Bibles for entire families,” write missionaries Charles and Hensel Oh in the Philippines. Early this year they expect also to receive copies of *Manga Messiah*, an animated retelling of Jesus’ story for distribution in schools nationwide. May God see this plan through and work through it!

**18 SATURDAY** (World Renew) *Economic opportunities*—Even in the best of times, our global neighbors earn barely enough to get by. World Renew offers training so that people can diversify their livelihoods. Pray for community members who seize these opportunities and who often become trainers themselves. May they be encouraged as they help others in their communities learn skills like beekeeping, sewing, and fish farming.

**19 SUNDAY** (Thrive) *Sanctity of Human Life Sunday*—*Lord, grant wisdom and compassion to all who face hard choices about ending pregnancies. Grant them courage to choose life, and inspire us to be nurturing and enduring communities of support. Guide us also to be allies, advocates, and friends of people with disabilities and of people near the end of life, advocating for compassionate care and offering support and love.*

**20 MONDAY** (Thrive) *Justice*—*Holy Spirit, help us to remember that justice is mission work. We thank you for being the Prince of Peace, tearing down the dividing wall between Jews and Gentiles. Lord,*

*we ask that you replace any hostility in the world with the peace of Christ and any hate with the unconditional love of Jesus. Amen.*

**21 TUESDAY** (Resonate) *Uganda*—Please pray for missionary Anastaze Nzabonimpa’s work with refugees in Uganda. Ask God to work through him as he encourages refugees, works to help meet their needs, and shares the hope of Christ with them.

**22 WEDNESDAY** (World Renew) *Leadership*—Join us in gratitude for all who take on the mantle of leadership at World Renew! We are also grateful for the board members who volunteer their time to direct the work of this organization with wisdom and faithfulness to the mission of justice and mercy.

**23 THURSDAY** (Trinity Christian College) *Community*—Pray that students, faculty, and staff will continue to build into and enjoy a strong sense of community. Pray that good learning may take place and that academic and spiritual growth may continue as students prepare to follow their calling.

**24 FRIDAY** (ReFrame) *Burkina Faso*—Pray for protection and strength for a woman who listens to our French-ministry broadcasts. “I live in a Muslim family,” she shared, “and I’m not allowed to go to church, but through your radio broadcasts I listen to biblical teachings.”

**25 SATURDAY** (Resonate) *Ontario*—Give thanks for Redeemer University students who led a workshop on the spiritual formation of young adults at our recent Moving Forward in Faith

conference. Beth Fellingner, who coached the students, shared that ministry leaders appreciated learning from them. Pray for these students as they graduate this year and transition into the next season of their lives.

**26 SUNDAY** (Cadets) *Cadets and counselors*—Our “Lead the Way” theme, inspired by 1 Timothy 4:12, encourages cadets and counselors to become leaders in their clubs, churches, and communities. We ask for your prayers for counselors as they guide boys to grow in Christ, and for cadets to boldly live out their motto: “Living for Jesus.” Let’s prayerfully support the next generation of Christ-centered leaders!

**27 MONDAY** (Thrive) *Chaplains*—When events like floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes strike communities, active and retired chaplains from across North America are often called upon to provide emergency support, critical incident debriefing, and spiritual care. Some also assist police and fire departments in the wake of car accidents, suicides, and shootings. Please pray for chaplains providing such support in communities that are suffering.

**28 TUESDAY** (Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee) *Fellowship*—Thank God for the members willing to serve on this committee. May he grant wisdom and insight as they interact with churches from many

denominations worldwide. Ask God to use this committee to encourage and strengthen bonds with these churches on behalf of the CRC, that together we may learn from each other how best to serve our living Lord.

**29 WEDNESDAY** (Resonate) *Berlin*—Pray for the WillkommensGemeinde, a church that missionaries David Kromminga and Mary Buteyn have planted with and for refugees in Berlin. Not only are newcomers to the city finding faith and a supportive community through this church, but local Germans are too.

**30 THURSDAY** (GEMS Girls’ Clubs) *Welcome*—Please pray for unchurched girls in GEMS who may be hearing about Jesus for the first time. May they all feel welcome in their local club and experience God’s love for them. Pray that they may receive Jesus as their Savior, develop godly friendships, and experience positive discipleship relationships with their GEMS leaders.

**31 FRIDAY** (ReFrame) *Indonesia*—ReFrame’s Indonesian ministry team’ just launched two programs for young people on YouTube, *Dongeng Anak* (“Children’s Stories”) and *Film Anak* (“Children’s Movies”). Pray that these new videos will reach young families and their loved ones in Indonesia.

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