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## PRAYER GUIDE

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I called to the LORD,  
who is worthy of praise.

—Psalm 18:3

**1 MONDAY** (CRC Communications)  
*Canada Day*—As Canada marks another year, give thanks for this country that has provided home and hospitality to many. Pray for God’s guidance for Canada’s leaders and all other citizens in navigating the challenging times we face today.

**2 TUESDAY** (Resonate Global Mission)  
*Uganda*—Give thanks for Kang Heo, a student at Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Mich., who volunteered with Resonate in Uganda. He helped to lead Timothy Leadership Training with women in a rural village. Pray that the training will bear much fruit.

**3 WEDNESDAY** (World Renew)  
*Disaster Response Services*—Several deadly tornadoes hit the U.S. Midwest over the past few months, causing widespread, catastrophic damage. Disaster Response Services is assessing needs and developing a long-term response. Please pray for families affected by these storms, and thank God for faithful volunteers who step up from across North America to help rebuild.

**4 THURSDAY** (CRC Communications)  
*Independence Day*—As the United States celebrates its nationhood, let us thank God for his faithfulness and pray that he will guide the decisions made by

people and leaders at all levels, especially as the country prepares for an election this coming fall.

**5 FRIDAY** (Resonate) *Japan*—“Pray that Christians and churches here will be welcoming and share the gospel in ways that are easy to understand,” ask Ken and Jeannie Lee, Resonate missionaries in Japan. Less than one percent of Japan’s population identifies as Christian.

**6 SATURDAY** (Thrive) *Seafarer ministry centres*—Our Seafarer chaplains serve in coastal areas and minister exclusively to the crews of merchant ships and cruise vessels. Often these crew members are from distressed areas of the world, live in cramped quarters, and work long hours. A kind word, a listening ear, or some help in finding medical care can create an opportunity for discussion about God’s love and grace. Pray for the gospel-filled connections that these chaplains make each day.

**7 SUNDAY** (ReFrame Ministries)  
*Ukraine*—Pray for Pastor Andre, who partners with ReFrame in Ukraine. Often our Russian ministry partners in Pastor Andre’s area connect their followers with Andre and his church. Pray that he and other church members may be able to meet the needs of people who connect with them during the ongoing war.

**8 MONDAY** (Resonate) *Haiti*—Give thanks for God’s work through Haiti’s IMPACT clubs for youth. Despite the many challenges Haiti faces today, 23 of 30 clubs are still able to meet. “These children do not have any other form of entertainment or places to have fun, and it has been a stressful situation for both them and their parents,” said Sattoya Metelus, the IMPACT clubs leader.

**9 TUESDAY** (World Renew) *Southern Africa*—After a dryer than normal rainy season this year, regions across southern Africa are experiencing drought. The risks of hunger and malnutrition are especially high in Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, and Zambia. Pray for the Lord’s provision, asking that emergency assistance efforts may be helpful and that conservation agriculture methods may be effective.

**10 WEDNESDAY** (Thrive) *Safer churches*—Praise God for 30 years of abuse prevention and response in the CRCNA!

**11 THURSDAY** (Resonate) *East Asia*—A missionary serving in a country in East Asia asks for prayer for a woman who wants to learn more about Jesus. She’s been attending worship at the missionary’s church and recently attended a six-week course introducing the gospel. Please pray that God continues to draw this woman into relationship with him!

**12 FRIDAY** (Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee) *Creation*—*Our Creator Father, we praise you for who you are, all you have done for us, and all that you continue to do. Your beauty*

*in creation is awesome. We praise you for your amazing creativity in nature, and we sing your praises in unity with our brothers and sisters around the world. All glory be to you. Amen.*

**13 SATURDAY** (ReFrame) *Japan*—A woman named Nanaho responded to our Japanese audio program online after hearing about the challenges of living out one’s faith despite having family members who are nonbelievers. Pray for Nanaho and many others who want to share their faith with their loved ones.

**14 SUNDAY** (Resonate) *North Carolina*—Pray for Higher Calling CRC, a Resonate partner church plant in North Carolina that is seeking to meet the needs of their community. Pray especially for their tutoring and mentorship programs for children living in the surrounding neighborhood.

**15 MONDAY** (Thrive) *Lasting peace in the Middle East*—*God of peace, who loves us and all the people of Israel and Palestine, the powerless and the powerful alike, we cry out to you. Bring your salvation near to us, O Lord. We pray for an end to hostage taking and killings. We pray for an end to vengeance, terror, and threats. Amen.*

**16 TUESDAY** (World Renew) *Peacebuilding*—In many areas where we work, tensions between neighboring communities run high. When resources are limited, it can be difficult for some neighbors to live in peace. World Renew facilitates activities and conversations that help to break down walls and build up trust, and relationships

are transformed by God's grace. Pray for God's blessings in this challenging work.

**17 WEDNESDAY** (ReFrame) *Today devotions*—Pray for Drew, a *Today* reader who recently asked for prayers for sobriety. Ask God to grant him the strength and courage to become sober and to overcome his struggles with drinking and drugs. Pray that he'll find the support he needs and be able to restore his relationships with family members.

**18 THURSDAY** (GEMS Girls' Clubs) *Sisterhood Summit*—Our Sisterhood Summit takes place in Chicagoland July 18-20. Please pray that the GEMS Girls' Club leaders who attend will be renewed, encouraged, and equipped to reach even more girls with the hope of the gospel. Pray for safe travels and for the GEMS staff planning the event, that God may be glorified in all that takes place.

**19 FRIDAY** (Resonate) *Colorado*—New Gate Church, a Resonate partner church plant, grew from the English-language ministry of a Korean congregation. Give thanks for the ways God is working in and through this new church as they continue to raise up volunteers and leaders.

**20 SATURDAY** (Intercultural Ministry) *Community*—Intercultural Ministry in Canada seeks to help the church foster a community in which all share their gifts and experience belonging. Pray that this ministry may bear fruit in the CRC. Pray for members of a multicultural church cohort specifically

being coached to continue their growth in this area.

**21 SUNDAY** (Calvin Theological Seminary) *International students*—Over 40 percent of our students are international students. Pray for travel plans, border crossings, and transitions—especially for new students. Pray for plans being made this summer to welcome all students again in the fall.

**22 MONDAY** (ReFrame) *Spanish ministry*—ReFrame's Spanish ministry partners ask you to pray for the political situation in Mexico. With recent political violence and a deteriorating relationship between Mexico and Ecuador, ReFrame's partners are experiencing some interruptions in their ministry activities.

**23 TUESDAY** (Thrive) *Gratitude*—Just one year ago nine congregational ministries merged into Thrive. We thank God for a full year of ministry equipping and encouraging congregations!

**24 WEDNESDAY** (Resonate) *Spain*—It can be difficult to find a new job, especially for people who are refugees in their new country. Many of them often end up working jobs that they are overqualified for. Resonate missionaries Gary and Rachel De Leon in Spain are working on developing a job placement program to help newcomers find jobs that honor their skills, experience, and needs.

**25 THURSDAY** (The King's University) *Developments*—With lots to be excited about, we have several programs in the process of being developed and approved. And, thanks to a generous donation, we have begun building a Centre for Excellence in the Sciences. Join us in praying for the new programs, for safety amid construction, and for excitement as we look ahead to what God will do in and through The King's University.

**26 FRIDAY** (World Renew) *Church partnerships*—Praise God for churches across the U.S. and Canada that are participating in church-to-church partnerships with counterparts in Latin America and Africa. Ask the Lord to use these relationships to build his kingdom in practical ways.

**27 SATURDAY** (Resonate) *El Salvador*—Seeds of New Creation, a Resonate partner in El Salvador, is working to promote food security and good nutrition among families who don't always have enough to eat. Please pray for this work!

**28 SUNDAY** (ReFrame) *Arabic ministry*—ReFrame's Arabic ministry partners are working on a program to guide the children of pastors and support them psychologically and emotionally. Pray that these new media

programs will ultimately reach pastors and their children who may be hurting.

**29 MONDAY** (Thrive) *Fellowship*—Please pray for a spirit of love, understanding, and collaboration among members within your own congregation. Pray for hearts that bear faithfulness, patience, kindness, and other fruits of the Spirit.

**30 TUESDAY** (Resonate) *Ontario*—Pray for the young adults who are serving with the SOCO Beach Project, a Resonate partner in Ontario. These young adults are diving into spiritual formation and living in intentional community. Ask God to work in and through these young adults this summer.

**31 WEDNESDAY** (World Renew) *Asia*—Heat waves in recent months brought devastation to families in southern Asia. Pray for families who are vulnerable to food insecurity, especially those who may have lost crops or experienced health problems due to extreme weather. Pray for generous support for those who've been affected by hardships and for God's justice and mercy to effect change and bring hope.

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