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PRAYER GUIDE **NOVEMBER 2024**

Pray, lifting up holy hands. . . .

—1 Timothy 2:8

1 FRIDAY (Resonate Global Mission) *Haiti and the Dominican Republic*—Resonate missionaries Steve and Sandra Brauning ask you to pray for a “solution to the ongoing crisis in Haiti and the needs of the Haitian community in the Dominican Republic.”

2 SATURDAY (ReFrame Ministries) *Japan*—Pray for believers in Japan facing “invisible persecution”—challenges to their faith that may not be overt but are deeply felt. A broadcast listener shared that they were reminded of the struggles people faced in the early church. Similarly, Christians in Japan often face difficulties but remain committed to walking with Jesus.

3 SUNDAY (World Renew) *World Hunger*—More than a billion people in the world do not have enough to eat. This World Hunger Sunday, pray that injustices leading to this problem may cease and that God’s people may open their hearts to give generously and advocate fearlessly to end hunger.

4 MONDAY (Thrive) *Worship and ministry*—Please pray that God will bless the worship and ministry efforts of each congregation we serve. As we walk alongside CRC congregations, may God’s Spirit empower them to build thriving, loving communities that reflect

his kingdom on earth, and may they be equipped to meet the unique needs of their members.

5 TUESDAY (Resonate) *Ontario*—Resonate missionaries Nasser and Sylvie Charliekaram ask you to pray for their ministry with Farsi speakers in Toronto: “Please pray that our ministry is blessed with divine unity and deeper faith, becoming a beacon of light for people seeking spiritual direction.”

6 WEDNESDAY (ReFrame) *Loss*—Pray for Mary, who has been a widow for 14 months and is struggling to recover from her loss. She feels isolated and is asking God to bring her a Christian friend with whom she can share fellowship and encouragement. May God comfort her, surround her with his love, and provide her with the companionship and support she longs for.

7 THURSDAY (Intercultural Ministry) *Hiring*—We are working on hiring a senior leader for Intercultural Ministry in Canada. Please pray for the candidates and the hiring team. According to Statistics Canada (2022), by 2041 one out of two Canadians will be Black, Indigenous, or a person of color (BIPoC). This ministry helps the church respond to this context.

8 FRIDAY (World Renew) *Hurricanes*—Our hearts go out to people affected by recent hurricanes such as Helene and Milton. We pray for recovery and strength in the wake of destruction and devastation. As more people face the damaging effects of disasters each year, pray for God's provision for World Renew and other organizations working to restore hope.

9 SATURDAY (Resonate) *Michigan*—Give thanks for God's work in and through Isa, a student at Grand Valley State University. She struggled with depression and anxiety and thought God was angry with her. She joined a life group through Resonate partner Campus Ministry at Grand Valley and was encouraged to look into God's Word. She is leading her own group now.

10 SUNDAY (ReFrame) *India*—Pray for our Hindi ministry partners who share the gospel, often in difficult and remote areas. May God bless their dedication and provide them with strength, protection, and wisdom as they seek to transform lives through education, discipleship, and spiritual growth.

11 MONDAY (Communications) *Remembrance Day/Veterans Day*—As we remember sacrifices made to serve our countries in times of war and conflict, pray for God's comfort and care for the families of fallen service personnel, for veterans, for current military families, and for all affected by the hardships and trauma of war.

12 TUESDAY (Resonate) *Nicaragua*—Please pray for missionaries Jesse and Jari Rodriguez in their work with business owners like Karla in Nicaragua. As her business has grown, Karla has put God at the center of her life and leads Bible studies with her employees every week. Pray that more and more people there may experience the love of Christ.

13 WEDNESDAY (Thrive) *Care and inclusion*—Join us in praying for God's protection and justice in the work of abuse prevention and response, biblical justice, and diversity. May God equip our team with insight and compassion to help churches create safe, welcoming spaces that reflect his heart for all people.

14 THURSDAY (World Renew) *Disaster Response Services (DRS)*—World Renew DRS is busy assessing and working on how best to share Christ's hope with the people most severely affected by recent hurricanes. Volunteer cleanup and reconstruction teams will be assigned soon. Please pray for recovery in all affected communities, and for endurance in responding to disasters.

15 FRIDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Students and stories*—Our students represent 27 countries, with over 40 percent coming from outside North America. Thirty percent of our students are women. It is a blessing to hear diverse stories of the church as we learn together. Rejoice and pray for the beautiful diversity of our seminary community.

16 SATURDAY (Resonate) *Japan*—“Pray that Christians and churches may be welcoming and share the gospel in ways that are easy to understand,” ask missionaries Ken and Jeannie Lee, who serve in Japan. Less than one percent of Japan’s population identifies as Christ-followers.

17 SUNDAY (Thrive) *Chaplain Sunday*—Please pray today for chaplains who dedicate their lives to being with others, often in times of crisis—in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice, workplaces, and military installations. May they have the “peace that passes understanding” to be the presence of Christ for others. Pray also for individuals discerning becoming chaplains.

18 MONDAY (ReFrame) *Spanish ministry*—Please pray for Nancy, who recently shared that our *Cada Día* devotions have been a blessing in her life, as she and her family gather at night to study them together. May this family continue to grow in wisdom and understanding through the Word of God.

19 TUESDAY (Kuyper College) *Mission*—Please pray for us as we fulfill our mission to form lifelong learners for purposeful lives of work and service to God and neighbor. May our community of biblical higher education be guided by God’s wisdom, empowering students to grow in knowledge, faith, and love as they serve others, seeking to advance his kingdom.

20 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) *Uganda*—Resonate missionary Anastaze Nzabonimpa asks for prayer for the refugees he is working with in Uganda. Pray for encouragement for them, asking God to assure them that he is there for them.

21 THURSDAY (Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee) *Relationships*—Please pray for wisdom as the CRC’s Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee sorts relationships with Reformed Christian groups that are close partners with the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

22 FRIDAY (World Renew) *Laos*—Northern Laos has recently experienced heavy flooding, leading to damaged homes, school closures, livestock losses, and other forms of devastation. Please pray for speedy recovery efforts in Laos as well as in other areas inundated by Typhoon Yagi in early September. May people living near rivers and in low-lying areas remain alert and receive God’s protection.

23 SATURDAY (Thrive) *Leadership*—Please pray for pastors, chaplains, and all church staff who work tirelessly to lead their congregations. May they find rest, encouragement, and wisdom through the support and resources we provide, and may they experience renewed strength in their calling.

24 SUNDAY (Resonate) *Ministry leaders*—Please pray for our missionaries, campus ministers, and church planters who are shining a light for Christ in more than 40 countries throughout the world, including Canada and the United States. Ask the Holy Spirit for guidance, wisdom, and opportunities to share God’s love.

25 MONDAY (Cadets) *Living for Jesus*—Our “Lead the Way” theme, based on 1 Timothy 4:12, challenges cadets and counselors to be leaders in their clubs, churches, and communities. Please pray for our counselors as they work to help boys become more Christlike in all areas of life. Please pray for our cadets as they strive to live out our motto, “Living for Jesus.”

26 TUESDAY (ReFrame) *Burkina Faso*—Pray for Mariam, who is part of a church plant for displaced people in Burkina Faso. She has not heard from her two sons in two years. Pray for God’s comfort, strength, and protection for her as she continues to seek the Lord amid difficult circumstances. May God provide peace in her heart and reunite her with her sons.

27 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) *Ireland*—“Our church continues to grow. Week by week we are welcoming new people—and new Christians—into our fellowship,” share Resonate missionaries

Luke and Kelsey Carrig in Ireland. Praise God!

28 THURSDAY (World Renew) *Thanksgiving Day (U.S.)*—Give thanks with us for all that God is doing through World Renew. We praise him for the generous support we receive for community development, disaster response, and justice programs worldwide. May God bless all individuals, churches, organizations, and government agencies supporting this work in various ways.

29 FRIDAY (Thrive) *Congregations and Thrive*—Please pray for guidance and wisdom for Thrive staff as they journey alongside congregations. May they provide meaningful support to church leaders and volunteers as they seek to cultivate deeper spiritual growth and vibrant faith communities.

30 SATURDAY (Diaconal Ministries Canada) *Benevolence*—A rising trend we are seeing is that lenders are preying on people struggling to make ends meet, offering loans with outrageous interest rates. Pray for deacons who are on the frontlines, helping individuals and families break out of the cycle of poverty and debt through holistic benevolence programs.

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