

PRAYER GUIDE

MARCH 2025

I will intercede with the LORD for you.

— 1 Samuel 7:5

1 SATURDAY (ReFrame Ministries) *South Africa*—Pray for Nomkhosi, who follows our Family Fire program from South Africa. She has been seeking God's guidance in her life and has faced deep spiritual struggles, but she has found renewed faith and healing through Family Fire. Pray for her continued growth in faith and wisdom, and for strength and peace as she follows God's calling.

2 SUNDAY (Resonate Global Mission) *Kenya*—Give thanks for God's work through Job in Kenya. After participating in Educational Care training led by Resonate missionary Mwikali Wambua in Kenya, Job began to see teaching not just as a job but as a calling to join God on mission. Though he was strict in the past, his students now see him as a father figure who cares about them.

3 MONDAY (Thrive) *Gather events*—Please pray for the ongoing Gather events taking place across the United States and Canada. Pray that attendees may experience a renewal of faith and a sense of community with other congregations.

TUESDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Exams*—Senior students will be taking their oral comprehensive exams this month as they prepare for graduation and ministry beyond seminary. Pray that the exams will not cause undue anxiety but will bless them in knowing how much they have learned in their studies.

5 WEDNESDAY (Communications) Ash Wednesday—As we enter the Lenten season, may the Holy Spirit turn our hearts to the light of God. In times when many people are experiencing uncertainty, anxiety, fear, and grief, may the Spirit lead us to repentance and assure us of God's love in Jesus Christ. May God help us to live generously as we trust in his goodness and grace.

6 THURSDAY (ReFrame) Japan—Pray for Emi, who listens to our Japanese audio program every week while commuting. Recently she asked for prayers that she would grow closer to God, recognizing her need for his guidance and strength. Pray that Emi will continue to find encouragement, grow in faith, and experience God's love in her daily life.

FRIDAY (Thrive) *Worship*—Please pray for your congregation's worship leaders and planners. Lent is an exceptionally busy time of preparing for Easter. Ask God to fill these leaders with energy, joy in their work, and ample times of rest.

8 SATURDAY (World Renew) *International Women's Day*—Among all the people we work with, women are generally most susceptible to abuse, poverty, and powerlessness. Many of our programs are therefore

designed to offer women resources and training so that they can gain influence and become changemakers. Pray for women everywhere, and praise God for their gifts and willingness to help grow healthy, strong communities.

9 SUNDAY (Centre for Public Dialogue) Justice and Hope Sunday—Lent gives us space to grieve the many injustices we see in the world. Praise God that we are not left in this season but are also a resurrection people. The Centre for Public Dialogue (Canada) helps to point out injustices in public policy and works for shalom in this world. Pray for this work as Lent begins

10 MONDAY (Resonate) *Michigan*—When Joan started fostering Elijah, a child with autism, she struggled to find a church where he could thrive. Give thanks that they were able to find a faith community through City Hope GR, a Resonate partner church plant in Michigan that started as a church for people with all abilities

11 TUESDAY (World Renew) *Funding*—People in crisis rely on aid from agencies like World Renew. Recent changes to U.S. foreign aid funding have caused ripple effects among our networks and partners. Pray for families who are not receiving the food, essential hygiene and health items, and basic supplies they need. Pray for wisdom for leaders as they make decisions that affect millions of people who live in poverty and great need.

12 WEDNESDAY (Communications) *CRC Annual Day of Prayer*—Synod has designated the second Wednesday in March as the CRC's Annual Day of Prayer. On this day each year, all congregations are requested to take time to ask for God's blessing on the world, our nations and communities, crops and industry, and the church worldwide.

13 THURSDAY (ReFrame) *Burkina Faso*—Pray for Issa, a young student with a visual disability who has found encouragement through our French radio programs and in follow-up conversations with our partners. May he continue to grow in faith, and may God provide him with the support and opportunities he needs in order to thrive.

14 FRIDAY (Resonate) *Philippines*—Resonate missionaries Sung Ho Jung and Hye Sung Park, who serve in the Philippines, ask for prayers that "Bible study participants will be transformed by God's Word, remain spiritually grounded, and resist worldly influences."

15 SATURDAY (Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee) *Preparations*—Each year representatives from churches abroad are invited to attend the synod meeting of the CRCNA. For some it is difficult to obtain a travel visa. Pray that these Christian brothers and sisters may be able to attend this year's gathering and that we may learn from each other how best to be the church of Jesus in today's trying times.

16 SUNDAY (Thrive) Ongoing work—Please continue to pray for the ongoing work of Thrive as we equip and encourage congregations and ministry leaders across the denomination. Pray for wisdom, compassion, and joy as we seek to support churches with connections and resources for flourishing.

17 MONDAY (World Renew) *Refugees and displaced people*—More than 120 million people have been forcibly displaced worldwide due to persecution, conflict, violence, or human rights violations. World Renew continues to serve and advocate for vulnerable populations through disaster response and refugee resettlement work. Join us in praying that God will keep these families safe, warm, well fed, and healthy.

18 TUESDAY (Resonate) Japan—Resonate missionaries Jeong and Misook Gho, who serve in Japan, ask for prayer for Mr. Kitamura, who recently came to faith in Jesus and was baptized! Please pray for him as he continues to grow as a disciple. Ask God to work through him to draw his friends and family into a relationship with Jesus.

19 WEDNESDAY (ReFrame) *Indonesia*—Pray for Vonny, a Sunday school teacher who watches our YouTube program to continue improving and to be inspired by others who lead in children's ministry. Pray that the children she works with will learn from her and grow in faith.

20 THURSDAY (Thrive) *Chaplains*—Hospice chaplains care for the spiritual needs of many patients and their loved ones. Anticipatory grief and adjustment to decreasing capacities are ever-present realities in this care. Many people have questions about God and eternity, as well as concerns for loved ones left behind. Pray for our chaplains who walk with individuals and families in these settings as they seek to share the peace and love of God.

21 FRIDAY (Calvin University) *International students and travels*—Please pray for safe travel as our admissions counselors cross the globe recruiting students. Pray also for our many international students as they are far from home, can face additional financial challenges, and need to be aware of visa changes and challenges.

22 SATURDAY (Resonate) *Campuses*—Many university students are entering the final stretch in their spring semester. Resonate partner campus ministers throughout Canada and the United States ask you to pray for students as they work on final projects, write final papers, and study for final exams. Ask the Holy Spirit to heal any anxiety they may have, and pray that all students may find rest in God.

23 SUNDAY (World Renew) *Rains*—After an extended drought across southern Africa last year, some regions are experiencing a healthy rainy season again. Pray for stability for farmers and their families, asking that they may learn about and benefit from diversification of the crops they plant and that their livelihoods may flourish.

24 MONDAY (Thrive) *Children's ministry*–Please pray for the children's ministry leaders and volunteers in your congregation as they strive to disciple the next generation and invest in children's faith formation. Pray for creativity, support, energy, and encouragement.

25 TUESDAY (Resonate) *Ireland*—J"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!

26 WEDNESDAY (Candidacy Committee) Applicants— Please ask the Lord to fill this year's candidacy applicants with joy and strength as they complete their final preparations to become candidates for ministry of the Word!

27 THURSDAY (ReFrame) *Nigeria*—Pray for a man named Daniel in Nigeria, who recently reached out to our Prayer Ministry team and shared, "I struggle with a lack of joy, oversensitivity to criticism, porn addiction, loneliness, and rejection. I feel so withdrawn that I hardly pray, only uttering a few words before taking pills to sleep due to clinical depression. Please pray for me."

28 FRIDAY (Resonate) British Columbia—Pray for The Tapestry, a Resonate partner church plant with multiple sites in British Columbia. Ask the Holy Spirit to work through these churches as they seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus in their communities.

29 SATURDAY (World Renew) *Partnerships*—Give thanks with us for the sustainable development made possible through our partnerships. These working relationships are formed through associations of similar organizations that can build each other up, commitments from churches in North America to volunteer or give, and agreements with denominations across the world. Pray that these partnerships may be effective, mutually beneficial, and God honoring.

30 SUNDAY (Thrive) Change and transition—Please pray for churches and ministry leaders throughout the denomination who are navigating seasons of transition within the life of their congregation. Pray for perseverance, faithfulness, discernment, and gentleness in each process.

31 MONDAY (Resonate) *Cohort*—Please pray for volunteers who have been serving with our young adult cohorts in Central America, Detroit, Europe, and the Middle East. Ask the Holy Spirit for guidance as the young adults in these groups transition from their time together to go and live out their faith and follow God's call on their lives.

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