

Jesus . . . [showed] them that they should always pray and not give up.

—Luke 18:1

1 FRIDAY (World Renew) *Refugee camps*—Amid this global pandemic, World Renew continues to walk alongside the world’s most vulnerable people. In refugee camps, people cannot practice social distancing due to population density. Handwashing is difficult because of the lack of clean water and soap. Healthcare facilities are few and underresourced. Please join us in praying for these communities.

2 SATURDAY (Resonate Global Mission) *Community*—Because of COVID-19, many Resonate church plant partners have been gathering worship communities online—and people who have never set foot in a church community (or haven’t done so in a long time) are tuning in. As normal routines and gatherings return, ask the Holy Spirit to continue drawing people into a church community and into a relationship with Christ.

3 SUNDAY (Redeemer University) *Adjustments*—Please pray for the Redeemer community as we cope with implications of COVID-19. Students and faculty have had to shift to online instruction and testing at home. Ask God to give us the wisdom to make good decisions and to continue to deliver Christian university education in these uncertain times.

4 MONDAY (Cadets) *Connection*—Our theme for this season, “Hi God, it’s me,” continues to encourage cadets and counselors to turn to God in prayer. Pray that in this challenging time of social distancing, Cadet counselors and clubs will be able to find ways to help boys become Christlike in all areas of life.

5 TUESDAY (Resonate) *Cinco de Mayo*—As many people in the United States celebrate Mexican-American culture today, give thanks for Mexican-American church planters who partner with the CRC and for the skills, gifts, and experience they bring to ministry. Please pray for them as they share the gospel with people in their communities.

6 WEDNESDAY (Back to God Ministries International) *Japan*—Cherry blossoms recently bloomed in Japan. Our media ministry team is sharing photos online as a way to offer the hope of God’s beauty during these troubling times. One ministry follower wrote, “My heart is so tired with all the news of the coronavirus. Thank you for your precious work!” Ask God to continue to encourage Japanese believers.

7 THURSDAY (World Renew) *Prayers for leaders*—Today the Council of Delegates (COD) of the Christian Reformed Church is meeting online for the first time. Pray for this group and for others in leadership who make decisions about the church and its work in God’s world. Ask God to grant them wisdom, discernment, and perseverance in the days ahead.

8 FRIDAY (Pastor Church Resources) *Pastors*—In recent weeks pastors have been asked to shepherd their congregations in ways they would not have imagined just months ago. The toll on their emotional, mental, and even spiritual health has been significant. Ask God to fill them with everything they need as they minister in this season of COVID-19 and during our recovery from it.

9 SATURDAY (Resonate) *Worldwide*—Pray for Resonate missionaries, church planters, and campus ministers throughout the world as they adapt to the coronavirus crisis and its aftermath. Ask God to continue to provide new ways for these leaders to minister with their communities. May people who are anxious, stressed, or heavily burdened find hope and peace in Christ.

10 SUNDAY (World Renew) *Mother’s Day*—God cares deeply about vulnerable people. “He upholds the cause of the oppressed” and “watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow” (Ps. 146:7, 9). In Christ’s name, World Renew staff are looking to the needs of people most at risk from the effects of COVID-19, including women and girls. This Mother’s Day, pray for women especially affected by the pandemic.

11 MONDAY (Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations) *Fear*—As we hear of brothers and sisters around the world suffering and dying, help us, Lord, to know that you are in control of everything in the universe. In our weakness draw us closer to you. Thank you, Jesus, for your care, and help us to share with others your love and your good news of full life forever with God.

12 TUESDAY (Communications) *Health care workers*—Today is international nurses day. This year we have come to appreciate in new ways our nurses and other health care workers. Pray for them and for all the people they interact with today, asking for strength, patience, protection, and an awareness of God’s nearness in these challenging times.

13 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) *Campuses*—Give thanks for the faithful presence of Resonate campus ministers and the work they do with students, faculty, and staff on more than 35 campuses across North America. Please pray for God’s guidance and encouragement in their work.

14 THURSDAY (Back to God Ministries) *ReFrame Media prayer ministry*—Pray along with our team member who wrote, “Please pray for everyone being affected by the coronavirus. Pray that as they open their Bibles, they may know the Lord’s comfort. The Lord is mighty and has full control in every situation in our lives.”

15 FRIDAY (Race Relations) *Healing*—Pray for all who have lost loved ones from COVID-19. Let’s also keep in our prayers people who are dealing with anxiety and depression

because of social distancing and lockdowns. May we all seek the well-being of others with patience and mercy.

16 SATURDAY (Disability Concerns) *Armed Forces Day (U.S.)*—Today we are acutely aware of the important roles that our armed forces play in this pandemic crisis. We are thankful that they stand prepared to support our countries in efforts to keep this virus at bay, preparing field hospitals, securing communities, and serving in many other ways. Pray for God’s protection over them as they are often at the front lines of this crisis.

17 SUNDAY (Back to God Ministries) *Brazil*—Our Portuguese ministry leader, Rev. Hernandes Dias Lopes, is hosting live videos from his home to encourage others. Praise God that these messages are encouraging people like Maria, who watched a video and shared, “I have peace in this period of isolation because I am reading your devotional book on Philippians. The reading is wonderful!”

18 MONDAY (Centre for Public Dialogue) *Victoria Day*—On a day when Canadians celebrate our links to the commonwealth, pray for local, national, and global leaders as they take up the Romans 13 call to be servants for our good, and ask God to give them extra measures of strength and wisdom during this time of crisis.

19 TUESDAY (Resonate) *International students*—Many international students find community at Resonate-partner campus ministries. Thank God for Christians who have come to North America to study and who broaden our understanding of what it means to follow Christ. Pray for students who aren’t Christians, that they may come to know and follow Jesus.

20 WEDNESDAY (World Renew) *Bangladesh*—In parts of Bangladesh access to food is an increasing concern for many people. While the Bangladeshi government recently introduced a financial stimulus package, it does not include direct cash transfers to people in poverty. Without jobs, many are suffering. Pray for the vulnerable families of Bangladesh.

21 THURSDAY (Raise Up: Timothy Leadership Training) *Ascension Day*—Praise our ascended Lord for the years he has used Timothy Leadership Training to strengthen churches around the world. Give thanks for TLT-trained leaders who have served faithfully during the COVID-19 crisis; may the Lord strengthen and provide for them in the face of fear and need.

22 FRIDAY (Resonate) *Questions*—Pray for young adults on university campuses who are struggling with questions of faith and what it means to be part of a church community. Pray that Resonate campus ministries will be a safe place for them to wrestle with their doubts and questions. Ask God to provide clarity amid confusion.

23 SATURDAY (Worship Ministries) *Churches*—Pray for churches planning and leading worship amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Give thanks for new and creative ways to worship and for technology that allows the church to connect. Pray for courage and strength for all who struggle. May the church be a lighthouse in this dark time, and may we work together to spread the gospel of hope and peace.

24 SUNDAY (Back to God Ministries) *Think Christian*—Robert, a pastor in the United States, recently shared that his family watched every *Star Wars* movie while isolating themselves amid the COVID-19 pandemic. After watching, they used *Think Christian’s* resources to guide their biblical discussions. Pray that families will find many meaningful and creative ways to engage in God’s Word despite being isolated.

25 MONDAY (Chaplaincy and Care) *Memorial Day*—This is a significant day for all who have served in the military. Veterans and families painfully remember their friends and loved ones who died in service to their country. May they rest in the hope that one day wars will forever cease at the coming of Jesus Christ.

26 TUESDAY (Safe Church) *Safety*—“Stay at home” orders may increase safety during a pandemic, but not for everyone. Domestic violence and child abuse can make home a dangerous place for some family members, especially vulnerable children. Ask God to protect all who are at greater risk of harm by staying home. Pray for healthy, loving families, and for God’s mercy and grace for all.

27 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) *Mental health*—Pray for the many young adults attending university who struggle with mental health. May they find strength, comfort, and healing. Pray for Resonate campus ministers and for campus counselors, faculty, and staff as well.

28 THURSDAY (World Renew) *East Africa*—While the world focuses on the COVID-19 pandemic, East Africa is battling the worst invasion of desert locusts in decades. Travel restrictions, limited funds, and other barriers have made responses to this disaster very difficult. Pray for communities hit by this disaster, and ask that we may continue to serve them.

29 FRIDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Changes*—Give thanks as students, faculty, and staff have adjusted to moving online for all courses of instruction. Pray for graduating students and their families and for students seeking summer placements during this uncertain time.

30 SATURDAY (Back to God Ministries) *Burkina Faso*—Because a Christian pastor was one of the first people in Burkina Faso to contract COVID-19, tensions between Muslims and Christians have grown worse recently. Pray for peace in and for God’s work in this situation.

31 SUNDAY (Resonate) *Pentecost*—Give thanks that the Holy Spirit, who raised Jesus from the dead, is now living in us! Ask the Spirit to guide Resonate ministry leaders and CRC congregations as we join God on mission. Pray that we will be attentive to the Holy Spirit and follow wherever the Spirit leads.

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