

## Prayer Bulletin March 3, 2024

### First CRC Prayer Requests:

*The Elders meet 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 8:30 a.m. to pray for needs of our congregation. If you have a need, please contact any Elder.*

- Please pray for **Wilma Vink** and her family in the death of her brother, William (Bill) Van Surksum of Sheldon on Tues., Feb. 27. His funeral was Sat., Mar. 2 at the Hospers CRC. We pray for all friends and extended family as they come together for his funeral. May God grant his comfort and peace to all those who mourn the loss of loved ones.
- Please keep **Dixon & Char Granstra** and their family in your prayers, as they mourn the loss of Char's mother, Wilma Van Zanten of Rock Valley, who died Mon., Feb. 26. Her funeral was Sat., Mar. 2 at the Calvin CRC in Rock Valley. May God grant his comfort and peace to all those who mourn the loss of loved ones.
- Please pray for Marla Schrank, daughter of **Sharon Habben** and sister to **Keith**, as she is currently in the hospital battling pancreatic cancer. Please pray the doctors can find the right balance of meds for Marla to be comfortable. We also pray that the nausea will be reduced with the meds that she is taking. She has a caringbridge site.
- **Pastor Gil Kamps** has recently been diagnosed with a tear in his aorta. It is large enough that open heart surgery is needed. He is scheduled for surgery at the Missoula Montana Hospital on Thur., Mar. 7. He embraces the prayers of the body of Christ. Pray for successful surgery and his healing/recovery may go well.
- Continue to remember in prayer the conflict going on in the middle East/Israel. We pray for peace and we pray for all the people trying to live their lives in a war zone.

### Denominational Prayer Requests:

- **Calvin Theological Seminary – Exams:** Senior students will be taking their oral comprehensive exams this month as they prepare for graduation/ministry beyond seminary. Pray that exams will not cause anxiety but will bless these students in recalling how much they have learned in their studies.
- **Resonate Global Mission – Volunteers:** “We praise God for volunteers serving in many countries around the world. Pray for them as they serve and as they return to their sending communities – that they may have opportunities to share what they have learned and in turn bless those who have sent them,” asks Gillian Bruce, Resonate’s volunteer prog. leader.
- **World Renew – Weather:** Across Latin America and southern Africa, the rainy season has come, but many regions are receiving less than average rainfall, leading to poor harvests. Pray that more rain may come and crops harvested will be sufficient for each family’s needs until the next season. Give thanks that fewer hurricanes and floods have come this year, and pray for tranquility in the coming year.
- **ReFrame Ministries – Taiwan:** Jerry An, our Chinese ministry leader, shared, “After presidential elections, we are expecting the relationship between Taiwan & China to further deteriorate. Please pray. Pray also as our Chinese ministry team works on a related project called “Under the Shadow of War,” a biblical response for the worldwide Chinese church.
- **Resonate – Cambodia:** Many people have decided to follow Jesus through Resonate’s ministry. “Please pray that new believers may have the opportunity to study the Word of God and increase their faith,” ask missionaries Ly Chhay & Navy Chann-Chhay.

*If you have a prayer request, email church at:  
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