

## Prayer Bulletin April 28, 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.

- Keep **Gary Doppenberg** in your prayers. Gary has moved to Prairie Ridge Care Center in Orange City. Please pray for Gary, and his family during this time of transition.
- Keep Marla Schrank, daughter of **Sharon Habben**, in your prayers, as she continues to battle pancreatic cancer. We pray for Marla's family, husband and children as well.
- Keep the family of **Nate & Catherine Schreur** in your prayers. (Mr. Schreur teaches PE at Sheldon & Sanborn Christian Schools.) They recently had a fire in their house, it was contained to the upstairs bedrooms, but there is still a lot of smoke damage in all parts of the house. (Please see the announcement in the bulletin with details regarding donating to this family.)
- Continue to keep **Char Granstra** in your prayers. As she heals from a broken arm and also deals with cancer treatments, we pray for strength, patience and healing.
- **Sheldon Love INC Prayer Requests:**  
Pray that we can reach people through classes to make divinely guided changes in their lives and to know Jesus as their Savior & friend.  
Pray for healing for my lower back pain.  
Pray for me as I can't feel like I am doing enough for God.

**If you have a prayer request, email church at:**  
[firstcrc@hotmail.com](mailto:firstcrc@hotmail.com) or call 324-2374 by Wed. @ 9 a.m.

### Denominational Prayer Requests:

- **Resonate – Sierra Leone:** Pray for ministry partners serving the CRC as they work to spread the gospel in hard-to-reach communities. They are facilitating Timothy Leadership Training, discipling people, building relationships, and more.
- **ReFrame – Russian ministry:** Every month 25-50 Christians gather online to discuss books from a Christian perspective. Pray for members of this Russian ministry book club. May thought-provoking discussions about the Christian faith help each member grow in their understanding of Scripture.
- **World Renew – Disaster Response Services (DRS):** Volunteerism is down from prepandemic participation. Pray that World Renew's DRS ministry team will have the capacity to continue rebuilding homes and hope through volunteer services. Give thanks that new volunteers have committed to serve disaster survivors in Louisiana and Florida this year.
- **ReFrame – English:** Pray for Juan & Joe, who read *Today* devotions from prison. "I need prayer for guidance and patience," Juan writes. "I would like to pray for my brother-in-Christ, Joe, because he is leaving here and returning to the outside world, where there will be more temptation/influence."
- **World Renew – Ukraine:** Today, more than 2 years after the outbreak of war in Ukraine, the conflict continues. Ask God for provision for the hungry, safety and shelter for the displaced, and healing for all. May God continue to guide us, our supporters, and our partners to share hope and love with vulnerable people struggling from hunger, poverty, & injustice.
- **GEMS Girls' Clubs – GEMS Sunday:** Thank God for using GEMS to raise up girls/leaders in faith for 66 years. Their identity is LOVED, and their call is to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8). Ask God to continue to equip leaders on their mission to help bring girls into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ.