

## Prayer Bulletin September 22, 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 continue to keep **Char Granstra** in your prayers. As she continues treatments, we pray the treatments are effective, we pray that she is able to get rest, and we pray that she will be healed.
- We pray for the Bible studies that are starting up again this fall. We pray for **Coffee Break Bible Study**, as they study 1 Samuel. We pray all the members will feel God's presence as they open His word and learn more about Him. We also pray for the fall Bible study on the book, "**The Great DeChurching: Who's Leaving, Why Are They Going, and What Will It Take to Bring Them Back**" by Jim David and Michael Graham. We pray for everyone who will be attending this Bible study, we pray that as they go through the book, the Lord helps them all learn what we can do to encourage people to come back to church.
- **Sheldon Love INC Prayer Requests:**  
Praise for a friend's father getting better.  
Prayers for my mom as we got her moved to assisted living.  
Prayers for my sons.  
Pray the Lord blesses me so I can bless others.  
Prayers for our Nation, for a friend for healing after surgery, and for a friend's infection to go away.

**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:

- **World Renew – International Day of Peace:** Pray with us as nations around the globe dedicate a day to the ideals of peace, building societies where all people can flourish and be treated equally, regardless of race or background. May we work toward a world free of discrimination, and may the conflicts taking place in many nations be resolved.
- **Communications – Ministry Shares:** Let's give thanks for ministry shares and the covenant relationship they represent for CRC congregations. Ministry-share funds support local ministries, global missions, media ministry, and more to help churches share the good news of Christ and grow in faith. May churches see/embrace ministry shares as an expression of our shared purpose in serving Christ and his church.
- **Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee – Unity:** Father God, we pray for unity among Christians in every denomination as we work together in your kingdom and share one hope in Jesus as our Savior and Lord.
- **World Renew – Rain:** Throughout the Global South, many people depend on having the right amount of rain. If the rainy season is too short and not enough rain falls, crops fail. But if rain is too abundant, fields and homes flood. Ask God to provide the right balance of rain/sunshine, as well as creative initiatives and innovative solutions to combat climate change.
- **Resonate – Burundi:** Give thanks for the training that missionary Renita Reed Thomson and her partners at Discipling Marketplace Leaders led with young people. The training equipped youth to build businesses that would help provide a livelihood/opportunities to live out their faith. "I now have a vision for the future!" shared one of the participants.
- **ReFrame – Chinese ministry:** Pray for opportunities to share the gospel in mainland China and beyond. In recent years large numbers of people have moved to Hong Kong for work. Pray for our Hong Kong-based partners as they support local churches in reaching newcomers from the mainland.