

week one:

MARCH 5-11

FOCUS: STORIES ROOTED IN FAITH

Here in Canada and around the world, Christian Horizons serves the person with exceptional needs. Wherever we serve, there are beautiful stories of the way that God is at work in people's lives.

This month we ask that you join us in prayer for services and support in the Peterborough, Ontario area. In our international and donor-funded work we will be focusing on ministry in Ethiopia. This guide will provide some ideas on how to pray, but feel free to add your own.

"Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows."

~ Isaiah 1:17, NLT

PRAYER POINTS

- In all of our services, whether in Canada or internationally, we seek to be excellent stewards of all we have been given. Pray for all those who manage in this regard. Pray too, that new donors and partners would seek to join us in this work.
- Pray that employees and volunteers would be equipped, empowered, and passionate about communicating the work and ministry of Christian Horizons.
- Thanksgiving for the drama troupe out of the Hub Community Participation Program in Peterborough. Pray that they would continue to find great joy and success in their activities.

Feedback or requests?

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A Christian Horizons drama troupe performs in the Central East District. This drama troupe started last year at the Hub Community Participation Program.

PRAYER GUIDE

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"And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

~ Philippians 4:19, NLT

week two:

MARCH 12-18

"Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is." ~ 1 John 3:2, NLT

THOUGHT: God has had our future on His mind from the beginning. There is a transformation ahead of us where this future will be revealed: who we really are. What we see and know in the present is not the full story, but only the beginning.

PRAYER:

Father, may we not seek to mold others into our image. We pray that we would hold this image we have of ourselves up to Light of Christ, so that we may begin our transformation into Your likeness here and now.

PRAYER POINTS

- Prayers for learning trips planned for the fall to Ethiopia, inviting professionals from the Developmental Services sector. May they be touched and inspired by the work that God is doing.
- Keep the community of Bekoji in your prayers. Christian Horizons has begun child sponsorship in this area.
- Praise for the leadership of Christian Horizons Ethiopia and everyone who works there. May they be blessed.
- Pray for wisdom and funding for added security at Horizons Academy in Asella, including the construction of a fence.

week three:

MARCH 19-25

"Then the LORD asked Moses, "Who makes a person's mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the LORD?" ~ Exodus 4:11, NLT

THOUGHT: This verse demonstrates that our abilities or limitations do not prevent us from being powerfully used by God. When we respond to His call He will do great things through us for His kingdom. God works even or perhaps *especially* through our weakness and vulnerability.

PRAYER:

We pray we would not limit ourselves or others by what the world calls 'limitations' or 'disabilities'. You make the weak, strong; the least, great; and the broken, whole. Grant us the ability to respond to you in obedience and faith.

PRAYER POINTS

- In Peterborough, pray for the friends and family of a gentleman who recently passed away. Pray, too, for the team that supported him during their time of grief.
- Thanksgiving for continued partnerships with Church in the City and Elim Lodge through the Christian Horizons Family Retreat. Continued prayers for planning and implementation of the 2017 retreat.
- Pray for continued health for employees and people supported.
- Praise for new proposals submitted and possibilities for support. Pray for those transitioning to Christian Horizons.

week four:

MARCH 26-APR 1

"For I will bring them from the north and from the distant corners of the earth. I will not forget the blind and lame, the expectant mothers and women in labor. A great company will return." ~ Jeremiah 31:8, NIV

THOUGHT: God brings people who are marginalized into the centre of His community. Just as with the lost sheep, God Himself goes to the distant lands to find those the world has deemed the 'least of these'.

PRAYER:

Lord, we follow Your example as the Great Shepherd who sought us out. May we open a space of welcome in the centre of our communities for those who are deemed weak and vulnerable. May everyone we encounter be met with hospitality, grace, and mercy.

PRAYER POINTS

- Prayers that Christian Horizons in Ethiopia would continue to become less dependent on foreign support. This may mean new opportunities for those who have graduated from Christian Horizons to continue to invest in and contribute to the work being done in their country.
- Prayers that inclusive education would continue to develop in Ethiopia. Prayers for funding and partners for a rehab unit in Asella.

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