

week one:

## APRIL 2-8

### FOCUS: SUPPORTS ROOTED IN FAITH

This month we consider the difference Christian Horizons' roots in faith make in the lives of people we support. We seek that every person belongs to communities where they are known and cared for.

This month we ask that you join us in prayer for services and support in the Cobourg and Durham, Ontario communities. In our international and donor-funded work we will be focusing on ministry in Guatemala.

"And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love."

~ Romans 8:38, NLT

### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for courage as we move forward in partnerships with those who share Christian Horizons' Vision. Keep in prayer an April 5<sup>th</sup> event in Cambridge equipping pastors and church leaders.
- Praise that Christian Horizons is finishing the financial year well. We are meeting the quality improvement advised by FOCUS accreditation for 2013-2017.
- Praise God for the leadership of Rudy and Sully, our directors in Guatemala, who have led the ministry faithfully together for the past 25 years. Pray that God would continue to use them to build His Kingdom in Guatemala.

*Feedback or requests?*

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*The Central East District is an integral part of planning this year's Christian Horizons Family Retreat at Elim Lodge. Pray for continued momentum and enthusiasm with volunteers and families for 2017.*

# PRAYER GUIDE

April 2017

"One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple."

~ Psalm 27:4, NIV

week two:

## APRIL 9-15

"When you put on a luncheon or a banquet,' he said, 'don't invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. ...Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.'" ~ Luke 14:13-14, NLT

**THOUGHT:** The parable of the banquet is an inside look into the heart of God and God's future kingdom. Including persons with disabilities is not to be a last thought, or a token "nod." People with disabilities are to be at the forefront of our consideration.

**PRAYER:**

*Father God, help us to know how and where we are to invite those with disabilities to be present at our 'tables'. May we never become complacent in assuming or overlooking the presence of those with disabilities.*

### PRAYER POINTS

- As we support people in our communities, prayer for relationships that are building amongst families and partners.
- Prayer for people supported and teams working through complex situations and challenging issues.
- Keep in prayer a person who is adjusting to living with the rapid onset of dementia/Alzheimer's.
- Praise God for the faithfulness of volunteers. We are thankful that they share the vision of Christian Horizons.

week three:

## APRIL 16-22

"I will gather together those who are lame, those who have been exiles, and those whom I have filled with grief. Tears of joy will stream down their faces, and I will lead them home with great care." ~ Micah 4:5-7, NLT

**THOUGHT:** Further to God going into the remote places to gather those who are marginalized, God Himself will be their God. Tables will be turned on who are "powerful" and "strong. Those perceived as strong in this world will have their control slip away. Those who God gathers from the margins will become a strong nation.

**PRAYER:**

*Lord, help us see what is true strength and power; not built on selfishness, personal gain, or human striving, but built upon compassion, gentleness, and sacrifice.*

### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for the community home in Guatemala that has been in operation for the past 25 years. Pray that the women served there would continue to have opportunity to use their God-given gifts in the community where they belong.
- Pray for the students in our pre-school education program in Guatemala as they learn literacy, math and learning strategies. These skills help kids with and without special needs when they enter the crowded school system in grade one.
- Pray for a good harvest this year for the crops on which the villages rely.

week four:

## APRIL 23-29

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

~ Isaiah 1:17, NLT

**THOUGHT:** This verse is filled with action: Learn. Seek. Help. Defend. Fight. The progression of these actions is significant. Too often, to fight is our first response. We must always humbly "learn" and "seek" before we move to help, defend or fight for others with grace and truth.

**PRAYER:**

*Teach us, Lord, to know what is right. May we seek You, and hear from You, how to help, defend and fight for others. You, O Lord, are our help, defense, and victory. May we join You in your work today.*

### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray that the new material from the Innovation and Belonging Conference would be well received at Connections meetings and with community members as we seek to build communities of belonging.
- Keep in prayer a person whose self-injury has led their doctor to classify it as a life-threatening condition.
- Prayer that people we support will continue to establish and deepen relationships with their faith communities. Pray that their friendships there would continue to develop.