

week one:

**JUNE 4-10**

**FOCUS: TRANSFORMATION OF SERVICES**

The field of developmental services is one of ongoing transformation. We continue to support people to make choices and enhance self-determination while fostering belonging in their communities. We pray that God guides us as we respond to the opportunities and challenges of an ever-changing environment. This month we pray for the Kingston community of Christian Horizons and the Saskatchewan Family Retreat in August.

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"And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

~ Esther 4:13, ESV

**PRAYER POINTS**

- Pray for wisdom and guidance as we minister in complex settings in Canada and around the world. May the example of Christian Horizons' passion, respect, and creativity point beyond ourselves to our loving God who made each person in His image.
- Pray that our supports continue to be centred around each person created in God's image, together with the communities that they belong to. May we have the patience, insight, and ability to listen and to hear how best to serve and support others. May we also be open to the ways that God teaches us through the lives of people we support.

*Feedback or requests?*

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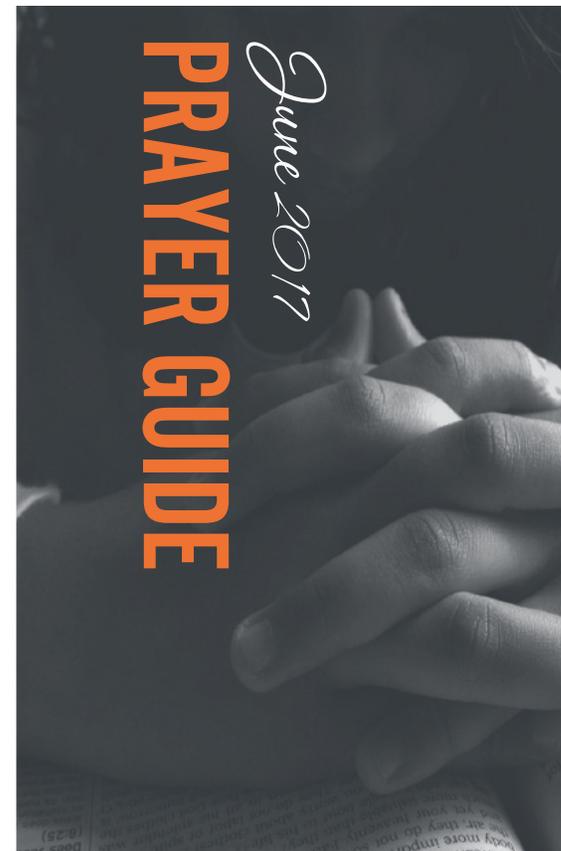
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*We remember with thanks the incredible experiences that were part of the 2016 Christian Horizons Family Retreat in Saskatchewan and look forward to new opportunities September 1-4 2017 at Camp Kinasao. To learn more or get involved, visit [www.christian-horizons.org/what-we-do/family-retreat](http://www.christian-horizons.org/what-we-do/family-retreat)*

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**PRAYER GUIDE**



"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

~ Colossians 4:2, NIV

week two:

## JUNE 11-17

"For by Him all things were created... all things have been created through Him and for Him."  
~ Col 1:16, NASB

**THOUGHT:** This verse clearly states that everything exists and finds its source in Christ. We were all created through Him and for Him. This is the truth that unifies us all: we are not strangers, but siblings. The task is learning how to live as family.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Give thanks for the employees and volunteers working in Kingston. On May 11<sup>th</sup> we celebrated them in an employee appreciation event. May they know that they are an integral aspect of the ministry and Vision of Christian Horizons.
- Keep the team and people supported at Rockwood Drive in your prayers. There have been some significant medical challenges that require medication and physiotherapy. Pray for healing, for wisdom for the medical professionals, and resilience for DSP's as they adapt to these increased challenges of support.
- Thanksgiving for exciting relationships and opportunities in the Kingston area. Prayer and praise for the Mess Art Studio ([themesskingston.weebly.com](http://themesskingston.weebly.com)) and Friendship Club.

week three:

## JUNE 18-24

"When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you." ~ Leviticus 23:22, NIV

**THOUGHT:** Rather than an act of pity, this verse is about cultivating compassion and consideration. It is rooted in the knowledge that the harvest is not ours, but God's. He desires that everyone would have the opportunity to share in His provision.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Peter loves woodworking, but a recent opportunity to do so on a regular basis has fallen through. He continues to have two half-days each week in a woodshop but would like to do more. Pray for new partnerships that allow Peter to express his creativity and belong to a community that shares his interests.
- GROW Kingston helps to coordinate employment and day support activities. Pray that the GROW team has wisdom, discernment, and unique opportunities that allow them to connect people with meaningful employment and activities.
- Continue to keep Deb in your prayers, who was featured in the February 2017 Reflection. Her "Pick a Bah" (button) business continues to provide the social interactions she loves and ongoing projects to create and thrive.

week four:

## JUNE 25-JULY 1

"Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters. Hasn't God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren't they the ones who will inherit the Kingdom he promised to those who love him?" ~ James 2:5, NLT

**THOUGHT:** God's Kingdom is upside-down. Those who appear poor, weak, or "less" in this world are those who inherit the Kingdom. What might we learn from those that we look down upon about being Kingdom citizens?

### PRAYER POINTS

- Much work and preparation goes into planning a Christian Horizons Family Retreat. Please pray in the coming months that the planning team for the Saskatchewan retreat are blessed with wisdom, insight, and time to prepare well.
- Pray for the families that would benefit from the Camp Kinasao Family Retreat. May they hear about the retreat, register and be encouraged and equipped in their lives and ministry.
- Short-term missionaries (STM) are always in high demand leading up to Family Retreats. Pray that God would work in peoples' hearts to volunteer for these exciting times to grow, to learn, and to make significant friendships with people with disabilities and their families.