

week one:

FEBRUARY 4-10

FOCUS: SIGNATURE SERVICE

Among people providing support at Christian Horizons, no two are the same. Just as the people we support are unique, so each employee brings their own gifting and passion to the work that they do. Part of honouring God and valuing people at Christian Horizons is equipping each employee and volunteer to draw on their unique identity in serving others. Please pray that our employees and volunteers continue to experience encouragement and value in their contribution.

"Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you... Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other."
~ 1 Thess 5:12-13 NIV

PRAYER POINTS

- We pray for each of our employees, and each of the people we support, that they would have avenues to express their God-given gifts and abilities, within communities that value and respect those gifts.
- *Night to Shine* is described as "an unforgettable prom night experience, centred on God's love, for people with special needs ages 14 and older." Christian Horizons is a partner of the Tim Tebow Foundation for this event, which takes place in Barrie and Mississauga on February 9th. Pray for a wonderful time for all who participate.

Feedback or requests?

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This is our second month of featuring the Central District of Christian Horizons in our prayers. We are pleased that Irene Moore has accepted the Executive Director position in these communities. Please keep her in your prayers in the months and years to come as she provides leadership.

PRAYER GUIDE

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"If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough."

~ Meister Eckhart

week two:

FEBRUARY 11-17

"But, God remembered Noah and all the animals in the boat. He sent a wind to blow across the waters and the floods began to disappear."

~ Genesis 8:1, NIV

THOUGHT: There are situations and times in our lives that we may feel forgotten by God. We see an endless sea of obstacles and problems, with no place to anchor ourselves. Know that God remembers you and He is sending winds of hope and change.

PRAYER POINTS

- As we come to the close of winter, pray for all of those who are sick, especially those with compromised immune systems. May they know God's peace and healing.
- Pray for Irene Moore as she steps into the role of Executive Director for the Central District of Christian Horizons. May God guide her leadership and decisions, and we are thankful for her unique gifting as she adjusts to this position.
- We have launched new fundraising options online to support donor-funded services such as our upcoming retreat. Pray this allows for new opportunities for people in our communities.
www.christian-horizons.org/article/3227-help-support-the-magnificent-memories-retreat

week three:

FEBRUARY 18-24

"The LORD had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.'"

~ Genesis 12:1, NIV

THOUGHT: We don't always know the details of where we are being called to. Sometimes we are must step out in faith. Abram – later Abraham – is remembered as the "father of faith." His ability to leave everything to step towards God's calling is a model of faithfulness for all who follow.

PRAYER POINTS

- *Magnificent Memories- A City Experience* is a four-day retreat for people supported in the Toronto area and people with disabilities from the community. Pray for the planning and volunteers at this event, and that all who participate would have a great time!
- Gratitude for awesome college partnerships that are now headed into their fourth year. The documentary "A Better Slice of Life" is now posted at abettersliceoflife.com and celebrates the Humber College / Christian Horizons partnership.
- The people we support have unique gifts and unique challenges. We pray specifically for young people who are involved in the justice system or have been caught up in drug use.

week four:

FEB 25 – MAR 3

"Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness."

~Genesis 15:6, NIV

THOUGHT: It is easy to feel that the way to righteousness lies along the path of constant striving to do good to others. Sometimes, the people we meet are simply looking for us to trust them and to walk alongside them. Similarly, God calls us to believe in Him. This is exemplified in Abram's righteous journey.

PRAYER POINTS

- A number of young adults with disabilities from the Children's Aid system transition into our adult services. We pray for positive adjustment into these new environments and for strength and wisdom for the Direct Support Professionals who support them.
- We pray for continued wisdom as we explore housing transformation planning. New services and supports are needed, and we pray that we move forward in a way that is person-directed and works within existing financial restraints.
- We give thanks for our ongoing government relations organizationally and in communities. We pray for responsive action that addresses current pressures and planning.