

week one:

JULY 1 - 7

FOCUS: MORE THAN A MUSEUM

Christian Horizons is committed to providing innovative person-directed services that value people as created in God's image. We rely on a combination of stories and statistics to help us know how we are doing. Excellence is of paramount importance, yet this excellence must be understood in light of a vision of communities of belonging arising out of our Christian faith roots. We pray for continued guidance and wisdom as we seek to provide meaningful and relevant service options.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people."

~ Colossians 3:23, GNB

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for Christian Horizons' leadership and all of our employees and volunteers around the world. May we be wise in the decision-making and have "ears to hear" God's direction and the direction of people who receive services.
- We give thanks for the many exciting stories that have been shared regarding Onward initiatives and Excellence in Action awards. We are thankful for the passionate and thoughtful contribution of so many people and partners, and the initiative and God-given gifts that people who experience disabilities demonstrate.

Feedback or requests?

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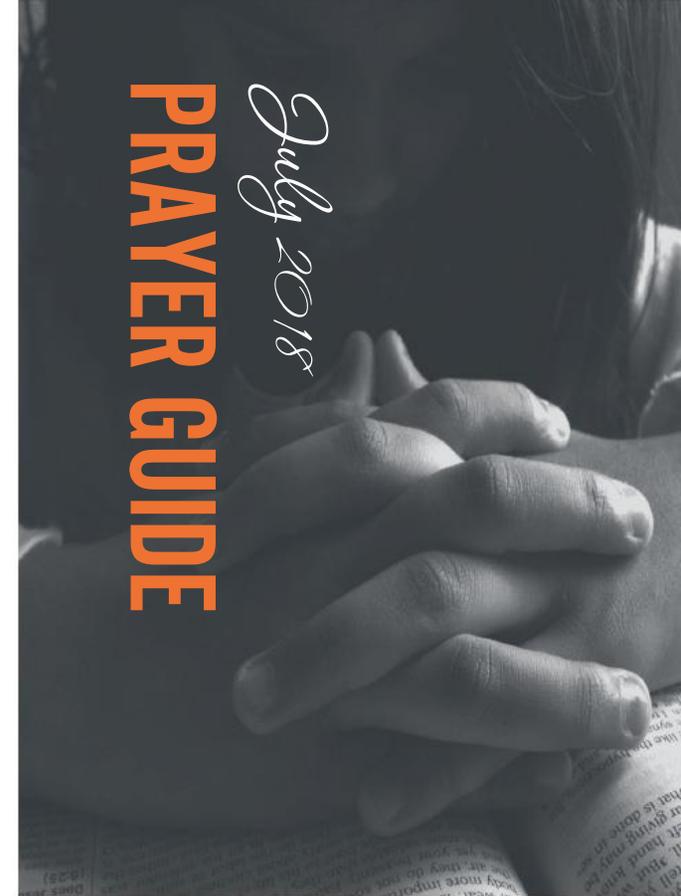


On May 30th, ABLE Theatre hosted their spring show "Belong" at the Orillia Opera house, featuring the talents of several people supported by Christian Horizons. You can learn more about ABLE Theatre by following them on facebook here:

www.facebook.com/Ableproject/

This month's Prayer Guide highlights the communities in the "North District" of Christian Horizons, including Algoma, Sudbury, Almaguin, Muskoka, and Orillia, along with planning for an upcoming Family Camp in the West District of Ontario.

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"Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand."

~ Isaiah 64:8, NIV



week two:

JULY 8 - 14

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you."

-Isaiah 60:1 NIV

THOUGHT: We need not hide our struggles and successes from one another: we bring glory to God when we proclaim or display the work of Christ in our lives, the blessings that he has freely given to us and the challenges that he has helped us overcome.

PRAYER POINTS

- Give thanks for the work of Stephen Pinney, Tom Carson, and others at ABLE Theatre. We pray that their ongoing funding needs will be met. We give thanks for their partnership with Orillia Community Church and the participation of so many people who experience disabilities, parents, support workers, and volunteers. Pray for health for the actors and for courage for people who want to join ABLE to step forward and participate.
- Pray for new team members in Huntsville and other communities in Northern Ontario. We give thanks for their giftedness and pray they will adjust to their new roles quickly!
- We continue to pray for teams and people who have been touched by grief. May each person experience peace and the support of their community.

week three:

JULY 15 - 21

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go"

-Joshua 1:9 NIV

THOUGHT: God commands us outside of our comfort zone, to put our trust in Him rather than in ourselves. This causes us to grow closer in relationship to God and give others a glimpse of his awesome power. Summer often involves a break from our usual routine. Some find this invigorating while others find it scary. Remember that God is with you no matter what this season brings.

PRAYER POINTS

- Please pray for the ongoing planning and development of a Family Camp in between the communities of Guelph/Kitchener/Hamilton. We pray that it would be a time of connection, belonging and encouragement for the families and volunteers.
- Give thanks for Crieff Hills (www.crieffhills.com) as a faithful partner and support in this opportunity. We pray that the location would meet the needs of all participants.
- We are thankful for the financial support for this family camp that have come through grants and fund-raising. We pray that God will continue to provide the needs of the camp to offset the costs of participants and volunteers as we are able.

week four:

JULY 22 - 28

"As they sailed, [Jesus] fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped... The disciples went and woke him, saying, 'Master, Master, we're going to drown!' He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm." *-Luke 8: 23 - 24 NIV*

THOUGHT: When we experience hardship God may seem absent but he sent Jesus to be in the midst of the storm with us. He brings peace and calm to every storm. As Christ's representatives, may we also serve as a peaceful, calm presence to those who are facing difficult times.

PRAYER POINTS

- We give thanks for the incredible planning teams hard at work preparing for upcoming family camps. May they have wisdom and insight as they plan.
- Pray that families who need the camp retreat experience most are able to attend to be encouraged and refreshed.
- Pray for the right group of volunteers to attend, those who are ready and willing to meet the needs of families and passionate to learn and grow.
- In all preparations, we thank God for the opportunity to minister to families through family camps. We continue to pray that He would guide our steps as we prepare and plan through the work of the Holy Spirit.