

week one:

SEP 30 – OCTOBER 6

FOCUS: COMMITTED TO COMPLIANCE

The word “compliance” can invoke a wide range of responses. At Christian Horizons, compliance means more than successfully passing audits. Rather, demonstrating excellence in everything that we do is a way that we “honour God and value people in all we do and with all our resources.” Motivated by our Christian faith roots, we strive to demonstrate the value of every person in our words and actions. We believe in a faith that is alive and active.

“Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,’ but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”

~ James 2:15-17, NIV

PRAYER POINTS

- Give thanks for exciting events that took place last month. We praise God for the opportunity to celebrate the work He is doing through Christian Horizons at our AGM and Annual Community Meetings.
- We give thanks for people who participated in the Ride for Refuge on September 29th to raise awareness and resources on behalf of Christian Horizons.
- Pray that, as an organization, we continue to be faithful in providing excellent and responsive services and supports in every opportunity.

Feedback or requests?

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Michelle and Corinne (L-R) were emcees at the September 18th Annual Community Meeting for the West District of Christian Horizons.

This month's Prayer Guide highlights communities in the Niagara-Hamilton region of Christian Horizons, along with prayers for our international work in Nicaragua.

PRAYER GUIDE

October 2018

“Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.”

~ Colossians 3:23-24 (NLT)

week two:

OCTOBER 7 - 13

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.”

- Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT

THOUGHT: Everywhere we look, there are signs and advertisements telling us what to do, what to buy, and who to be. In Scripture, we discover that the way to know what to do – which “path to take,” is not to rely on our own ability or strength but to seek God’s direction. It is in trusting in *His* understanding, not our own, that we find rest.

PRAYER POINTS

- We pray for a West District employee connections event taking place on October 17th. We pray it is a time where people are inspired and engaged. We seek to live out commitments to employees through events such as this throughout the organization.
- We continue to pray for recruitment efforts across Christian Horizons; that people inspired by our Vision would come join in our Mission to *nurture communities where everybody belongs*.
- Heading into the fall/winter cold and flu season, we pray for the ongoing health and vitality of employees and people who use our services.
- Pray for smooth transitions for various roles within the West District leadership team.

week three:

OCTOBER 14 - 20

“Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.”

~ Matthew 7:20, NLT

THOUGHT: Like trees, people can be known by what they do – their “fruit.” This should inspire us to think about how our actions, each day, impact the lives of those around us. Faith should inspire us to make a tangible, positive difference in others’ lives and, in return, welcome their gifts as well.

PRAYER POINTS

- As we seek to provide excellent self-directed supports and services, we pray for the success of new service and support options. May people with disabilities and their families find the support they need as they make important decisions.
- Pray specifically for a new service location in the Niagara area, and the people who will live there. Pray, too, for a home in Branchton, Ontario, that has recently opened up. May these folks find belonging in their communities.
- Pray for our managers and teams who experience staffing shortages: pray for the strength and resilience they need.
- We give thanks for the life and legacy of Erika Schmidt, who passed away recently. She was a manager and employee for many years and will be greatly missed.

week four:

OCTOBER 21 - 27

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”

~ Ezekiel 36:26, NIV

THOUGHT: Each day, our prayer is that we are formed into the image of Christ, the Word-become-flesh. In what ways is your heart “stoney” today? Perhaps this is an area where God is looking to open you to the good work that He is doing. We seek a new spirit, God’s Spirit, responsive to His work in the world.

PRAYER POINTS

- Please pray for the ongoing political unrest that has been taking place in Nicaragua since May. It is difficult for groups to gather and our nutrition programs and pre-school have been forced to close at times. Pray that peace would come to these areas and that much-needed services could continue.
- Praise God that the sponsorship program is able to provide support to families in this time of unrest, when many income-generating activities come to a halt.
- We continue to pray for Pastor Jose in Nicaragua as he and his leaders reach out with Christ’s love at this difficult time. Give thanks for God’s strength and faithfulness through everything that has happened and will happen.