

*week one:*

## NOVEMBER 4 – 10

### FOCUS: JOAN'S STORY

Joan was once defined by what she *couldn't* do rather than by what she *could* do. This has changed since she started using Christian Horizons' services a year and a half ago. Today, in her home in Warman SK, she is an active and engaged participant in her community. She experiences *belonging*. We are thankful for the work that God is doing in Joan's community. People who experience disabilities are beginning to be known in light of their strengths and gifting, defined by what they *can* and *choose* to do.

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

~ Ephesians 2:10, NIV

### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for Joan and for others who have come out of institutional living environments. May each person continue to live into new possibilities as those around them pay attention and respond to their choices and direction.
- Give thanks for stories of transformation, for the many people who have been welcomed into the communities where they experience belonging.
- Praise God for the churches and other faith communities who invite, encourage, and receive the gifts of people with disabilities and their families.

*Feedback or requests?*

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*Pumpkin picking in October with  
Christian Horizons*

This month's Prayer Guide highlights communities in the Kitchener-Halton region of Christian Horizons in Ontario, along with prayers for our international work in Ethiopia and Uganda.

# PRAYER GUIDE

*November 2018*

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

~ Romans 12:12 (NIV)

*week two:*

## NOVEMBER 11-17

"Jesus called his disciples to him and said, 'I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she... has given everything she had to live on.'" ~ Mark 12:41-44 NLT

**THOUGHT:** It is not our wealth or our capabilities that determines the value of our contribution. Rather, it is our willingness to put everything we have into what God calls us to do. When we give sacrificially of our time, talents, energy and financial resources, we can be confident that Jesus is pleased.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for the resilience of people in transitional life stages and their families in the Kitchener and Halton communities. May direct support professionals have the wisdom to provide effective, compassionate support throughout these times of learning and growth.
- Pray for people who face significant health issues in hospital or who are undergoing treatment. May they experience a sense of peace, strength and healing.
- Pray for positive and smooth transitions of services for a number of people who are new to Christian Horizons in the Kitchener-Waterloo area.

*week three:*

## NOVEMBER 18-24

"My heart rejoices in the LORD! The Lord has made me strong. Now I have an answer for my enemies; I rejoice because you rescued me." ~ 1 Samuel 2:1 NLT

**THOUGHT:** Hannah longed for a son for many years. Her rejoicing over Samuel's birth reminds us that no prayer goes unheard. We may wait for what seems like a very long time for God's help, but we can be confident that our God is a loving God who hears the longings of our hearts.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Keep employees in your prayers who are ill or injured. May they know God's strength and healing at this time.
- Pray for ongoing recruitment needs, that new employees would be drawn to Christian Horizons who are passionate about our ministry and mission.
- Pray for people working through grief and loss, especially throughout the Advent and Christmas season.
- Give thanks for successful Ride for Refuge teams in Wellington and Halton that were led or co-led by people who experience disabilities. The team captains used their leadership skills and gifts to contribute effectively and benefit the lives of others.

*week four:*

## NOV 25 – DEC 1

"Ruth said to her mother-in-law, '...Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.'" ~ Ruth 1:16-17 NIV

**THOUGHT:** Ruth's steadfast commitment to Naomi demonstrates that, while God may meet our needs in ways that we do not expect, He is always faithful. May each of us embody God's faithfulness as we serve and support one another.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Thank God for a time of peace in Ethiopia. We pray it continues as we begin to schedule learning trips again.
- Praise God for new renovations of the Special Needs classrooms and library in Ethiopia. Pray for teachers and students as they prepare for integration after grade six.
- Praise God for the opportunity we have had to train church leaders in Uganda over the past year: May they lead congregations of belonging for all, regardless of ability.