

week one:

JANUARY 6 - 12

FOCUS: STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

Christian Horizons is committed to four strategic outcomes through which we seek to achieve our mission, work towards our vision, and express our core values. Throughout 2019, we ask for prayer to see progress toward these outcomes. Communities are working to identify and achieve specific goals, directed largely by people using our services. We pray that God continues to guide our strategic planning processes, as we seek His will in the work done by Christian Horizons. Thank you for being a part of this journey.

"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."

~ Proverbs 19:21, NIV

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for God's continued guidance in 2019 as we listen to the direction of people who use Christian Horizons' services. May we continue to honour Him and value people in all we do and with all of our resources.
- Pray for the first annual South-West winter Family Camp happening at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre January 11-13. May plans come together, establishing this ministry for many years to come.
- Pray for amazing weather that helps everyone at winter Family Camps to have fun, be safe, and enjoy God's creation.

Feedback or requests?

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Christmas parties are times of joy and celebration across Christian Horizons. Above, people in Cobourg celebrate the season with song.

This month's Prayer Guide highlights the work of Christian Horizons in the Toronto area along with prayers for Family Camp experiences in January.

PRAYER GUIDE

January 2019

"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'"

~ John 8:12 (NIV)

week two:

JANUARY 13 – 19

“How precious is your unfailing love, O God! All humanity finds shelter in the shadow of your wings.”

~ *Psalms 36:7, NLT*

THOUGHT: This verse was the theme of South-West Winter Wonderland family camp. It declares that all people are worthy of God’s love and protection. These blessings are without qualifications or stipulations. May we embody these in all we do.

PRAYER POINTS

- May the experience shared by families, volunteers, and employees at Christian Horizons Winter Wonderland family camps near Ottawa and in South-West Ontario be uplifting, inspiring, and refreshing to all who participate.
- Praise God for churches who send families and volunteers to Christian Horizons family camps, as well as those who provide donations that are essential to offering such valuable support to families.
- We ask that God continues to move in meaningful ways to encourage and refresh families who experience disabilities through family camps. May they come to experience God’s presence, and the support of the Church, in new and tangible ways.

week three:

JANUARY 20 – 26

“O Lord, God of my master, Abraham,” he prayed. “Please give me success today, and show unfailing love to my master, Abraham.”

~ *Genesis 24:12 NLT*

THOUGHT: True success requires God’s strength and his blessing. It is not based on personal achievements or accolades but rather the ability to show God’s love to others.

PRAYER POINTS

- Continued prayer as the Central District Office moves to a new location, along with the Learning and Development team. We pray that this is a smooth transition and that people settle into their new spaces well.
- We pray for continued growth in self-advocacy in our district. May people who use our services know that they provide the direction that we seek to follow.
- Prayers for comfort and peace for all who are dealing with the loss of loved ones, friends, and people they have supported. May they know God’s grace through this time. May they find the support and care that they need.

week four:

JAN 27 – FEB 2

“The Lord passed in front of Moses, calling out, ‘Yahweh! The Lord! The God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness.’”

~ *Exodus 34:6, NLT*

THOUGHT: We need not fear any part of the journey ahead because our compassionate and merciful God always blazes the trail before us. May we follow the Lord’s lead, being slow to anger, practicing faithfulness and showing abundant love.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray that God will draw excellent Direct Support Professionals to meet recruitment needs in the Toronto area.
- Pray that people who use Community Support Program services, families, and employees will benefit from the transition from the Deerhide location to three new locations integrated in communities. May all experience a sense of safety and stability throughout this process.
- We give thanks for the many students and volunteers who contribute to the work of Christian Horizons. May they know how appreciated they are and the impact that they have.
- We pray for teams as they contribute to and implement Onward planning. May work towards our strategic outcomes give employees a tangible sense of the difference that they make in people’s lives.