

week one:

MAY 5-11

FOCUS: EVERY VOICE MATTERS

Our second strategic outcome is that "People direct their services." This means that each person directs their services and supports. Self-direction is seen in initiatives like the *Our Voice Matters* self-advocacy group, and it is also seen in each interaction with people who use our services. Whether or not someone has the ability to share their perspective verbally, we look for cues and communication on how they wish to be supported. Following Christ's example, we do not impose but seek to *serve others* in responding to their direction.

"Owe nothing to anyone – except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God's law."

~ Romans 13:8, NLT

PRAYER POINTS

- Give thanks for the strong connections we are making within the Christian community across Christian Horizons and, specifically with this month's focus, in Ottawa and Kingston.
- Pray for continued efforts to support local churches in becoming communities where everybody belongs through lunch and learns, speaking, and training opportunities.
- Pray for the city and government as Ottawa prepares to host the National Prayer Breakfast in May.

Feedback or requests?

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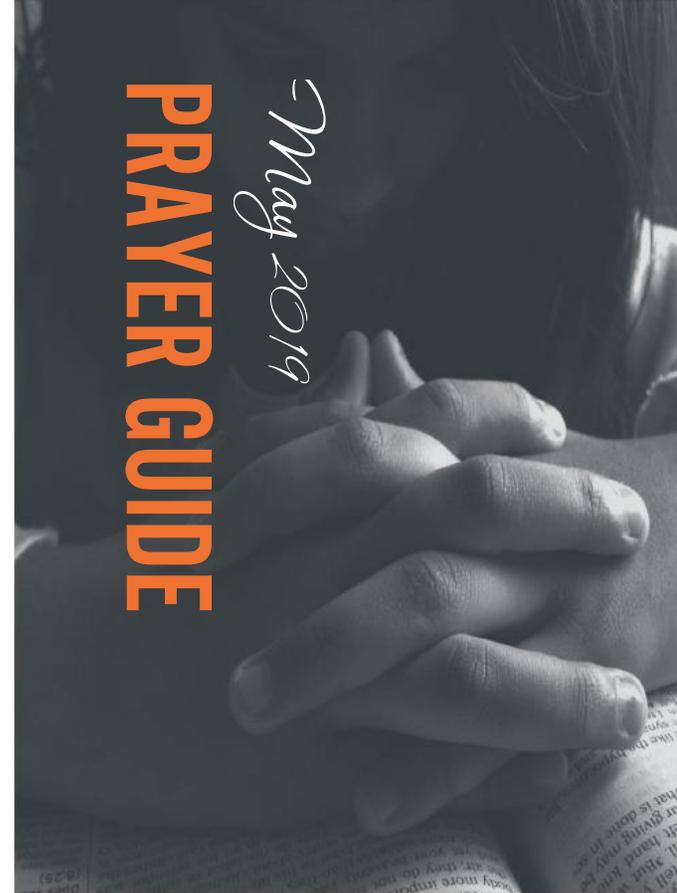
Sophia (facing camera) and Karen hard at work at the Grow Pottery Studio. You can learn more and follow along at:

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This month's Prayer Guide highlights the work of Christian Horizons in Ottawa, Kingston, Kenya, and around the world.

PRAYER GUIDE

May 2019



"Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you."

~ Matt. 6:28 – 30 NLT



week two:

MAY 12-18

"The prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven."

~ James 5:15, NIV

THOUGHT: Prayer is important not only for wellness of the body but of the spirit. Forgiveness is the healing that restores people to their community and to God. As we pray for health and healing, let us not forget the healing that comes from God's forgiveness.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for safety and new adventures as the weather warms up and people start planning vacations and travelling. May they experience new relationships and opportunities this spring and summer.
- Pray for the friends, family, and support teams grieving the recent losses of people who have passed away:
 - John Leger was part of the Ottawa community with Christian Horizons for almost 25 years and passed away in January.
 - Daniel Di Giacomo supported people at the home on Joy's Rd and passed away in February.
 - Larry Laxson, who lived in Kingston, passed away in March.

week three:

MAY 19-25

"For the Lord grants wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."

~ Proverbs 2:6, NLT

THOUGHT: Wisdom and knowledge are sometimes regarded as personal attributes or achievements, but we would do well to remember that these come from God and praise Him rather than ourselves.

PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for the work of Christian Horizons Global, training pastors and community leaders to lead healthy churches. Much of this training has been funded by the Bible League of Canada and includes how the church can be a place of belonging for people who experience disabilities.
- Pray that, as our relationship with the Bible League comes to its planned conclusion this year, both their ministries around the world and the ministry of Christian Horizons continue to be strong.
- Praise God for the tens of thousands of lives that have been touched in East Africa through our joint work with the Bible League over the past 10 years.
- Pray for the future ministry of Christian Horizons in Kenya as we seek to fund specific disability-focused programs.

week four:

MAY 26-JUNE 1

"...those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint."

~ Isaiah 40:30-31

THOUGHT: Hopefully, you are experiencing renewal from the sunshine and warmer temperatures of spring. Even when the sun is not shining, though, may we remember that we have an everlasting source of hope and strength in the Lord and may everything we do be to God's glory.

PRAYER POINTS

- Give thanks for the successful transition of Grow Studios pottery and jewellery departments as they moved into a new studio space. Pray that the people working there would have opportunity to develop meaningful relationships within their geographical neighbourhood as well as the "maker" community.
- God bless the work of Horizons Lawn Care as they begin another season. Pray for safety, for great opportunities, for meaningful relationships and strong business connections.
- Keep everyone who receives services from Christian Horizons in your prayers as they transition from winter to summer activities and schedules. May 2019 continue to be a year of rich opportunities and strengthened friendships.