

week one:

JUNE 2-8

FOCUS: COMMUNITY DIRECTION

Our second strategic outcome is that "People direct their services." In communities around the world, the way this happens is formed by the culture of the region and the community leaders who know their people best. When interdependence is a sign of a healthy community, we must listen-to and work-with one another to respond to each person's direction for their lives. We praise God for these communities that we have the opportunity to partner with, and pray for the wisdom to discern the best steps forward.

"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NLT

PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for community leaders, including pastors, who know people in their community well and can advocate for the kinds of supports and initiatives that are needed for families who experience disabilities.
- Pray for people who use our services around the world who don't use words to communicate. May each person find ways to clearly express the direction they seek for their lives.

Feedback or requests?

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Ryan's Rays took place on May 29th to raise money for inclusive education in Ethiopia. Arlene, the mother of Ryan who passed away in 2016, is featured above on a recent trip to Ethiopia. You can find out more at ryansrays.org

This month's Prayer Guide highlights the work of Christian Horizons in Kingston and around the world through Christian Horizons Global.

PRAYER GUIDE

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"...the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."

~ Micah 6:8, NLT

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week two:

JUNE 9-15

"As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, 'Take this and eat it, for this is my body.'"

~ *Matt. 26:26, NLT*

THOUGHT: If ever you are discouraged by what seem at the moment to be inadequacies or weaknesses, remember that it was precisely Jesus' brokenness that gave Him the capacity to save us all. Jesus will redeem our brokenness for a good purpose too.

PRAYER POINTS

- Please pray for times of fun, meaningful experiences, and safety for people who use our services through the spring and summer months, as vacations begin!
- Prayer for comfort for the passing of Larry who was supported at Armstrong Road in Kingston. He will be missed by his family, friends and those who supported him.
- Pray for wisdom for leaders and teams as we seek to strengthen current partnerships and develop new ones.
- As we explore with people where they wish to live and whom they wish to live with, pray for discernment and for further opportunities for people to increasingly direct their supports in the weeks and months to come.

week three:

JUNE 16-22

"And the one who sent me is with me—he has not deserted me. For I always do what pleases him."

~ *Jesus, John 8:29, NLT*

THOUGHT: Life as a Christian does not require being tested on our Bible knowledge. We are called to notice what Jesus does and learn from Him. May we be especially mindful of how He might approach the situations that we face throughout this day.

PRAYER POINTS

- Please pray for stability in Haiti and Nicaragua as both countries continue to experience unrest
- Praise God for the end of another successful school year wrapping up in Haiti and Ethiopia, and for the increasing opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in school programs.
- Give thanks for all those who came out to Ryan's Rays on May 29th to support inclusive education in Ethiopia. Pray that these resources will make a significant difference in the communities and lives of people experiencing disabilities in Ethiopia.
- Pray for teacher training taking place over the next few months. These training opportunities help equip schools to include even more children with disabilities with their peers.

week four:

JUNE 23-29

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

~ *Matthew 6:33, NLT*

THOUGHT: Seeking God's kingdom is about more than making God your first priority and engaging in spiritual disciplines. It also means responding to the injustices that we or others experience and advocating for God's kingdom values like love, inclusion, and accessibility for all.

PRAYER POINTS

- In May, Christian Horizons partnered with *A Deeper Communion* conference in Toronto and the *Institute on Theology and Disability* in Holland, Michigan. Each seeks to further the conversation at the intersection of faith and disability. Spend some time praying for education, equipping, and encouragement for churches and faith communities seeking greater accessibility and belonging.
- The West District Office and the Resource and Leadership Centre are transitioning to a new space at 26 Peppler Street in Waterloo. Pray for a smooth transition and for great opportunities to connect with this community!