

week one:

JUNE 30 – JULY 6

FOCUS: GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Christian Horizons' third strategic outcome is that "People experience services that support their ongoing growth and development." Looking to the future, we are excited to see the ways that people will continue to grow and develop! We pray that this growth will not only be related to learning new skills, but that people will develop meaningful relationships in their churches and faith communities. We pray that people will experience spiritual growth as part of communities where they belong and contribute as essential members.

"So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless."

~ 1 Corinthians 15:58, NLT

PRAYER POINTS

- As we celebrate Canada Day, we give thanks for a country that is committed to religious freedom and pluralism.
- We give thanks for diversity in society and at Christian Horizons. May we recognize our differences and as the very gifts of those in our midst.
- Pray that provincial and national leaders would do everything they can to promote dignity, respect, and full citizenship of all people. May they be moved to enhance supports and services that are valuable to families who experience disability.

Feedback or requests?

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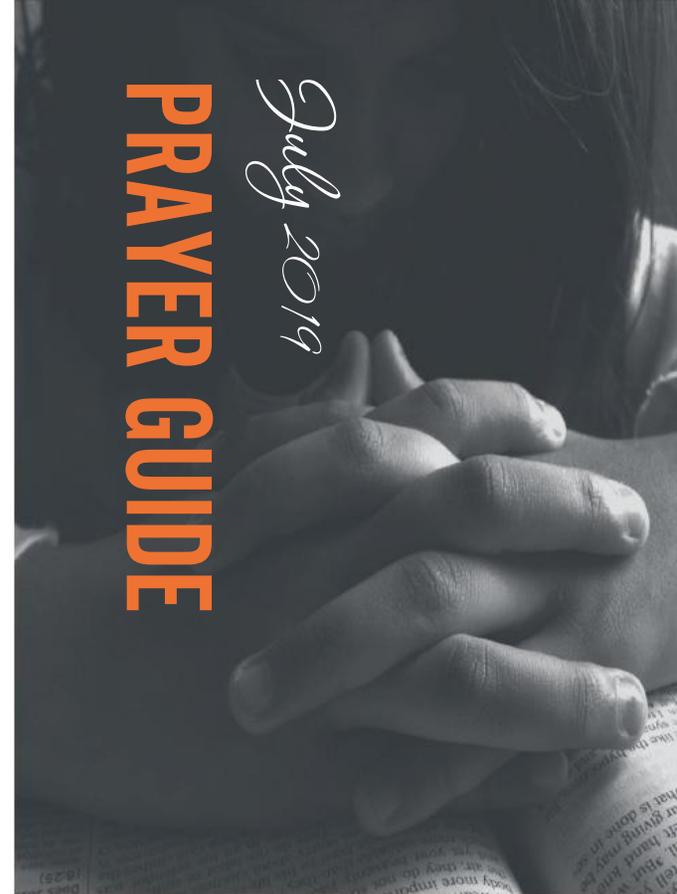


Carolyn (above) lives in Saskatoon. She has recently started volunteering at her church, washing dishes after events. This is a key point of connection, with much laughter, as people get to know one another better and contribute to their community.

This month's Prayer Guide highlights the work of Christian Horizons in Saskatchewan and at various Family Camp opportunities over the Summer of 2019.

PRAYER GUIDE

July 2019



"Let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up."

~ Galatians 6:9 NLT



week two:

JULY 7 – 13

“Swear to me in God’s name that you will never deceive me, my children, or any of my descendants. I have been loyal to you, so now swear that you will be loyal to me and to this country where you are living as a foreigner.” ~ *Genesis 21:23 NLT*

THOUGHT: True citizenship of believers in Christ is found in the kingdom of heaven. In a way, we are foreigners on this earth. In our time here, though, we have a great opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others and in the country where we live.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for a smooth transition of the West District Office and Resource & Leadership Centre to Pepler Street, Waterloo. Pray God’s continued blessing as they support the work of Christian Horizons provincially and internationally. We pray that interruptions are minimal, and that this new space would offer many opportunities to be a blessing in this neighborhood.
- Give thanks as people receiving services in Saskatchewan set up as new vendors at the Farmer’s Market in downtown Saskatoon. May their presence and gifting serve as a testament to the gifting of people with disabilities.
- Pray for the people from Saskatchewan attending the self-advocacy conference in Ontario. May they make life-long friends and give voice to their hopes and dreams.

week three:

JULY 14 – 20

“For the Lord has told me this: ‘I will watch quietly from my dwelling place – as quietly as the heat rises on a summer day, or as the morning dew forms during the harvest.’”

~ *Isaiah 18:4 NLT*

THOUGHT: We serve a God who is not authoritarian or overbearing but gentle and humble in heart. God is always aware of our needs and ready to provide. Who are those people whom you “watch for” in your life?

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for people supported in Saskatchewan who have changing needs. We pray as they age or experience losses that their communities would gather around them in friendship and support, and appreciate the blessing that they are to those around them.
- Thank God for our amazing employees in Saskatchewan and the opportunity for conversations at a recent Connections meeting. May each employee know the difference they are making in lives of people who experience disabilities and in the communities in which they serve.
- Pray for wisdom for Christian Horizons leadership in Saskatchewan. May leaders continue to be examples of Christian Horizons’ core values as they seek to fulfill our Vision.

week four:

JULY 21 - 27

“God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he rested from all his work of creation.”

~ *Genesis 2:3 NLT*

THOUGHT: Following God’s example, it is important for us to rest from our work. If you are someone who struggles to take breaks or vacation, consider that as much as God blesses the work of your hands, He will also bless the time that you rest and use this for His glory.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for people receiving services and Direct Support Professionals who are going on vacation this summer. May everyone who cannot experience this privilege in this season be refreshed and renewed in other ways.
- Pray for the urgent recruitment of compassionate and dedicated Family Camp volunteers who will faithfully support at least 26 families at Elim Lodge near Peterborough, Ontario in August.
- Pray for the plan to host an integrated Family Camp with six families supported by volunteers in August in the Ottawa area. May more churches and camps catch this vision, so that in years to come every family who wishes to can participate in inclusive and supportive vacation experiences!