

week one:

AUGUST 4 - 10

FOCUS: REV. JIM REESE: A FAITHFUL FOUNDER

Rev. Jim Reese, who founded Christian Horizons together with his wife Adrienne and son Steven, passed away on July 5th, 2019. We remember with gratitude his faithful vision and witness. Jim saw the "horizon" in *Christian Horizons* as the place where heavenly blessings touch the needs of those of us here on earth. Jim's voice and vision are strong at Christian Horizons. His story will continue be told and his voice will carry on for generations through the work he began.

"Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith."

~ Hebrews 13:7, NLT

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for peace and comfort for family, friends, and countless others who have been impacted by the life and passing of Rev. Jim Reese. Pray for God's wisdom for all those who seek to carry on his legacy and vision.
- Pray for God's blessing on families attending Christian Horizons Family Camp at Elim Lodge later this month along with the volunteers who will be serving them. May everyone involved with this camp experience spiritual renewal, rest, and a sense of belonging in community.

Feedback or requests?

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Able Theatre Group and guests as they performed at the Northern Annual Community Meeting in fall, 2018. We remember Paula McParland, who was a part of Able Theatre and recently passed away.

This month's Prayer Guide highlights the work of Christian Horizons in Sudbury and other Northern communities along with prayers for the Christian Horizons Family Camp at Elim Lodge.

PRAYER GUIDE

August 2019

"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal comfort and a wonderful hope, comfort you and strengthen you in every good thing you do and say."

~ 2 Thessalonians 2:16, NLT

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week two:

AUGUST 11 - 17

"The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known."

~ Psalm 19:1-2, NLT

THOUGHT: In each season, we see God's glory in nature. Praise God for the sun, stars, trees, flowers, oceans, rivers, fish and birds that display God's power and majesty. Our surroundings and the creatures within them show that words are not necessary to proclaim the glory of God.

PRAYER POINTS

- We pray for the recruitment and hiring of excellent Direct Support Professionals over the summer months, both for temporary and permanent contracts. May they make a meaningful difference in the lives of others and, in turn, be blessed through their time at Christian Horizons.
- In Sudbury, we give thanks for a new Program Manager who has stepped into a flex contract. May they have wisdom as they lead in this capacity.
- Pray for people who use our services who are being supported through cancer treatments. May they experience hope and love through this time. May they continue to have opportunities to express and develop their God-given gifts. We pray that their community would support them well through these treatments.

week three:

AUGUST 18 - 24

"He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us."

~ 2 Corinthians 1:4, NLT

THOUGHT: Christ is the source of comfort that we can count on through challenging times. Such comfort is not only for our benefit. Rather, we are called to "pay it forward" to those around us. Through this, we increase the likelihood that they will experience Christ's love through us.

PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for the gifts of everyone who participates in Able Theatre (www.facebook.com/Ableproject) as they celebrate another successful performance! We pray for continued opportunities to celebrate and share their God-given gifts.
- We pray for wisdom for Christian Horizons' leadership as they seek out innovative partnership options for alternative and intentional housing communities. May our services and supports adapt to meet the needs of everyone who uses our services, in a way that fosters belonging and values people.
- For those who are transitioning between service options in the Sudbury community, we pray for peace and a smooth transition. May they experience increased self-direction and community participation through these changes.

week four:

AUGUST 25 - 31

"Your love has given me much joy and comfort, my brother, for your kindness has often refreshed the hearts of God's people."

~ Philemon 1:7, NLT

THOUGHT: The kindness that you show someone else today, no matter how large or small, may bless them more than you realize. Take those opportunities that present themselves to reach out, to encourage, to strengthen one another.

PRAYER POINTS

- Please pray for family, friends, housemates and direct support professionals who are mourning the passing of Paula McParland of Orillia, Ontario. We give thanks for her life and the difference she made in her community.
- This week we think of all those who are traveling or on vacation. May they form wonderful memories and experience safety and rest through this time.
- Give thanks for a new SHINE program that is up and running. It offers opportunities for skill development and friendship one evening every second week.