

week one:

SEPTEMBER 1 - 7

FOCUS: MICHELLE'S STORY

Michelle Tarco is one of over 50 graduates, to date, of the Humber College Culinary Certificate program. She has self-directed her growth and development, working towards her "dream checklist." Recently, she was invited back to give the graduation address. Her encouragement is to "Never stop dreaming!" At Christian Horizons, people experience services that support their ongoing growth and development. We give thanks for the ways that Michelle and others have grown and developed in meaningful ways.

"Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see."

~ Hebrews 11:1, NLT

PRAYER POINTS

- God, please help us each to work for full, seamless inclusion and a deep experience of belonging, remembering that through You all things are possible.
- God, provide us with the resources needed to both give back to and receive from community in creative and extraordinary ways.
- God, please forgive us for barriers we have erected that leave people excluded, unvalued, or not able to experience life in its fullness. We repent and seek to live into Your Kingdom which has no barriers.

Feedback or requests?

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Michelle presenting her 2019 Graduation address at Humber College. You can learn more about Christian Horizons' college partnerships at:

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This month's Prayer Guide highlights the work of Christian Horizons in Southern Ontario and the work of Christian Horizons Global including child sponsorships.

PRAYER GUIDE

September 2019

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

~ Matthew 5:14-16, NIV

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week two:

SEPTEMBER 8 - 14

“‘Comfort, comfort my people,’ says your God. ‘Speak tenderly to Jerusalem. Tell her that her sad days are gone and her sins are pardoned.’”

~ Isaiah 40:1-2, NLT

THOUGHT: It can be hard to “incline our ears” toward those who suffer time and time again, and to refrain from offering advice or passing judgment. However, Isaiah reminds us that truly helping others and effectively ministering requires offering tender words of comfort and encouragement and sharing God's forgiveness.

PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for thousands of children who have benefited from the work of Christian Horizons. Pray for children in Ethiopia and Haiti as they return to school in September.
- Pray for new projects in Kenya that will make schools and churches more accessible for people who experience disabilities to share their gifts.
- Pray for people who are healing from surgery, sickness, or illness across Christian Horizons. May they experience speedy recovery.
- Praise God for the summer season, a time of refreshment and renewal for many. Praise Him for the ability of some people who receive service to reconnect with their families over the summer and new opportunities that arise.

week three:

SEPTEMBER 15 - 21

“‘We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus told him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.’”

~ John 14:5-6, NLT

THOUGHT: The journey of faith does not depend on whether we can see or understand God's plan. It depends on our ongoing relationship with Jesus Christ and our willingness to trust him step-by-step. Jesus is the way to God, not our own intellect or ability.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for people and teams experiencing grief. We pray for people at the home on Taylor Ave in Chatham along with the friends and family of Francis as they grieve his passing.
- We pray that people would be drawn to work at Christian Horizons who are passionate about seeing people thrive in their communities.
- Pray God's blessing on Christian Horizons Child Sponsorship program. May it continue to meaningfully impact children who are sponsored and their families.
- May all those awaiting sponsors persevere with hope, peace, and joy and may dedicated donors be found quickly.
- Pray for continued stability in Haiti as we plan trips for this coming fall.

week four:

SEPTEMBER 22 - 28

“‘Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me.’”

~ John 14:10, NLT

THOUGHT: No particular skills or abilities are required to reveal Jesus to others. Christ can be revealed through anyone. We should be careful to recognize when Christ reveals himself to us through others – especially people who have been underestimated or marginalized.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for wisdom in the Southern Ontario communities and across Christian Horizons as we consider transformation of services and support people to live where, with whom and how they want to live.
- Pray for the planning that is currently underway as communities launch *Our Voice Matters* self-advocacy groups. May these be meaningful opportunities to contribute for all members.
- Pray for the community meetings taking place across Christian Horizons districts through September and October. Give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate good work being carried out and milestones that have been achieved.