

week one:

OCTOBER 6 - 12

FOCUS: WELCOMING COMMUNITIES

How are you welcomed into the communities of which you are a part? Christian Horizons believes that communities really flourish when they welcome the gifts of all people – with and without disabilities! Christian Horizons' fourth strategic outcome is that "Communities are welcoming of people who experience disabilities." This desire for hospitality arises out of the Christian tradition, rooted in the welcome and grace that God extends to all people. In turn, may we welcome one another.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." ~ *Matthew 25:35, NIV*

PRAYER POINTS

- Annual Community Meetings take place throughout the month of October. We pray that they are times when we can reflect on the previous year and celebrate how our work contributed to people belonging to communities.
- We continue to pray for recruitment needs throughout the organization. Working with Christian Horizons is a wonderful opportunity to get to know some amazing people and their God-given gifts. Pray that prospective employees will be drawn to the work that we do and consider applying to join this ministry.

Feedback or requests?

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*Photo from the 2018 Annual
Community Meeting in Chatham, ON.*

*Annual Community Meetings are a
great opportunity to get caught up on
the work of Christian Horizons in your
community and around the world. Be
sure to find an ACM near you:*

www.christian-horizons.org/events

This month's Prayer Guide highlights the work of Christian Horizons in communities from Halton to Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario and the work of Christian Horizons Global in Nicaragua.

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"I look up to the mountains— does my help come from there? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!"

~ *Psalms 121:1-2, NIV*

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week two:

OCTOBER 13-19

“Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.”

~ Luke 12:23, NLT

THOUGHT: The vision that *people who experience disability belong to communities in which their God-given gifts are valued and respected* is not just a practice that enhances the lives of people who experience disability. It is a biblical mandate that fosters belonging of all people regardless of ability. Communities are changed as a result!

PRAYER POINTS

- Connections meetings are an opportunity for employees to come together with community leaders to provide feedback and receive encouragement in the work that they do. The next meeting in the Kitchener-Waterloo area is October 16th, and we pray that it is a time where employees can feel connected to the work of Christian Horizons, find a safe place to give voice to the things they are thinking about, and to be informed.
- We are currently working to connect with local Christian schools in our communities to find out ways we can partner and bring about awareness of Christian Horizons and accessible education.

week three:

OCTOBER 20-26

“Don’t be afraid,’ he said, ‘for you are very precious to God. Peace! Be encouraged! Be strong!’ As he spoke these words to me, I suddenly felt stronger...”

~ Daniel 10:19, NLT

THOUGHT: May these words give you strength for the tasks you face today, and may you seize the opportunity to strengthen someone you encounter along the way. You can encourage them by reminding them of just how valuable they truly are.

PRAYER POINTS

- As people who are new to Christian Horizons begin using our services, we pray that each person will experience smooth transitions and develop meaningful friendships.
- A group of men living in Mississauga are transitioning to a new home. As they wait for the new location to be ready, they are living at a hotel. While it is going well, we pray for a quick closing date and move to help these men get into their new home in good time!
- We pray for meaningful employment opportunities for people who seek it and we give thanks for all of the employers who recognize the valuable contribution that people with disabilities make to the workforce.

week four:

OCTOBER 27- NOV 2

“The church then had peace throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria, and it became stronger as the believers lived in the fear of the Lord. And with the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, it also grew in numbers.”

~ Acts 9:31, NLT

THOUGHT: Neither peace nor growth comes strictly from personal sacrifices or passion. To be as effective as we can be, we need reverence for God and we need God’s Holy Spirit to bless our work. It is through seeking God’s will in prayer that our plans begin to align with His.

PRAYER POINTS

- We give thanks for the qualified leaders who serve as Program Managers and team leads across Ontario and Saskatchewan, and for their teams.
- We give thanks for all of the exciting work being done to transform services so that people can direct their support and choose where they want to live, and the people with whom they wish to live!
- Praise God for the time of calm that has come to Nicaragua after a year of unrest. Praise God for the support that we were able to provide during this difficult year.
- Pray for Pastor Jose our coordinator there as he works with 8 local churches to help them be places where all can belong and use their God-given gifts.