

week one:

NOVEMBER 3 – 9

FOCUS: PLACE STILL MATTERS

That God “became flesh” and *made his dwelling with us or moved into the neighbourhood*, as John writes, means that place matters – even in a time of often-virtual connection. Our identity, contribution, and friendships are shaped by those with whom we come into contact with each day. At Christian Horizons, we know that welcoming neighbourhoods are crucial for belonging, and work for communities where *everybody’s* God-given gifts are valued and respected.

“The Word became flesh and blood,
and moved into the neighborhood.
We saw the glory with our own eyes,
the one-of-a-kind glory,
like Father, like Son,
Generous inside and out,
true from start to finish.” ~ *Jn 1:14, Message*

PRAYER POINTS

- On October 18th-19th, Christian Horizons partnered with the Reimagine Conference (reimagineconference.ca) to imagine what it might look like to be *with, in, and for* our neighbourhoods. Pray this conference leads to greater belonging with people who experience disabilities.
- The Christian Horizons leadership conference takes place in the first week of November. Pray for wisdom, inspiration, and innovation as supervisors learn to coach and guide people in building communities of belonging.

Feedback or requests?

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Photo from the 2019 Crieff Hills Winter Wonderland Family Camp. This coming January, we are looking forward to family camps near Ottawa and near Cambridge/Guelph Ontario.

Find out more:

www.christian-horizons.org/familycamp

This month’s Prayer Guide highlights the work of Christian Horizons in communities from Hamilton through Niagara, Ontario and the work of Christian Horizons Global in Uganda and Haiti.

PRAYER GUIDE

November 2019

“Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. May your gracious Spirit lead me forward on a firm footing.”

~ Psalm 143:10, NLT

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week two:

NOVEMBER 10 – 16

“I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding.”

~ *Philippians 1:9, NLT*

THOUGHT: Love and affection have their own kind of understanding. The apostle Paul reminds us that the more we show love to one another the more we may grow in our knowledge and understanding of who God is because of his great love for us. Love is a kind of *knowledge of* and *trust in* one another and God.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for Mercy Link Foundation, a partner of Christian Horizons in Uganda, as they continue to look for ways to make churches and schools places of belonging for people who experience disability.
- Pray for communities across Ontario and Saskatchewan as they continue to work towards transforming services. Many areas are exploring how intentional communities might be avenues to engage neighbourhoods and build places of belonging for people of all abilities.
- Pray that God would continue to bless partnerships with Crieff Hills and Galilee for Winter Wonderland Family Camps. Pray that there would be a good turnout of volunteers and families at Crieff Hills January 10 – 12th and at the Galilee family camp near Ottawa, January 17^h-19th.

week three:

NOVEMBER 17 – 23

“Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

~ *Matthew 28:20, NLT*

THOUGHT: All Christians are called to teach others God's instructions for living. This may seem daunting if you are not trained as a preacher or teacher, but it does not depend on our ability to preach or teach, so much as it depends on God working through us. God is with us always, regardless of our ability.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for peace to come to ongoing unrest in Haiti. May God be present there, particularly through the work of Christian Horizons Global and their partners.
- On November 22nd, communities in the Western (Ontario) district of Christian will celebrate all employees who have reached a “milestone anniversary” (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20 years). We are grateful for each person's service in coming alongside people who experience disabilities to live the lives that they determine and enjoy in community. We pray God's blessing on each person.
- Praying for upcoming family camps, may families and volunteers have the gifts they need to bless one another in unique ways. May these camps be sources of refreshment and renewal for the families, and Christ-centered communities for all.

week four:

NOVEMBER 24 – 30

“I will be your God throughout your lifetime - until your hair is white with age.

I made you, and I will care for you. I will carry you along and save you.”

~ *Isaiah 46:4, NLT*

THOUGHT: We can face changing seasons and changing circumstances with confidence. We know that God does not change. No matter our age, God will not stop caring for us. Pray for those who might be wrestling with the journey of growth through aging, that they will know the care of God and the people who love them.

PRAYER POINTS

- On behalf of Christian Horizons Global, pray for our Christmas giving catalogue. Pray that people would be generous and give gifts through this catalogue that will bless lives in Canada and around the world.
- Pray for those who experience grief as the holidays approach. May those who are well-connected to community open their arms wide to welcome anyone who may desire a wider circle of friends and support.
- Pray for God's blessing on planning teams for the upcoming family camps. Grant that passionate and dedicated volunteers will be further equipped to foster belonging with families who experience disability at Winter Wonderland and beyond.