

*week one:*

## DECEMBER 1 - 7

### CHANGE AT THE SPEED OF TRUST

Services and supports are changing, but they are being transformed in response to people who use our services and their communities. Each person has a voice, a story, and the ability to direct the kind of service they need and want. When Jesus asks "What do you want me to do for you?" (Luke 18:41), he looked to partner with people in the work that God had already begun in their lives. At Christian Horizons, we believe that building this kind of trust is needed in pointing the way forward.

"A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice."

*~ Isaiah 42:3, NIV*

### PRAYER POINTS

- Throughout the Advent season and beyond, may all who experience financial hardship benefit from generosity of those who have enough; may any who experience sadness and grief receive comfort and peace; may those who are lonely benefit from a sense of belonging and community. May such experiences serve as a testament of the reversals we anticipate in Christ's kingdom.

*Feedback or requests?*

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*Have you seen the video highlighting Judy's contribution at Priory Park Baptist Church in Guelph?*

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This month's Prayer Guide highlights the work of Christian Horizons in Saskatchewan and our Christian Horizons Global church partners.

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"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

*~ Isaiah 9:6, NLT*

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*week two:*

## DECEMBER 8 – 14

“Moses continued, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him.’”

~ Deuteronomy 18:15, NLT

**THOUGHT:** Moses anticipated the first coming of Christ in the same way that Christians today look forward to his second coming. Moses highlights that Jesus' authority is not based on elevated social status, and he underscores the importance of following Jesus' direction. May we carry out our responsibilities accordingly.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for people who use Christian Horizons services, families, staff and volunteers across Ontario, Saskatchewan and around the world who may face illness this winter. May they know God's healing love.
- On behalf of Christian Horizons Global, pray for churches around the world that partner with us in service. Praise God that He equips us through funding to help them teach others with practical expressions of His love, as they also share His message.
- Give thanks for new leaders in Saskatchewan. May their roles utilize the strengths that God has given them. May they continue to grow in wisdom, and all the fruit of the Spirit such as peace, patience, kindness and self-control.

*week three:*

## DECEMBER 15 – 21

“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.”

~ John 13:34, NLT

**THOUGHT:** If we seek to represent Christ to those around us, it is important to demonstrate the humility, gentleness and grace that Christ shows us every day, in all our interactions with others. May the Holy Spirit grant us the strength to love in such a powerful way today.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Thank God for the ongoing work of Christian Horizons Global church partners who are in areas of unrest; may God bless them and help them continue to be agents of peace and places of calm.
- Give thanks that a gentleman who started using Christian Horizons services in Saskatchewan two years ago received a needed renovation to his home.
- Praise the Lord that in summer 2020 there will be new Christian Horizons Family Camps hosted by North District in partnership with Central District, as well as in Saskatchewan. Pray for wisdom of the planning teams, favor with vendors, and engagement from families and volunteers.
- Pray for God's blessing on Christian Horizons' partnership with Community Living Service Delivery in Saskatchewan.

*week four:*

## DECEMBER 22 – 28

“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!”

~ Isaiah 52:7 NLT

**THOUGHT:** The good news of peace and salvation make the messengers beautiful. Whether we communicate the good news through braille, Pec-symbols, text to speech, sign language, a smile, eye gaze, writing, speaking, the work of our hands or something else, spreading this life-changing message makes us beautiful, too!

### PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for Canadian and U.S. churches that have partnered with Christian Horizons Global to foster international communities of belonging through funding and sponsorship of children.
- As we reflect on the closing of 2019, may we be encouraged by all that God has helped us to accomplish. May we be inspired to pursue further opportunities that the Lord presents in 2020.
- Thank God for Christian Horizons Winter Wonderland Family Camps at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre in southwestern Ontario, January 10 – 12th, and Galilee Bible Camp near Ottawa, January 17 – 19th. May God bless any last-minute details and take care of any issues that have not been anticipated. May God remove any obstacles for families, volunteers and community members to be involved.