

week one:

April 5-11

CARE AMIDST COVID-19

The world is in crisis, and yet this does not lessen the need to foster belonging with people of all abilities. Quite the contrary, while social distancing is our new reality, we must continue to value people, foster belonging, serve others, and respect everybody's gifts. God's calling and mission continue to drive the work we do at Christian Horizons.

"Look at the lilies and how they grow. ... If God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you."

~ Luke 12:27-38, NIV

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for wisdom for global, federal, provincial, and organizational leaders making difficult decisions related to the global pandemic.
- Praise God for Direct Support Professionals, PSW's, and medical teams who continue to serve vulnerable populations in these challenging times. Pray for the safety of all involved.
- Pray for all those who feeling socially isolated and for those that who struggle with disruption of routines or long planned-events being cancelled.

Feedback or requests?

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Above: Caregivers in Guatemala take part in a seminar on parenting and academic support for their children.

This month's prayer guide highlights the work of Christian Horizons in and around Peterborough and Durham, Ontario, and through Christian Horizons Global.

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PRAYER GUIDE

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"Give your burdens to the LORD, and he will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall."

~ Psalm 55:22, NLT


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week two:

April 12-18

“So, prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world.”

~ 1 Peter 1:13, NLT

THOUGHT: Thank God for the selfless actions of many who reveal Christ as they seek to help those dealing with the effects of COVID-19 in various ways. Praise Him for the gift of Easter, that Jesus, died and rose again that all may someday experience the joy of eternal life.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for caregivers of children sponsored through Christian Horizons Global: May they be blessed through these sponsorships and make meaningful steps toward sustainability.
- May God bless Rudy and Sully who are now in their 29th year of working to promote communities where everybody belongs in Guatemala.
- Pray that the ongoing housing discussions and planning across Ontario and Saskatchewan will ensure that people with disabilities have safe, affordable, and supportive housing options that not only meet their needs but also promote the achievement of their personal goals.

week three:

April 19-25

“Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!”

~ 2 Corinthians 5:17, NLT

THOUGHT: It is Spring in North America which means that beautiful flowers and plants will soon be in bloom. Since Christ is risen, it is not only a season of growth and transformation of the environment, it can be a season of transformation for people too!

PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God that more than 100 people had the opportunity to attend the Magnificent Memories Retreat held in Markham in March. All had a great time together learning about how they can be more connected to their community and grow in their skills.
- Praise God for some new opportunities for people to access Christian Horizons services in Peterborough and Durham, Ontario. Pray that transitions will go smoothly and that these supports are a blessing to individuals and their families.
- On behalf of Christian Horizons Global, please pray for safety as our team in Guatemala serve in communities that often experience gang violence.

week four:

April 26-May 2

“Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.” ~ Colossians 2:7, NLT

THOUGHT: Trees, flowers and other plants that spring up after being dormant for the winter demonstrate resilience and the value of deep roots. Likewise, deep faith roots contribute to our resilience and the revitalization of our faith in different seasons of our lives.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for God’s blessing on the “Our Voice Matters” Advocacy Conference in June 2020.
- Praise God for the recent grants received to support summer 2020 Humber College programs, as well as one grant for their first ever weekend Family Camp in partnership with Muskoka Woods, June 5-7, 2020.
- Pray God’s blessing on the Muskoka Woods Family Camp planning team, speaker, worship leader, and many other volunteers and families leading up to, during, and beyond Family Camp.
- Pray for grant applications which are still pending and the further opportunities these would offer in terms of Muskoka Woods Family Camp, College partnerships and Summer Youth positions.