

week one:

November 1-7

CELEBRATING FRIENDSHIP

Our AGM and Annual Community Meetings celebrate friends and partners who have gone “above and beyond” through Excellence in Action awards. We thank God for everyone who has worked to keep friendship and activity opportunities alive through the pandemic.

“LORD, you give us peace. You are the one who has done everything we’ve accomplished.”

~ Isaiah 26:12, NIRV

PRAYER POINTS

- We give thanks for everyone who uses Christian Horizons services, families, and employees who have adjusted to new ways of living and connecting throughout the pandemic.
- Pray for Christian Horizons locations and wider community settings that are experiencing coronavirus outbreaks. May God comfort, strengthen and restore each person to full health.
- We pray that God would sustain the physical, mental, and emotional health and safety of everyone who uses Christian Horizons services and the teams that support them.

Feedback or requests?

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Near New Hamburg, Ontario, John (L) and Seam (R) enjoyed getting out to fish this past summer!

This month's prayer guide highlights the work of Christian Horizons in Western Ontario and around the world through Christian Horizons Global.

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PRAYER GUIDE

November

“He is our God. We trusted in him, and he saved us. He is the LORD. We trusted in him. Let us be filled with joy because he saved us.”

~ Isaiah 25:9, NIRV

The logo for Christian Horizons, featuring the text "Christian Horizons" in a blue serif font, with a blue swoosh underneath. To the right of the swoosh is a small orange globe icon.

week two:

November 8-14

"I feel very bad. I'm getting weaker and weaker. How terrible it is for me! People turn against one another. They can't be trusted. So they turn against one another." ~ *Isaiah 24:16, NIRV*

THOUGHT: If this describes how you or someone you know feels as the global pandemic wears on, you are not alone. Many hundred years ago, God heard the prophet Isaiah cry out these words. God responded to Isaiah with comfort and protection. We find God's peace through His Son, Jesus.

PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for the conclusion of the school year in Central America as they celebrate graduation in November.
- Give thanks for creative activities like cooking, baking, hiking, fishing, simple pleasures like spending time outside, and greeting people warmly from a safe distance.
- Pray for Christian Horizons Winter Wonderland planning teams and volunteers who hope to find safe opportunities for spiritual, social and emotional support of families who experience disability in the midst of the pandemic. Ask God to be with families through the winter as the pandemic will present unique challenges. May God protect them from anxiety and burnout.

week three:

November 14-20

"You have kept needy people safe when they were in trouble. You have been a place to hide when storms came. You have been a shade from the heat of the sun." ~ *Isaiah 25:4, NIRV*

THOUGHT: In the midst of the pandemic, political and economic uncertainties, the threat of wildfires and other natural disasters, we are reminded of our need to trust God. We are all vulnerable human beings. Isaiah offers reassurance that God has been and will continue to be faithful.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for patience and understanding of staff and individuals who use Christian Horizons services and their families dealing with the grief and loss of time together and visits that are so important.
- Give thanks for the joy of witnessing friends connect online: Seeing the importance of those relationships, and the ways that they can be maintained and even strengthened in pandemic times.
- Hospitals are overwhelmed and all medical help is strained internationally, pray for protection for all those connected to Christian Horizons Global, not just in terms of COVID-19, but as it relates to health in general.

week four:

November 21-27

"You will give perfect peace to those who commit themselves to be faithful to you. That's because they trust in you. Trust in the LORD forever. The LORD himself is the Rock. The LORD will keep us safe forever." ~ *Isaiah 26:3-4 NIRV*

THOUGHT: Perfect peace is available to everyone because it does not depend on the circumstances we are in, be they a global pandemic or the challenges that we face. It depends on trusting in God for eternal protection and earthly things beyond our control.

PRAYER POINTS

- May the collaborative efforts of public health officials, government leaders, and community members protect vulnerable people from health crises
- Pray for Christian Horizons' church partners around the world. Fall and Winter are traditionally times when teams from our partner churches in North America travel to visit international sisters and brothers. May we find new ways to stay connected.
- Give thanks for employees who have been redeployed to provide direct support and for the dedicated teams of Direct Support Professionals. We pray they continued to experience blessing as they work with people who use Christian Horizons services.