

*week one:*

## January 5-11

### UNWRAPPING OUR GIFTS

In December, we celebrated the gift of Jesus at Christmas. God continues to give good gifts today. Each person in community reflects God-given gifts just waiting to be discovered! This might be the gift of friendship, the gift of patience, the gift of love. We work towards a world where *everybody's* gifts are unwrapped and celebrated.

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

~ James 1:17, NIV

#### PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for churches who help make it possible for families and volunteers to participate in Christian Horizons Family Camps, whether through donations or by sharing the opportunity.
- May the experience shared by families and volunteers at Christian Horizons Winter Wonderland family camps near Ottawa and Guelph be uplifting, inspiring, and refreshing to all.
- Pray for amazing weather that helps everyone at January family camps to have fun and enjoy God's creation.

*Feedback or requests?*

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**Above:** Craft time at Christian Horizons' Winter Wonderland Family Camp. Learn more and register today for a January camp today at [www.christian-horizons.org/familycamp](http://www.christian-horizons.org/familycamp)

*This month's prayer guide highlights the work of Christian Horizons in the Ottawa and Kingston communities of Christian Horizons and around the world through Christian Horizons Global.*

## 2020 PRAYER GUIDE

*January*

"Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has visited and redeemed His people. He has sent us a mighty Savior from the royal line of His servant David, just as He promised."

~ Luke 1:68-70, NLT

*week two:*

## January 12-18

“For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search and find my sheep.”

~ Ezekiel 34:11, NLT

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**THOUGHT:** Our God isn't just sought out by us; He actively and earnestly seeks us out; this kind of belonging has eternally been in the mind of God. Therefore, we need to be accustomed to recognizing when someone is missing and join God's search for them.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for the resilience of Christian Horizons staff teams, volunteers and especially people who use our services as contracts are filled and schedules settle down after the Christmas season.
- Pray for the Winter Wonderland Family Camp weekend at Galilee Bible Camp January 17-19, 2020.
- Pray for the people living and working at the Christian Horizons community on Century Rd in Ottawa, and the apartments on Armstrong Rd in Kingston as they navigate the transitions of new housemates moving in.
- Pray for new partners of Christian Horizons Global in Ethiopia as we prepare to merge our work in April.

*week three:*

## January 19-25

“I will look for those that are lost, bring back those that wander off, bandage those that are hurt, and heal those that are sick.”

~ Ezekiel 34:16, GNT

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**THOUGHT:** Through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, *God with us*, Saviour of the World, God cares about every person, past, present, and future. This prophecy shows God's heart of compassion and demonstrates His plan to restore all His people from every kind of trouble we might possibly face in this life.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for the full recovery of a Program Manager facing significant health challenges as well as support for his family through this difficult time.
- Praise God for “summer holidays” in Guatemala and Nicaragua. This is their break and school starts again in February.
- May God bless Direct Support Professionals and the students and volunteers that they mentor with wisdom, energy and resources to support the people who use our services in the best way possible. May their example make a lasting difference in the community so that all people may learn what it means to belong to communities in which their God-given gifts are valued and respected.

*week four:*

## Jan 26-Feb 1

“For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

~ Luke 19:10, NLT

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**THOUGHT:** God is seeking all who are lost and who feel alone, forgotten and abandoned. He promises that he will travel great distances to find you. Why? Because He has formed you before the foundation of the world, He knows you, He loves you, and He has called you His own.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for stability in Haiti after the disruptions of the fall. Students are back to school but are several months behind schedule.
- May God bless Ottawa and area leadership with wisdom and resources for strategic initiatives and innovative service delivery that enables people who use our services to meet or exceed their goals.
- May God grant wisdom to the planning committee of ***Belong: Strangers No More***, a conference happening in the spring. May the insights offered and resources shared by speakers and workshop presenters be meaningful to all who attend. May each of them be equipped to further the message that everyone belongs.