

week one:

February 2-8

THE GIFT OF REST

Knowing that God has given everyone good gifts to share with the world (1 Peter 4:10) reminds us that we don't have to do everything ourselves. We can rest in the goodness and love of God, and the contribution and gifts of our community. People of all abilities have God-given gifts to share in communities where we belong.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

~ Jesus in Matthew 11:28, NIV

PRAYER POINTS

- Thank God for the life of Stephen Reese, the inspiration for the ministry of Christian Horizons. May God surround Stephen's family, friends, support staff and those he impacted around the world with peace and comfort as they mourn his passing.
- Thank God for the wisdom and effort dedicated to Christian Horizons budget preparation and submission process.
- Praise the Lord for the meaningful relationships that were developed and experiences that were had with families and volunteers at Winter Wonderland Family Camps.

Feedback or requests?

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Above: Marcus Pacella decorates the Christmas tree at the Peterborough office of Christian Horizons.

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

2020
PRAYER GUIDE

February

"... If I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing."

~ 1 Corinthians 13:2, NLT

The logo for Christian Horizons features the text "Christian Horizons" in a blue serif font. A blue swoosh underline is positioned below the text, ending in a small globe icon on the right side.

week two:

February 9-15

"Now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." ~ *John 13:34-35, NLT*

THOUGHT: Valentine's Day is an opportunity not only to celebrate romantic love, but the love of God, family, friends and, our brothers and sisters around the world. Thank God for this powerful gift. Pray that God would open our eyes to any who do not feel loved and help us to share it through word or action.

PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for the generosity of those who have made it possible for many people to receive gifts purchased through our Christian Horizons gift catalog. May God bless these gifts and multiply their fruitfulness.
- Please pray for the continued health of everyone who uses Christian Horizons services.
- Praise the Lord for the physical, spiritual, social, and emotional support, and the abundant joy that was deeply felt by families and volunteers at Christian Horizons Winter Wonderland Family Camps. Pray that God would provide all families who experience disability with ongoing sources of support and encouragement in their home communities.

week three:

February 16-22

"Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal."

~ *Jesus in Matthew 6:19-20*

THOUGHT: We can be easily distracted by our money and our "stuff." Jesus reminds us that such earthly treasures are temporary. He loves us very much and He wants us to be truly fulfilled through a relationship with Him, the only eternal treasure.

PRAYER POINTS

- On behalf of Christian Horizons Global, pray for the new government in Guatemala. The new president has multiple sclerosis. Pray that he will lead the way forward in building communities of belonging with all people who experience disabilities.
- May God encourage the planning teams and bless the preparations for Christian Horizons Family Camps in the summer of 2020. Family Camps are being planned for Muskoka, Ottawa, Peterborough, and Saskatchewan. May the Holy Spirit guide our preparations so that all who participate are blessed through the provision of physical, spiritual, emotional and social support. May families feel rested and encouraged to express their gifts.

week four:

February 23-29

"I say, love your enemies!
Pray for those who persecute you!"

~ *Jesus in Matthew 5:44 NLT*

THOUGHT: It is not easy to show love to anyone who has hurt us or pray for those who are trying to bring us down. When we extend this grace to others, we demonstrate God at work within us and invite them to encounter Him through us.

PRAYER POINTS

- Praise the Lord that protests have lessened in Haiti. Pray for peaceful continuation of this school year for kids participating in inclusive education.
- Pray for ongoing recruitment needs at Christian Horizons. May God bring people forward who are passionate about the vision of Christian Horizons.
- Praise God for providing new employment for several people who use Christian Horizons services in Peterborough, Durham, and surrounding areas.
- As family and volunteer registration for summer 2020 Family Camps go live this month, pray that many volunteers are inspired to apply and we are equipped to welcome every family who attends.