

week one:

March 1-7

DEEPENING COMMUNITY

The importance of hospitality runs through the pages of the Old and New Testament. It forms the basis of how we deepen community and get to know our neighbours. Sometimes, it's as simple as bringing soup to a neighbour who is sick. This means knowing our neighbours and reaching out to them in the spirit of biblical hospitality.

"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling."

~ 1 Peter 4:8-9, NIV

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for people that use Christian Horizons services who are ageing and face mobility challenges. May friends, family, and direct support professionals develop creative ways of fostering community around them.
- Give thanks for the development of two self-advocacy groups within Christian Horizons over the past 8 months. Pray for the wisdom and empowerment of group members meeting in Huntsville. Thank God for the technology that allows members from Sudbury to join by videoconference on a monthly basis.

Feedback or requests?

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Above: Muskoka Woods Family Camp planning is well underway! Visit www.christian-horizons.org/familycamp to learn more and to get involved.

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

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PRAYER GUIDE

March

"Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love."

~ Ephesians 4:2, NLT

week two:

March 8-14

“Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.”

~ Psalm 1:1, NLT

THOUGHT: It is not enough to stand by those who experience disability: We are called to demonstrate and promote Valuing People, Fostering Belonging, Serving Others and Respecting Gifts. God calls us to speak up or act in the face of injustice. He offers reassurance that this will bring joy.

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 catalogue. 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:

March 15-21

“... just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy.’”

~ 1 Peter 1:15-16, NIV

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 medical concerns of our team in Haiti. May God provide access to the needed medical systems and bring healing.
- Pray for God’s blessing on the time that employees in Christian Horizons Northern Ontario communities have dedicated to connecting with church and camp leaders in the past few months, to introducing the work Christian Horizons does and explore common interests. May these connections be fruitful and may God open doors to expand opportunities for people who experience disability or anyone who needs to experience belonging to contribute in meaningful ways.

week four:

March 22-28

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepare for those who love Him.”

~ 1 Corinthians 2:9, NLT

THOUGHT: Whether or not we are able to see well; Whether or not we are able to hear well; Whether or not our minds work well; we are all invited to trust God, our Lord and saviour equally, especially in view of the beautiful mystery of our eternal life with Christ.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for church leaders in Kenya who are working to make their churches places for people of all abilities to belong.
- Praise God that in collaboration with Christian Horizons Central District, North District is preparing to host their first Family Camp at Muskoka Woods from June 5-7, 2020.
- May God’s Spirit be with the leadership team of Muskoka Woods Family Camp as they organize and facilitate relaxation, rejuvenation and refreshment of families who experience disability.
- Pray for recruitment of committed volunteers for Muskoka Woods Family Camp who will use their gifts to benefit others.