

week one:

August 2-8

PLACE STILL MATTERS

“Place” is important throughout the Bible, and it is important to each of us today. Whether that is the place we call “home,” the place where our family lives, or the places where we meet with friends and loved ones, these places *matter* to us. We grieve with those who are not yet able to access the places they love and rejoice with people as they return to those places as provinces open.

“I am with you. I will watch over you everywhere you go. And I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

~ Genesis 28:15, NLT

PRAYER POINTS

- This month, pray specifically for employees, volunteers and people who use Christian Horizons services in the Ottawa and Kingston areas of Ontario.
- Throughout the month of August, pray for families who were anticipating Family Camps at Elim Lodge near Peterborough, Muskoka, or Saskatchewan. May the Virtual family camp activities being offered at the end of August serve as a meaningful temporary replacement to address their spiritual, social, and emotional needs.

Feedback or requests?

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Beth smells the flowers near her home in Kingston, Ontario.

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

2020 PRAYER GUIDE

July

“Lord, from the very beginning you have been like a home to us. Before you created the whole world and the mountains were made, from the beginning to the end you are God.”

~ Psalm 90:1-2, NIV

week two:

August 9-15

"I will bless those who bless you. ...All nations on earth will be blessed because of you."

~ Genesis 12:3, NIV

THOUGHT: God wants to bless others through you. God will bless you and your family as you do good and share God's Word. Jesus will help those who treat others poorly to stop hurting them. God wants those who believe in him to treat others like Jesus did. (Adapted from Amanda Baird, Brampton)

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for continued strength, stamina, health, and creativity while people who live and work at Christian Horizons locations, as people grapple with the continuing, and shifting, demands brought on by the pandemic.
- Praise God for the variety of ways that God is at work in the lives of employees, volunteers and people who use Christian Horizons services. Thank God for the insights that we can offer to one another based on personal experiences.
- Praise the Lord for (so far) the negative results of COVID-19 surveillance testing in Kingston.
- Pray for health and protection of Christian Horizons Global teams as Covid-19 cases continue to rise in the communities where they live and work.

week three:

August 16-22

"I can do all this by the power of Christ. He gives me strength."

~ Philippians 4:13 NIV

THOUGHT: If we accept God as our Lord and heavenly Father, His Spirit will live inside of us and give us the strength we need for each and every day. With God's strength we can do ALL things that He asks us to do.

(Adapted from Amanda Baird, Brampton)

PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for continued opportunities to meet people online, especially for self-advocates to express themselves through *All Our Voices Matter*.
- Pray for an employee in Kingston with a recent medical diagnosis. We pray for peace and healing.
- Pray for people in Nicaragua, Haiti and Guatemala grieving the deaths in their communities. These are often older members whose deaths were likely caused by COVID-19, but without adequate testing we cannot be certain.
- May God comfort those who are struggling with the uncertainty of what school, work or community involvement might be like this fall. Help us to live without fear while acting in accordance with the wisdom you give.

week four:

August 23-29

"Commit to the LORD everything you do. Then He will make your plans succeed."

~ Proverbs 16:3 NIV

THOUGHT: In the midst of the pandemic some have committed to go out and serve others. Others have committed to stay home to protect others. Whether your plans are filled with activity or almost none at all, commit them to the Lord and know that God goes with you.

PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for Christian Horizons Global food programs that are continuing to provide for people in need at this difficult time.
- May God be blessed through the worship times and teaching offered through Christian Horizons Virtual Family Camp this week. May He bless the families and volunteers who participate in workshops, games, crafts, and other activities. May the Virtual platforms help people to connect with God and one another.
- Thank God for the loosening of restrictions and pray for further reopening safely, so that people using Christian Horizons services can increase visits with family and friends and return to community spaces.