

week one:

September 6-12

REMEMBER...

Before the Israelites enter the Promised Land, Moses reminds them not to forget the times of hardship and the lessons that they learned through difficulty. Similarly, as we consider what it means to come through COVID-19 and to “open up,” we must not forget people with disabilities, the elderly, the immunocompromised, and other marginalized people. Let’s keep working for communities where everybody belongs.

“Be careful that you don’t forget the Lord. Remember that he brought you out of Egypt.”

~ Deuteronomy 6:12, Nlrv

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray that Christian Horizons Annual Community Meetings are well attended and are good opportunities for people to hear about and celebrate the work and ministry of Christian Horizons around the world.
- Pray that the technology used for virtual Community Meetings works smoothly, so that people feel connected to this community of which we are a part.

Feedback or requests?

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Above: Music and memories being made in Muskoka, Ontario.

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

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“We don’t give up. Our bodies are becoming weaker and weaker. But our spirits are being renewed day by day.”

~ 2 Cor. 4:16, Nlrv

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week two:

September 13-19

"God, hear my cry for help. Listen to my prayer. From a place far away I call out to you. I call out as my heart gets weaker."

~ Psalm 61:1-2, NIRV

THOUGHT: As God helped David when he was isolated and scared so God will help us. If you are worried or tearful about your health, your safety, your job, your friends, your support worker, or other changes because of the pandemic, God has heard you. He is always there and always cares.

PRAYER POINTS

- This week is direct support professional (DSP) appreciation week! We pray DSP's know every day the importance of their role and that they are appreciated. We give thanks for people's dedication to this work, even during uncertain and difficult periods.
- We remember and give thanks for people who use Christian Horizons services, employees, and volunteers who have died in the past year. Pray for comfort for those who grieve.
- We are thankful for the careful visits with family and friends that are taking place. We pray for meaningful and safe times of reconnection.

week three:

September 20-26

"Do not work for food that spoils. Work for food that lasts forever. That is the food the Son of Man will give you. For God the Father has put his seal of approval on him." ~ John 6:27, NIRV

THOUGHT: You may find it hard to get back to routines related to work, volunteering or school. Remember that your purpose is not just to please your boss, your coworkers or others whom you interact with. It is about pleasing God and being faithful to God's call.

PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for Christian Horizons Excellence in Action recipients and their dedication to furthering the Vision of Christian Horizons.
- We give thanks for the resilience of Christian Horizons teams and for that of all people who use Christian Horizons services through the pandemic.
- In Northern Ontario, we give thanks for the opportunity presented by COVID-19 to re-invigorate and re-energize our Community Participation Services.
- We pray for wisdom and discernment moving forward into new opportunities, that the work we do would lead to greater belonging in community with people who experience disabilities.

week four:

Sep 27-Oct 3

"Then I will always sing praise to you. I will keep my promises day after day."

~ Psalm 61:8, NIRV

THOUGHT: This passage from Christian Horizons Virtual Family Camp reminds us that praising God is not limited to singing with our voices. We can praise God through prayer or by using any one of the gifts and talents that He has given us. We can praise God by using our gifts to bless others.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for people who use Christian Horizons services, employees, and families in the Northern Ontario communities of Sudbury, Muskoka, and Algoma who have lost someone close to them over the past months.
- On behalf of Christian Horizons Global, pray for the health of employees and volunteers who work internationally to serve others as safely as possible during the COVID-19 crisis.
- Pray for schools in Haiti as they work to re-open in a safe way during the pandemic.
- Praise God for the food and supplies that have been distributed through Christian Horizons Global to people facing hunger due to inflation and supply issues.