

*week one:*

## January 3-9

### A BLESSING FOR 2021

The past year has not been easy. We have gotten through to this point and give thanks for God's goodness to us through even COVID-19. We are praying God's blessing over the year to come – that his Kingdom would come and his will would be done here on earth as in heaven.

"And the God of all grace who called you to his eternal glory in Christ after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast." ~ 1 Peter 5:10, NIV

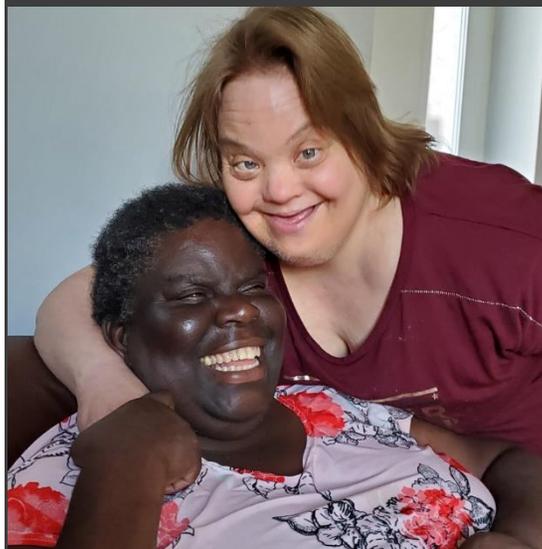
#### PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for the innovation and creativity of employees throughout Christian Horizons who have shifted to meaningful virtual community when together in person is not possible.
- Pray for people who are supported by Christian Horizons in shared living arrangements or apartments who may be facing prolonged isolation because of the global pandemic.
- Pray for employees' stamina as the global pandemic wears on and they continue to work with enhanced precautions and PPE.

*Feedback or requests?*

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Patti & Delia are two roommates who have been working hard to make the best of the pandemic!

*This month's prayer guide highlights the work of Christian Horizons in the Ottawa and Kingston areas of Ontario and Christian Horizons' work internationally.*

## 2021 PRAYER GUIDE

*January*

"May the Lord bless you  
and take good care of you.  
May the Lord smile on you  
and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord look on you with favor  
and give you peace."

*~ Numbers 6: 24-26, NIRV*

*week two:*

## January 10-16

"My goal is that their hearts may be encouraged and strengthened. I want them to be joined together in love. Then their understanding will be rich and complete."

~ *Colossians 2:2, NIRV*

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**THOUGHT:** Families who experience disability will gather virtually for the Winter Wonderland Family Camp from January 29-30, 2021. Our hope is that their hearts may be encouraged and strengthened. That they join together in love and their understanding of God's peace will be enriched through this.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God that the number of people connected to Christian Horizons who have been infected with COVID-19 is relatively low.
- Pray for adequate staffing and creative problem-solving across Christian Horizons communities.
- God help Christian Horizons Winter Wonderland Planning Team to follow God's will as we seek to resource Christian Horizons Virtual Winter Wonderland 2021. May we minister to all those that we collaborate with for materials and activities so that they be inspired by the vision of Family Camps and Winter Wonderlands, drawing them closer to God. May all the families who take part be blessed by God and one another, and have opportunities to bless others with what they receive.

*week three:*

## January 17-13

"...They will know the mystery of God. That mystery is Christ. All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in him."

~ *Colossians 2:2-3, NIRV*

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**THOUGHT:** The liturgical season of Epiphany recognizes the mysteries of God and celebrates the illuminating light of Christ. By encouraging and strengthening one another and joining together in love, we will come to know Christ and receive the treasures of knowledge and wisdom.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for all the teachers who work with Christian Horizons Global. We are deeply grateful for their love towards their students. We applaud their dedication to overcoming barriers to include children of all abilities and fostering belonging across generations.
- Pray for the virtual Winter Wonderland which is from January 29-30. May the gifts provided through "Winter Wonderland In a bag," the live virtual events, and electronic resources bring glory to God and serve to relax, renew, and refresh families who experience disability across Ontario and Saskatchewan. May everyone involved be spiritually, emotionally and socially fed through this experience, connecting with God and one another.

*week four:*

## January 24-30

"Wise men asked, 'Where is the child who has been born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose. Now we have come to worship him.'"

~ *Matthew 2:1-2, NIRV*

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**THOUGHT:** As the Magi saw the star of Bethlehem, may we also see visible signs that God is at work in us and in the world through Jesus Christ. As these wisemen took time to come to Jesus, may we also together with the people we love, devote time to seek and worship him.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God that the few people with Christian Horizons who have caught COVID-19 in the Ottawa and Kingston areas so far have experienced a quick and full recovery.
- Pray for church partners who are reaching out with love in their communities and around the world through Christian Horizons. Praise God for generous donors who enable these churches to offer tangible expressions of God's love to those who are in need.
- Pray that the facilitation of family camp activities and the mailing of supplies would happen according to God's will. We pray for minimal technical glitches or other issues for these camps. May everyone involved receive God's peace which passes all understanding (Philippians 4:4-9, the camp theme).