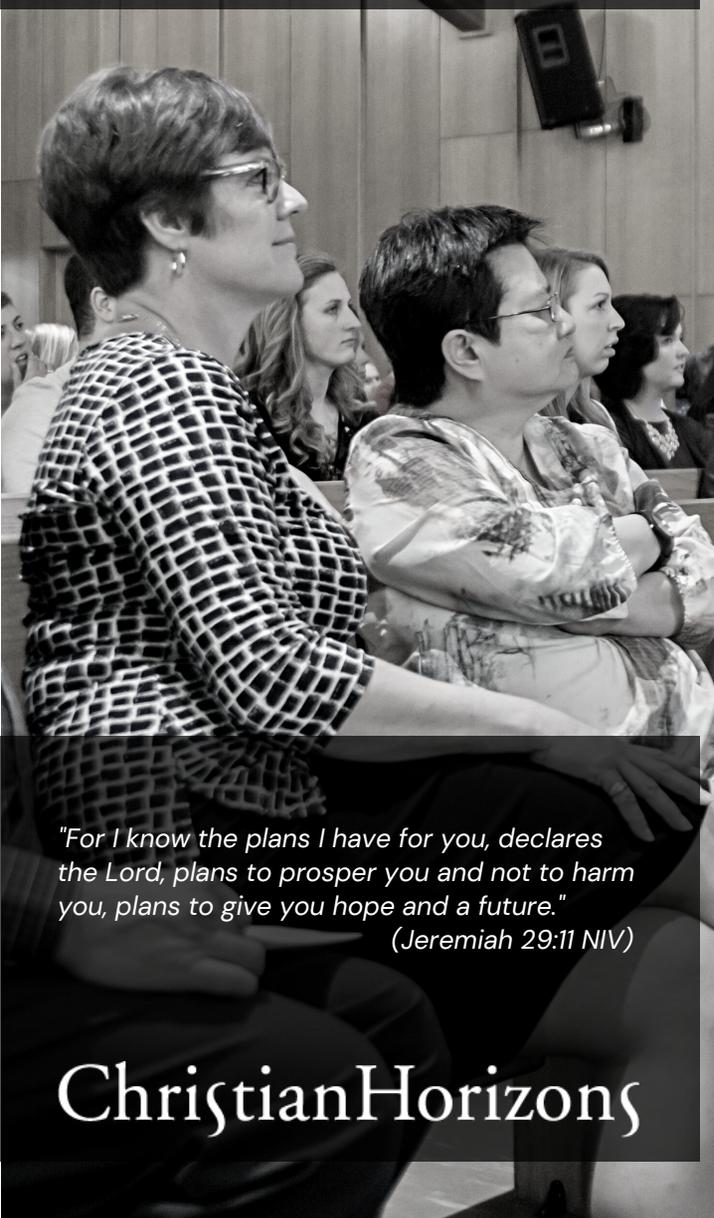


PRAYER GUIDE

November 2021



*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
(Jeremiah 29:11 NIV)*

Christian Horizons

Week 1: October 31 – November 6

Hope in Action

*"Commit to the Lord everything you do. Then he will make your plans succeed."
(Proverbs 16:3 NIRV)*

Christian Horizons Annual Community Meetings are a time to reflect, celebrate, and mourn all that has happened in our 7 districts across Ontario and Saskatchewan over the 2020/2021 year. Stories of "Hope in Action" highlight the way people who use Christian Horizons services have lived their lives in their own way despite the ongoing pandemic.

Prayer Points

- Praise God for the gifts that come in through the Christian Horizons gift catalogue. Pray that these are encouraging to people in Canada and around the world.
- Pray for wisdom to help people seeking support find the services that are right for them.
- Pray for peace and understanding regarding various opinions related to COVID-19 vaccination.
- Pray for the recruitment of staff and Host Family Providers so that people can be supported in a way they choose, that is meaningful to them.

Week 2: November 7–13

"In their hearts, human beings plan their lives. But the Lord decides where their steps will take them."

(Proverbs 16:9 NIRV)

THOUGHTS

The best-laid plans might not accomplish their intended result, but there is hope in plans that do not work out. These are not necessarily failures. They might be evidence of the Holy Spirit's activity.

Prayer Points

- Praise God for opportunities to participate in Passport Learning Sessions: Great times of goal setting, dreaming, and sharing what is truly important!
- Give thanks with people who have recently begun using West District services: Pray they settle in well through the transition, soon experience belonging, and thrive in their new homes.
- Pray for Christian Horizons Global teachers who are still preparing remote worksheets and meeting with students one on one in areas where schools are closed due to coronavirus.

Week 3: November 14–20

*"Plans fail without good advice. But they succeed when there are many advisers."
(Proverbs 15:22 NIRV)*

THOUGHTS

Holy wisdom here proposes that, for the best results to be achieved, it is better to work together, incorporating the perspectives and experiences of many rather than trying to be independent.

Prayer Points

- Pray that West District will establish strong relationships in preparation to provide services and supports in Grimsby. Give thanks with them as they look forward to offering supports and services in this community as they have not done so previously.
- Pray that West District will have a successful response from their Rapid Housing Initiative through the Federal Housing program/CMHC.
- Pray for the churches in Uganda that cannot meet in large groups due to COVID -19 restrictions.

Week 4: November 21–27

*"In the morning plant your seeds. In the evening keep your hands busy. You don't know what will succeed. It may be one or the other. Or both might do equally well."
(Ecclesiastes 11:6 NIRV)*

THOUGHTS

Problem-solving through trial and error may seem futile, but this scripture shows that there are situations where trial and error may be hopeful and effective.

Prayer Points

- Pray for relief from the pandemic in all the countries where Christian Horizons works. In Assela, Ethiopia, the hospitals are overwhelmed and are treating people in the hallways and tents outside.
- In Niagara, West District is fostering a relationship with a community partner to develop Affordable Housing. Pray that MCCSS will financially support the plan to incorporate supporting people from different walks of life, not only people who experience a developmental disability.

Week 5: November 28–December 4

*".....all the bridesmaids woke up and got their lamps ready. The foolish ones said to the wise ones, 'Give us some of your oil. Our lamps are going out.' 'No,' they replied. 'There may not be enough for all of us...'"
(Matthew 25:7–9 NIRV)*

THOUGHTS

The parable of the bridesmaids illustrates the delicate balance between having a plan or being prepared and resting in the uncertainty of not knowing what will happen in the future.

Prayer Points

- Dozens of Haitians are kidnapped each month for ransom. This crisis received international attention in October when some American and Canadian missionaries were taken. Pray for their safe return. Pray that security throughout Haiti will also be increased as a result.
- Pray for the planning of Southwest Winter Wonderland 2022: May the planning team, volunteers and families be able to come together in person, be blessed through opportunities to connect with each other and with God.