

Prayer Guide APRIL 2024



"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." (Matthew 5:7, NIV)

March 31 - April 6

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." (Romans 12:10, NIV)

I am reminded of Jesus' words on the cross – 'It is finished.' The cross and the empty tomb serve as the greatest example of what it means to be 'devoted to one another in love.' May the Good News of the cross and the tomb, be our reminder to love, honour, and serve each other well.

April 7 – 13

"On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable." (1 Corinthians 12:22, NIV)

Everyone belongs. Each person – valued and loved by God – enriches the collective whole, reminding us of the limitless love of God that transcends perceived limitations. Embracing and valuing each person not only reflects Christ's unconditional love – but ensures the whole is strong.

Prayer Points

- We pray for committed donors to come forward to raise funds to support three schools in Guatemala to offer accessible, inclusive education through our Belongathon event.
- We give praise for the youth outreach happening in the San Cristobal community in Guatemala, including a very well-attended special event teaching Christian living and formation to over 100 attendees!



San Chisto Youth Event

Prayer Points

- We pray for daily provision and safety for the many people in Haiti caught in the crossfire amidst the gang violence and current security crisis. With the looting that is happening, it is difficult to get essentials such as water and food.
- We pray for wisdom and safety for our partners in Haiti. Pray that we can continue to provide supports as many people in our sponsorship program have had to leave their home due to the violence and many have lost family members.

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April 14 - 20

"The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made." (Psalm 145:9, NIV)

God's goodness and compassion is for all, extending to every corner of existence, encompassing every living being without exception. Regardless of our faults, weaknesses, or circumstances, God's compassion knows no bounds. The love of God is for everybody.

Prayer Points

- We pray for comfort and strength during times of grief for team members who are struggling with health concerns and the loss of loved ones.
- We pray for provision and wisdom as we enter a new budget year where our resources are stretched and difficult decisions may need to be made.



2023 Canadian Summer Jobs Employees

April 21 - 27

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." (Colossians 3:12, NIV)

What are you wearing today? Are you adorning yourself with qualities that mirror God's character? To embrace these virtues reflects our gratitude for His love but also amplifies His presence in the world, fostering communities of belonging marked by grace and understanding.

Prayer Points

- Give thanks for all the new people we have welcomed to Karis in the Central District as we fulfill our funded resources through our work with Developmental Services Ontario!
- We give thanks for the upcoming Canada Summer Job opportunities that we sent applications in and received approval for.
- We pray for healing and comfort for someone we support in Toronto who has been in the hospital since February.

April 28 - May 4

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." (Matthew 9:36, NIV)

Jesus <u>saw</u> the crowds. He was observant and He acted. His heart is moved with deep compassion for all. He sees each of our struggles and vulnerabilities. His compassion challenges us to do the same, to see and extend compassion to those around us.

- We pray for a quick resolution to the extensive drain problems that have occurred at our headquarters in Nicaragua. We give thanks for the volunteers and labourers who are hard at work so that classes can resume.
- We pray for community partners and participants in our Belongathon fundraiser, Family Camp planning, and outreach with faith communities.



Central District Belongathon Team