

# Prayer Guide

April 2021

*"By being baptized, we were buried with Christ into his death. Christ has been raised from the dead by the Father's glory. And like Christ we also can live a new life."  
(Romans 6:4 NIRV)*

ChristianHorizons

**Week 1:**  
March 28 – April 3

## HOPE IN ACTION

One full year into the pandemic, the past months have brought many challenges. Yet our hope lives on for what the future holds as we see people come together to support one another. We know that God's plans for us are good.

*"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)*

## Prayer Points

- Pray for Christian Horizons strategic planning process as we refocus and work towards our values, vision, and mission in the changing landscape of the year ahead.
- Pray for Canadians who feel undervalued, vulnerable, or at risk as a result of Bill C-7. Pray that Christian Horizons would uphold the value and dignity of all Canadians as a faithful example to political leaders and wider society, present and future.
- Praise God for stability in all countries where Christian Horizons Global supports people.

**Week 2:**  
April 4 – 10

*... Mary took [...] an expensive perfume. She poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the sweet smell of the perfume.  
(John 12:3 NIRV)*

## THOUGHTS

Mary offered Jesus what she could, hoping that he would accept it from her and he did. Mary's example of hope show us that Jesus will accept what we can offer, to him or to those around us in Jesus name, no matter how big or small.

## Prayer Points

- Praise the Lord for bringing us this far through the pandemic.
- Pray for the people who use Christian Horizons' services and their families and friends. May God grant them continued patience, and eligibility for a COVID-19 vaccine soon.
- Pray for the community of El Moro in Guatemala, where we have sponsorships for 100 children at a local school. As of March 18 2021, four teachers from that school tested positive for COVID-19.

## Week 3: April 11 – 17

*...We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.  
(Romans 5:3 – 4 NIV)*

### THOUGHTS

Suffering may help us learn perseverance, which may help us develop inner strength. That strength may lead us to hope. Hope isn't easy. It's not usually the first thing we do when faced with challenges, but hope makes suffering and perseverance meaningful.

### Prayer Points

- Pray for God's wisdom as we continue to look for ways to engage our communities and the people who use Christian Horizons services
- Pray that all can feel the closeness of the Heavenly Father as we deal with physical distance from those we love.
- Pray for the people of Guatemala as the number of those with COVID-19 infections there are very high.
- As the Central District welcomes new people who use our services, pray for God's wisdom and patience as they get to know and serve one another.

## Week 4: April 18 – 24

*God always gives you all the grace you need. So you will only have to suffer for a little while. Then God himself will build you up again...  
(1 Peter 5:10 NIRV)*

### THOUGHTS

This verse reminds us that any and all forms of suffering which we may endure as a result of the pandemic or other hardships are only temporary. God promises a hopeful future to which he will help us adjust.

### Prayer Points

- Pray for spiritual fulfillment and support for challenges of people who use our services in the midst of a virtual world, particularly as we re-adjust to in-person opportunities.
- Pray for churches and the Christian community as they navigate fellowship and outreach in the transition back to "life as we love it."
- As reflected in our 2021 Annual Report, we give thanks to our donors. Their generosity made it possible to provide necessary supports to people here in Canada as well as to our Global services abroad.

## Week 5: April 25 – May 1

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.  
(Psalm 100:4 NIV)*

### THOUGHTS

William Hulme, a person who uses Christian Horizons services, is thankful for the blessing of his pastor's baby, but also sad because he doesn't get to spend as much time with them. He encourages others to continue thanking and praising God when we must adjust to changes in relationships.

### Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the outpouring of love from our community who provided us with hand-sewn masks, meals, cards, and PPE donations at the beginning of the pandemic.
- Praise the Lord that through our benevolence fund donors, we could help those who are experiencing financial hardship from COVID-19.
- Pray for emotional, psychological, and spiritual resilience of employees and people who use our services.
- Pray for those in Haiti as the high inflation is impacting everyday life.