

Prayer Guide

May 2021

Week 1:
May 2 - 8

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.

"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)

Prayer Points

- Pray for the coronavirus vaccine rollout: May vulnerable populations including people with disabilities, Direct Support Professionals and essential visitors be given priority.
- Pray for new Christian Horizons Global child sponsors to support children on our waiting lists.
- Christian Horizons is working hard to attract committed, engaged, and dedicated staff. Pray new recruitment methods such as online job fairs, targeted social media ads, and a new diversity and inclusion hiring strategy are successful.

Jesus said [...], "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even if they die. And whoever lives by believing in me will never die..."
(John 11:25 - 26 NIRV)

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The photo is of the men at Essex 10/ Disputed Rd: Harold, Jean, Paul and Ken having virtual communion services provided just for them by their pastor Kevin Rogers."

Week 2: May 9 - 15

*The LORD is my shepherd. He gives me everything I need. He lets me lie down in fields of green grass. He leads me beside quiet waters. He gives me new strength...
(Psalm 23:1 - 3 NIRV)*

THOUGHTS

Paul Letourneau uses Christian Horizons services in South District. He loves singing to hymns and online church services. Paul is characterized as "a true worshipper,". He contributed his favourite Bible passage above for this month's prayer guide.

Prayer Points

- Pray for a blessing on Pastor Kevin and New Song church in Windsor, Ontario.
- Pray for an end to the rash of violence in Haiti.
- Praise God for the creativity of teachers partnered with Christian Horizons Global as they find ways to teach.
- Praise the Lord that some people have made discoveries about themselves and what's important to them during the pandemic.

Week 3: May 16 - 22

*Jesus saw his mother there. He also saw the disciple he loved standing nearby. Jesus said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son."
(John 19:26 NIRV)*

THOUGHTS

Amid Jesus' pain and suffering, he brought hope by caring for others' needs. Before he died for the sins of the world he fostered relationships between loved ones who would grieve, ensuring that they would take care of one another.. May God give us strength to follow this example.

Prayer Points

- Pray for people who are transitioning to different support services during the pandemic.
- Praise God for the growth of local advocacy groups across Christian Horizons, the development of an advisory council of service users, and the new advocate representative to Christian Horizons Board of Directors.
- Pray for Horizons Academy in Ethiopia and the Child Development Unit there.
- Pray for South District as they transition to work with unions.

Week 4: May 23 - May 29

*About three o'clock, Jesus cried out in a loud voice. He said, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" This means "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?"
(Matthew 27:46 NIRV)*

THOUGHTS

There may be times in our life when we are in agony and we feel as though God has deserted us. Jesus shows that we can cry out to God in our pain with the hope and confidence that God will hear and answer us.

Prayer Points

- Pray for people who are grieving the loss of loved ones from COVID-19 and other causes.
- Pray for the community in El Moro Guatemala as several of our partner teachers recover from COVID-19.
- Pray that the necessary community support and funds will be raised to move forward with affordable housing projects we are exploring.
- Pray for upcoming stakeholder engagement sessions which will help us learn from people, their families and employees about what services are most desired in the future.