

Prayer Guide

June 2021

The one who plants and the one who waters have the same purpose. The Lord will give each of them a reward for their work. We work together to serve God...
(1 Corinthians 3:8-9 NIRV)

ChristianHorizons

Week 1:
May 30 – June 5

PLANTING SEEDS OF HOPE

It can be difficult to look for signs of hope in the midst of a pandemic. As we look for and celebrate hope, though, we become messengers of hope ourselves.

Look at the birds of the air. They don't plant or gather crops. They don't put away crops in storerooms. But your Father who is in heaven feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than they are?

(Matthew 6:26 NIRV)

Prayer Points

- Thank God for the momentum that the vaccine rollout has gained across Canada. May people continue to receive their vaccinations in a timely manner.
- Pray for a reduction of COVID-19 infections internationally.
- Pray for people who use Christian Horizons services who are going through challenges, needing stability, making decisions that have longer term impacts.
- Pray for people who have navigated both COVID-19 and non COVID-19 related losses.

Week 2:
June 6 – 12

May the God who gives hope fill you with great joy. May you have perfect peace as you trust in him. May the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with hope.
(Romans 15:13 NIRV)

THOUGHTS

Frank Doherty uses Christian Horizons services in KW. He misses attending church because of the pandemic. Frank is thankful for his pastor who planted seeds of hope by sharing the verse above with him recently.

Prayer Points

- Pray for COVID-19 vaccines to be distributed to each of the countries were Christian Horizons Global partners serve.
- Pray for people who use Christian Horizons services that are facing medical challenges or aging-related health conditions. May they experience peace and comfort in the midst of what they are going through. May the teams who support them be blessed with wisdom.

Week 3: June 13 – 19

*[A mustard seed] is the smallest of all seeds. But when it grows, it is the largest of all garden plants. It becomes a tree. Birds come and rest in its branches.
(Matthew 13:32 NIRV)*

THOUGHTS

The analogy of the small mustard seed suggests that even the smallest of gifts or gestures offered in love can be a great source of peace and comfort for someone else.

Prayer Points

- Praise God that the teachers in Ethiopia are recovering from coronavirus well. One of the teachers has finally returned home after a month in the ICU.
- Pray for Christian Horizons Independent Planning Facilitator role. May this help people who use Christian Horizons services to make the impacts that they want to have on their communities.
- Pray a blessing on the transformation of day programs as we explore new opportunities in the months ahead.

Week 4: June 20 – 26

*Brothers and sisters, be patient until the Lord comes. See how the farmer waits for the land to produce its rich crop. See how patient the farmer is for the fall and spring rains.
(James 5:7 NIRV)*

THOUGHTS

May the example of the farmer patiently waiting for his crops to grow help us to wait out pandemic related restrictions, trusting that some good things will result from this difficult time.

Prayer Points

- Pray for people of Haiti and especially for their frontline workers as many Haitians have been hospitalized due to COVID-19.
- Pray for the resilience and well-being of people who use Christian Horizons services and our employees in the third wave of COVID-19.
- Thank God for the opportunities many have had to develop new skills during the pandemic.
- Praise God for the affordable housing projects in North District and West District and newly forming partnerships.

Week 5: June 27 – July 3

*Still other seed fell on good soil. It produced a crop 100, 60 or 30 times more than what was planted.
(Matthew 13:8 NIRV)*

THOUGHTS

Seeds cannot control where they are planted or how much they grow. Similarly, it is impossible for us to know the full impact of our lives, but we can trust that the Holy Spirit will multiply our efforts.

Prayer Points

- Thank God that in Guatemala people over 70 can now be vaccinated against COVID-19. Pray that the coronavirus vaccine would become more widely available internationally.
- Praise the Lord for the Halton community development funds for which our application was successful. It will be a resource to be offered free of charge to the Halton community for any person who experiences developmental disability; working in collaboration with community partners to enhance accessibility.