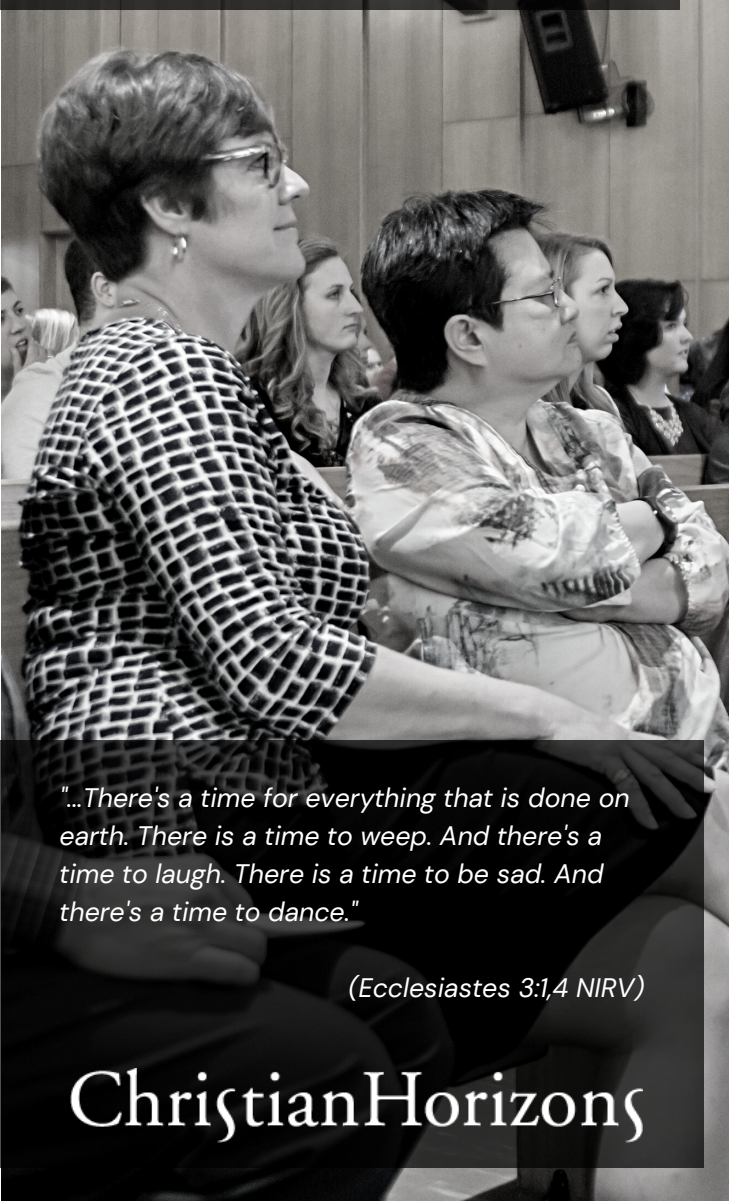


Prayer Guide

August 2021



"...There's a time for everything that is done on earth. There is a time to weep. And there's a time to laugh. There is a time to be sad. And there's a time to dance."

(Ecclesiastes 3:1,4 NIRV)

Christian Horizons

Week 1: Aug 1-7

WELCOMING WAYS

Accessibility, such as having ramps outside of buildings for people who need them, is a sign of "welcome." It communicates "Come on in, we're looking forward to you being here!" Welcome and hospitality are central to the Christian faith and are best revealed in God's welcome of people through Christ's love.

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." (Romans 15:7, ESV)

Prayer Points

- We are thankful for the opportunity to host Christian Horizons Family Camp virtually. Pray that "Family Camp in a Box" will be safely delivered to all participants.
- Praise God for inspiring creativity, flexibility, and resilience throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Thank God for technology that helps keep people connected to their communities during an isolating time.
- Praise God for Christian Horizons Global support through our child sponsorship program.

Week 2: Aug 8-14

THOUGHTS

Jesus changes our understanding of "greatness." He offers hope that rather than working to get ahead of others, everyone will benefit as we look out for the interests of each other.

*"You know about the rules of the Gentiles. They hold power over their people. Their high officials order them around. Don't be like that. Instead, anyone who wants to be important among you must be your servant."
(Matthew 20:25-26 NIRV)*

Prayer Points

- We give thanks for the health and return of a manager who has been ill, and for the team who supported Kingston during the interim.
- Pray for Christian Horizons Global partners in Ethiopia as they embark on a new 5-year plan endorsed by the local government to bring accessible education and sustainable support to those in need.
- Pray that God would bless the preparations of the Christian Horizons Virtual Family Camp speaker, worship leaders, and volunteers.

Week 3: Aug 15 - 21

THOUGHTS

Christians throughout the world can teach each other about how to follow Christ. Whether or not we can travel, we may be blessed by the opportunity to connect virtually.

"So, you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"
(Matthew 28:19, NIRV)

Prayer Points

- Pray for health and vitality for people in Ottawa and Kingston communities who are ill, aging, and declining in health.
- Pray for people who are grieving the passing of Christine, who was supported by Christian Horizons in Kingston.
- Pray for Haiti as they continue to deal with political instability after the president was killed in July.
- Thank God for Christian Horizons' partnership with Joni and Friends, and their willingness to share Family Retreat resources for Christian Horizons Family Camp.

Week 4: Aug 22 - 28

THOUGHTS

The illustration of the body of Christ changes our culture's understanding of who is worthy of honour, and why. It offers hope that, in Christ's Kingdom, everybody is valued and celebrated.

"The [body] parts that can be shown don't need special care. But God has put together all the parts of the body. And he has given more honour to the parts that didn't have any"
(1 Corinthians 12:24, NIRV)

Prayer Points

- This week, may God bless Christian Horizons Virtual Family Camp participants with an amazing virtual camp experience that draws them closer to God.
- Thank God for amazing Health and Safety representatives and the network of people that helped equip East District during a difficult year.
- On behalf of Christian Horizons global, pray for Uganda as the country is in a 42-day lockdown to slow the spread of COVID-19. This is very difficult for those who are most financially vulnerable as food insecurity rises.

Week 5: Aug 29 - Sept 4

THOUGHTS

The apostle Paul's testimony challenges our default view of power and pride. Supernatural strength is accessible to people who are reliant on God and interdependent on the people that God places in our lives.

"[God] said to me, 'My grace is all you need. My power is strongest when you are weak.' So I am very happy to brag about how weak I am. Then Christ's power can rest on me."
(1 Corinthians 12:9 NIRV)

Prayer Points

- Pray for continued perseverance and refreshment for those who are tired and worn down from the pandemic.
- Pray for renewed health for several Christian Horizons Global teachers in Guatemala who have COVID-19.
- Praise God for an amazing week of refreshment and rejuvenation for the families who participated in the Virtual Family Camp. We pray that we would be able to host Family Camps in person in 2022!