

Prayer Guide

October 2021

Week 1:
October 3-9

Houses of Belonging

"Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness"
(James 3:18, NIRV)

As Christian Horizons expands into diverse living options and affordable housing to meet a range of needs, we pray that God brings a real sense of peace and belonging into the lives of people who live in these spaces and to their community around them.

Prayer Points

- Praise God for the Christian Horizons' Ride for Refuge team captains and participants. We're riding, walking, and freestyling this year because we want to help people who experience disabilities have the opportunity to participate in activities that they wouldn't otherwise get to experience.
- Praise the Lord for committed and dedicated employees across Christian Horizons' communities.
- Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for all leadership decisions to be made in the coming months.

"[We] will find [our] glory in knowing the LORD. Let those who are hurting hear [us] and be joyful. Join [us] in giving glory to the LORD. Let us honor him together."

(Psalm 34:2-3 NIRV)

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Week 2: October 10-16

*"You will continue to harvest your grain until you gather your grapes. You will continue to gather your grapes until you plant your crops. You will have all you want to eat. And you will live in safety in your land."
(Leviticus 26:5 NIRV)*

THOUGHTS

We pray that God's vision of safety and provision for all of His people will become a reality, and work to see His Kingdom come and will done on earth as it is in heaven.

Prayer Points

- May God bless all Ride for Refuge participants fundraising for important local and global work on behalf of Christian Horizons. Proceeds will be shared between projects in communities where we work including Family Camps, affordable housing, and special events.
- We give thanks with Central East District that God has sustained and provided grace and protection from many effects of the pandemic.
- Pray for Haiti as Christian Horizons Global partners there seek to help 250 families rebuild their homes and have emergency nutrition.

Week 3: October 17-23

*"Do your work in six days. But you must rest on the seventh day. Even when you are plowing your land or gathering your crops, you must rest on the seventh day."
(Exodus 34:21 NIRV)*

THOUGHTS

The change of seasons might make us think vacation is well behind us. The hope in sabbath rest is a weekly blessing to recharge physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually, no matter how busy we may be.

Prayer Points

- Praise God for the generosity of people who sponsor Christian Horizons Ride for Refuge participants. Ride for Refuge funds will be used to help kids of all abilities in developing countries be part of inclusive and accessible classrooms.
- Pray for affordable housing that would be suited to the services that Central East District offers in the Durham community.
- Pray for Uganda as schools and churches remain closed due to COVID restrictions.

Week 4: October 24-30

*"...You say, 'It's still four months until harvest time.' But I tell you, open your eyes! Look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest right now."
(John 4:35 NIRV)*

THOUGHTS

May we always be sensitive to opportunities to share an encouraging word, lend a helping hand and nurture others' faith. Let us act without delay and produce the largest possible harvest in the end.

Prayer Points

- Pray for a Christian Horizons Global Guatemala employee receiving treatment post cancer surgery.
- Pray for students in Kenya and at Horizons Academy in Ethiopia as they start a new school year.
- Pray for much needed recruitment of new employees who are committed to the vision that people experience communities of belonging.
- Pray for safety and wisdom for Christian Horizons employees supporting people to re-engage in activities and the lives that they love!