

# Prayer Guide

## September 2021

*"Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:1-2 NIV)*

# Christian Horizons

Week 1:  
Sept 5-11

### A CHOSEN PEOPLE

The theme for the Summer 2021 Virtual Family Camp is the verse below. We are called and chosen to serve God - to sing His praises. May our prayers not only be requests, but also thanksgiving even in difficult times.

*"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." (1 Peter 2:9 NIV)*

### Prayer Points

- Pray for peace in Ethiopia and for Christian Horizons representatives, church partners, and people supported there as the conflict in the North continues.
- Pray for Haiti, including Christian Horizons Global staff, church partners and volunteers there as they recover from the recent earthquake and tropical storm.
- With an upcoming Canadian federal election, pray that Christian Horizons would continue to have opportunities to advocate for the gifts and needs of Canadians who experience disabilities.

## Week 2: Sept 12-18

*"But Ruth replied, Don't try to make me leave you and go back. Where you go I'll go, Where you stay, I'll stay. Your people will be my people. Your God will be my God."*

*(Ruth 1:16 NIV)*

### THOUGHTS

Through their relationship with Boaz, God provides for Ruth and Naomi and brings joy out of pain. God can also transform our pain into joy.

### Prayer Points

- Praise God for Christian Horizons' Global church partners in Haiti as support people in need following the recent earthquake and tropical storm.
- Pray for strength and encouragement for employee teams and leaders in the North District and elsewhere.
- Pray that compassionate, qualified people are moved to apply to join the Christian Horizons team. May God grant all Christian Horizons managers discernment and wisdom in the hiring process.

## Week 3: Sept 19-25

*"Don't be afraid," David said to [Mephibosheth,] 'for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan.'"*

*(2Samuel 9:7 NIV)*

### THOUGHTS

Mephibosheth's story shows that God offers us a seat at his banquet table regardless of what we can or cannot do. He helps us embrace the kindness of others and blesses us like royalty.

### Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the online get-together and fun with friends recently enjoyed in the North District.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment regarding a housing situation on Cedar St. in North Bay, Ontario.
- On behalf of Christian Horizons Global, praise God that some small business owners in Ethiopia received sheep and goats last month through Christian Horizons' gift catalog. Pray for people's continued generosity through the Christian Horizons gift catalogue so that others may be blessed in similar ways.

## Week 4: Sept 26-Oct 2

*"But now I urge you to keep up your courage because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed."*

*(Acts 27:22 NIV)*

### THOUGHTS

Even if everything in our lives falls apart, God promises to sustain us. Sharing examples of God's faithfulness in the storms we face encourages others to seek him, too.

### Prayer Points

- Pray for people who use Christian Horizons services who are experiencing ongoing health challenges. We pray for health, for peace in the midst of these challenges and for wisdom for the medical professionals involved.
- Pray for the First Ave project in North District: May those involved be blessed to find excellent builders to partner with and the funds they need to complete the project.
- Pray for Rudy and Sully, who work with Christian Horizons in Guatemala: Rudy had some health challenges, and they are also grieving the death of Rudy's mother.