

# Prayer Guide

## December 2021

*"[Jesus] will be a joy and delight to you. His birth will make many people very glad."*

*(Luke 1:14NIRV)*

# Christian Horizons

**Week 1:**  
December 5 - 11

*"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters."*

*(Psalm 23:1-2 KJV)*

**Peace:** Koko uses Christian Horizons services in Toronto. He says Psalm 23:1 means, "if I need help God will help me with any problem...And even if I'm sick, God will heal me!" His confidence in God's goodness brings peace.

### Prayer Points

- Pray for peace in Haiti as unrest, gang activity and kidnappings cause fear; also pray for peace in Ethiopia as the Civil War continues.
- Give thanks with Christian Horizons Central District for all the families of people who use Christian Horizons services that supported us and encouraged us throughout these 20 months of the pandemic.
- Pray for continued protection for staff and those they support as communities begin to (re)open that fear will not overcome re-engaging community and connections

## Week 2: December 12 – 18

*"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."*

*(Luke 2:10 NIV)*

### THOUGHTS

**Joy:** No matter your background, race, ethnicity, ability, or any other characteristics, the gospel is good news of great joy for everybody. Based on that, we can learn to live in unity without fear.

### Prayer Points

- Pray that children in Guatemala and Nicaragua experience Joyful "summer holidays" in December as they will start their new school year at the end of January.
- Thank God for all the employees who continue to come alongside those they support in helping them thrive in living their best lives.
- Pray that everyone's Christmas will be filled with God's love and the warmth of friends and family.

## Week 3: December 19 – 25

*"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life."*

*(John 3:16 NIRV)*

### THOUGHTS

**Love:** The Lord's amazing sacrifice is a reminder of the amazing love which he not only has for you and for me but for all people throughout the entire world!

### Prayer Points

- Pray for strength for Christian Horizons Global partners as they continue to reach out with love in their communities.
- Praise God that many people who use Christian Horizons services have both continued and strengthened connections using technology
- Pray for people supported whose employment and volunteer positions have been affected by the pandemic. May they be able to resume and find meaningful opportunities to share their gifts and talents.

## Week 4: December 26 – Jan 1

*"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." (Isaiah 43:18-19 NIRV)*

### THOUGHTS

As we enter a new year, what are some of the ways God might be looking to "make a way in the wilderness?" We are called to partner with God in helping new life and growth to take root in the difficult places of our world.

### Prayer Points

- Praise God for the opportunity to plan for in-person Family Camps again after 2 years. We pray that the families that attend will be blessed by the weekend away.
- Pray for wisdom for family camp planners, that the camps would bring "new life" into the experience of many families.
- We give thanks for the goodness of God in the past year and pray for God's Kingdom to come and His will to be done in 2022.