

May 1-7

Kingdom of Heaven/Citizenship

"Live as free people. But don't use your freedom to cover up evil. ...Show proper respect to everyone."

(1 Peter 2:16-17 NIRV)

We encourage and support everyone to exercise their rights and responsibilities as citizens. But an even higher calling comes in the freedom found in Christ – freedom to love and respect everyone we meet.

Prayer Points

- Pray that Christian Horizons attracts an abundance of competent, compassionate staff who can provide meaningful and excellent supports to people who use Christian Horizons services.
- Pray for employee relations and advocacy, that peace and unity would guide our mission and the way that we work together.
- Pray for relief from food shortages, especially in Africa, which has worsened since the start of the Ukraine war.

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May 8-14

"You are no longer outsiders and strangers. You are citizens together with God's people. You are also members of God's family."

(Ephesians 2:19 NIRV)

Whether or not you feel valued in your community, you are dear to God. He has not only given us citizenship in his kingdom, but calls us members of his family.

Prayer Points

- Pray for security and peace in Haiti.
- Thank God for the resilience and creativity of Christian Horizons employees who go above and beyond to meet staffing needs.
- Pray for God's protection where there are COVID-19 outbreaks. May God keep people who use Christian Horizons services and employees safe in these locations.
- May people affected by COVID-19 recover and be restored to full health.

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May 15-21

"Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If it were, those who serve me would fight. ...My kingdom is from another place."

(John 18:36, NIRV)

Showing self-control when faced with injustice is a powerful witness. We may represent Christ by the actions we choose to take as much as the actions that we choose not to.

Prayer Points

- Pray for peace in northern Ethiopia.
- Praise God for the opportunity to support more people with disabilities in Bekoji, Ethiopia, through Christian Horizons Global.
- Praise God for the thousands of kids in schools supported by Christian Horizons Global. Thank God for generous donors who make it possible for kids to learn in inclusive environments.



Matt

May 22-28

"As you go, preach this message, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near."

(Matthew 10:7, NIRV)

In the kingdom of heaven, people are valued, experience belonging, serve one another, and respect everybody's God-given gifts. At Christian Horizons, our core values are shaped by the way Christ demonstrated and spoke about his kingdom.

Prayer Points

- Please pray for peace and health for Matt, who uses Christian Horizons services in South District. Matt has a terminal diagnosis, and he is declining quickly. We pray for all who are sick or in pain, for comfort and for healing.
- Pray that people who are beginning to use Christian Horizons services experience positive transitions. We ask for peace for their families and friends, and that they continue to grow in their experience of belonging in their communities.

