

PRAYER GUIDE

OCTOBER 2022

"May the God who gives hope fill you with great joy. May you have perfect peace as you trust in him. May the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with hope."

Romans 15:13 NIRV

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October 2 – 8

A Journey of Joy

"Even though you have not seen [Jesus], you love him. Though you do not see him now, you believe in him. You are filled with a glorious joy that can't be put into words."

(1 Peter 1:8 NIRV)

It can be hard to wait for hope to be fulfilled, but following Jesus offers a kind of joy that can't be put into words. We share this joy with each other as we live in expectant hope.

Prayer Points

- Pray for the Annual Community Meetings taking place between October 5 – 21 throughout Christian Horizons. May people experience belonging during our first in-person ACMs in 2 years! May all who attend ACMs be kept safe from COVID-19.
- Give thanks for the everyone receiving Excellence in Action awards at ACM. We pray that they know how much we appreciate their involvement and contribution.



2

October 9–15

"Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy some good food and sweet drinks. Send some of it to people who don't have any. [...] The joy of the Lord makes you strong."

(Nehemiah 8:10 NIRV)

Give thanks to God and celebrate the abundance God has provided for you this Thanksgiving. Out of this strength, we give thanks that we can then joyfully share this abundance with people in need.

Prayer Points

- Pray for stamina and resilience as organizational leaders work with their teams to continue to meet or exceed all requirements for legislation, budgets and health and safety.
- Give thanks with Christian Horizons Global, for church partners who are working all over the world to create welcoming places where all can fully participate and share their gifts.

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October 16–22

"...There will be great joy when one sinner turns away from sin. Yes, there will be more joy than for 99 godly people who do not need to turn away from their sins."

(Luke 15:7 NIRV)

Living according to Christian faith is not joyful because we are better than anyone else but because we have opportunity to ask for and accept God's forgiveness when we are sorry for our mistakes.

Prayer Points

- Thank God for the joy of Christian Horizons Family Camp at Elim Lodge 2022. Pray for churches, local and international, to come alongside people and families seeking community year-round, that they may be encouraged and strengthened.
- Pray for Christian Horizons' recruitment team as they continue to work hard to attract a sustainable workforce and ensure that people who use services receive excellent supports.



4

October 23–29

"Your love has given me great joy. It has encouraged me. My brother, you have renewed the hearts of the Lord's people."

(Philemon 1:7 NIRV)

The first fruit of the Holy Spirit is love. If we cultivate this, loving others well, we may effectively plant the seeds of the second fruit, joy, in their lives at the same time.

Prayer Points

- Give thanks with Central East District that People using Passport funding are able to explore new experiences in their community.
- Praise the Lord that people who use Christian Horizons services have opportunities to move into new locations that feel more like 'home'. A gentleman who moved from an apartment building to a townhouse is happy to engage with his housemates and neighbours.



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October 30–November 5

"I have a lot to write to you. But I don't want to use paper and ink. I hope I can visit you instead. Then I can talk with you face to face. That will make our joy complete."

(2 John 1:12 NIRV)

Phone calls, text messages and emails are valuable ways to connect with others. In Bible times people often wrote letters to each other but they gave thanks for special opportunities to meet in person.

Prayer Points

- On behalf of Christian Horizons Global, pray that churches all over the world can be strengthened in their witness of Christ's love by serving people at risk.
- Thank God that people with developmental disabilities have been prioritized in terms of distribution of fourth COVID-19 vaccines.
- Pray for people who continue to be affected by COVID-19 or struggle with other health concerns.

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