

# PRAYER GUIDE

JANUARY 2023

"But the fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself. There is no law against things of that kind."

Galatians 5:22-23, NIRV

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January 1-7

## Kindness

"Love is patient, Love is Kind."

(1 Corinthians 13:4 NIRV)

The apostle Paul talks about spiritual gifts in 1 Cor 12. The next chapter focuses on love, which ties and holds everything together. Kindness is a marker, an indicator, that we love each other as Christ loves us.

### Prayer Points

- Gratitude for a wonderful time of celebrating the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, hosted by Our Voices Matter.
- Praise for the interest in Winter Family Camps, especially for new families who will experience the joy of a supportive camp environment for the first time.
- Pray for Christmas in Ethiopia, that the Prince of Peace would reign amongst all the conflict in the past years.



Angela creating beautiful snowflakes in Ottawa

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January 8-14

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor. Hate your enemy.' But here is what I tell you. Love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you."

(Matthew 5:43-44 NIRV)

Kindness is not only being nice to people who are kind to us, but finding ways to relate in a good way even to enemies – both online or in person! Prayer is a way of practicing kindness.

### Prayer Points

- Prayers for everyone living and working at the home on Carrigan Drive as they grieve a recent death of someone living there.
- Praise for school starting in Haiti, and for the students who are back to school after so many disruptions.
- Pray for wisdom to help people seeking support find and choose the services that are right for them.

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January 15–21

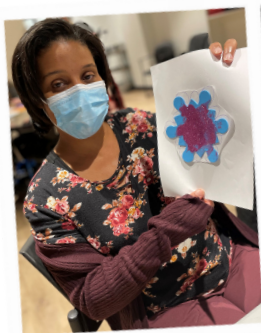
**"Be kind and tender to one another. Forgive one another, just as God forgave you because of what Christ has done."**

*(Ephesians 4:32 NIRV)*

We don't forgive others because they deserve it. We forgive one another because we have been forgiven. Kindness means more than caring for people who deserve it, but forgiving those who don't.

### Prayer Points

- Prayers for continued health and safety of people who use services and employees during the current cold and flu season, as well as surges in COVID 19 cases.
- Praise for the first global learning and serving team travelling to Guatemala after 2 years of restrictions. Pray for the ministering, learning, and funding projects in Guatemala in January.



Malaika sharing her snowflake creation

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January 22–28

**"Don't you realize that God's kindness is meant to turn you away from your sins?"**

*(Romans 2:4 NIRV)*

When we receive kindness from God or others, it gives us pause – a moment to consider how we might change our path to be kinder and gentler with others in return.

### Prayer Points

- Prayers for adequate staffing over the holidays so that all may enjoy and celebrate the season.
- Pray for child sponsorship. This year caused many disruptions in children's lives due to economic and conflict reasons in the countries we serve. Pray for the children that have had to withdraw from the sponsorship program. Pray for new children entering the program to receive sponsorship.

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