

PRAAYER GUIDE

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"Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Philippians 4:5-6, NIV

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April 2-8

Reclaiming Joy

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

(Matthew 11:29, NIV)

Gentleness as a fruit of the Spirit is shown in the way Jesus interacted with everyone he met. We seek to learn from and imitate his gentleness in our own relationships.

Prayer Points

- Pray for everyone who is recovering from injuries, sickness and surgery, particularly in our Greater Toronto Area communities.
- Pray for efforts to strengthen communities in Guatemala facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of educational opportunities and corruption.



John Richard celebrates his 60th birthday!

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April 9-15

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."
(Colossians 3:12, NIV)

It's strange to think of "clothing ourselves" with gentleness. It's a reminder that, as we receive God's love and kindness, these attitudes should be the first thing people notice about us!

Prayer Points

- Pray for smooth transitions, stability, and great teamwork as Toronto-area locations at Annabelle Drive, Bluehaven Crescent, and Weldrick Road navigate new leadership.
- We are so thankful for the teachers, volunteers and board members in Guatemala who work alongside our local partners to make a difference. Flory is a teacher of 25 years in El Morro community that has just retired with a great outpouring of love and appreciation.

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April 16–22

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."
(Ephesians 4:2, NIV)

We live in a time when humility, gentleness, and patience are in short supply! This means they are unique, and these attitudes invite people to ask the reason why we are humble and gentle, bearing with each other in love.

Prayer Points

- Give thanks for new roads, better access and new opportunities in El Morro, Guatemala!
- Praise God for the continued supports that we are able to provide throughout Christian Horizons. In Toronto, we are praising God that the newest person receiving residential supports is doing very well. Please pray for his mother who is struggling with the separation and the transition.



Richard Wood loves to dress up and celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

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April 23–29

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect..." *(1 Peter 3:15, NRV)*

When people ask why we forgive, why we are gentle and humble, we should be prepared to point them to Christ's example. Even as we do so, though, Peter urges gentleness and humility in the answer that we give.

Prayer Points

- We ask God for a mindset of growth as we continue to nurture belonging for and with the people who choose our services.
- Pray that Ethiopians would experience relief from severe drought conditions. Pray for the efforts of our partners as they run agricultural and nutrition programs in the Oromia region.
- Pray for peace and restoration in Haiti; for wisdom and compassion in the international community to work alongside Haitians to restore lasting peace and stability.

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