



# Prayer Guide

## AUGUST 2025

“Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount.”

**Matthew 25:21 NLT**

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**August 3-9**

“In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you.”

**ROMANS 12:6, NLT**

We must let our belief that people matter shape how we live. Stewarding gifts means putting faith into action through choices, not just words. Sometimes that's compassion. Sometimes quiet consistency. But love is always moving. What small, faithful action can you take today to let love move through you?

### Prayer Points

- We are thankful for the recent addition of a Karis Service Agreement which will help people to direct their own services, and we pray for a smooth transition in using this new tool.
- We thank God for our longstanding partnership with the behavior therapy team at CHEO (Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario) and pray for a smooth transition to our new team at Valor Solutions.



The team at CHEO behaviour therapists receiving an Excellence in Action award in 2024

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**August 10-16**

“For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

**EPHESIANS 2:10, NLT**

It's easy to forget that God sees each of us as His masterpiece. Not a project to fix or improve but a work of art with purpose and beauty. In a world that often measures worth by ability, productivity, or independence, this verse expresses a different truth: we were created with intention, just as we are.

### Prayer Points

- We thank God for partnerships with local churches: St. Stefans, which frequently hosts Karis events, and Parkdale United, which is partnering with us on a new housing initiative. We pray for opportunities to deepen relationships within the Christian community.
- We pray for all involved as Ottawa community employees are newly represented by a union. May there be a smooth transition for everyone.

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### August 17-23

**"You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden."**

**MATTHEW 5:14, NLT**

It's not always about leading or producing—it's often about stepping back, paying attention, and lifting someone else up. That's holy work. It's an act of faith to trust that God is already at work in every life, whether or not it's immediately visible. Sometimes our calling is to clear a path, adjust our pace, or pause long enough to notice the good that's already there.

#### Prayer Points

- We pray for job applicants and employees affected by recent immigration changes to work permits. May they have hope, resilience, and perseverance as they navigate these changes.
- We ask for strength and resilience as we face grief and fatigue alongside joy and encouragement. We are grateful for each other and the support we find in our relationships at Karis Disability Services.



Housemates David and Gordon having a goodbye hug as Gordon prepares to move

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### August 24-30

**"So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless."**

**JAMES 2:17, NLT**

We must not only believe that people matter—we must let that belief shape how we live. Stewarding our gifts means putting faith into action through our choices, not just our words. Sometimes that looks like compassion or like quiet consistency. But it always means love is moving. What's one small, faithful action you can take today to let love move through you?

#### Prayer Points

- We praise God and ask for His help as several people in Ottawa move from one home to another. Some have gained skills and life experience that allow them to be more independent, while others are ageing and can benefit from more supports to meet their changing needs. We think especially of Gordon, Pat, and Andy as they move this month.

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#### Prayer for Guatemala

- We give thanks for the growing and inclusive outreach for those with disabilities to build stronger inclusive communities. Pray for continued supports to sustain these efforts.
- Pray for strength and wisdom as our in country partners work alongside new community leaders and teachers.
- Recent earthquakes in rural areas of Guatemala have caused damage and loss of life in many communities. Pray for those mourning, rebuilding.



The Preschool class in Amatitlan celebrating "What I want to be when I grow up" day.

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