

# PRAY EVERY STREET

## A guide to prayer walking Wakefield 2023

This simple guide is to help us align our communication and prayers, as we step out onto the streets to pray at different times and from many different churches.

### Steps

1. Decide if you are going to prayer-walk by yourself, or with others.
2. Choose an appropriate time to go, ideally with few distractions. We recommend going during daylight hours and ensuring you are safe. If you are in any way unsure about the safety of the area you are planning to walk, please consult with your church leader for their advice.
3. Use the Pray Every Street App to earmark the streets you are going to prayer-walk. Once you have completed the walk return to the app to mark as complete.
4. Before you set off, ask God to guide you in your praying, highlighting anything particular to pray for as you go. You can also upload and read other uploaded prayer needs in the area that you are prayer walking.

### There are four main ways to determine what to pray for when prayer-walking

- **Revelation:** You may get a nudge, word or a picture from the Holy Spirit that guides you into a particular area of prayer.
- **Scripture:** You may select a passage of scripture ahead of time and allow the themes of that passage to suggest themes for prayer for the area you will walk through. There are suggested scriptures in our resources that may help.
- **Research:** You might discover that there are specific pockets of crime, injustice or need in an area you are prayer walking. These issues can then direct your prayers. You will find a resource on the website about specific needs in the areas of the Wakefield district.
- **Observation:** Seeing toys in a garden for example might prompt you to pray for children, for families, for schools etc. The idea is to let physical cues prompt us to see beyond to issues that are on God's heart.

### Pay particular attention to the following types of places that are "pressure points"

**Government Centres** such as Police Stations

**Commercial Centres** such as shopping areas

**Educational Centres** such as schools

**Communication Centres** such as radio stations or other media

**Spiritual Centres** such as group buildings, churches, mosques or temples

Look for opportunities and listen for promptings to pray for individuals or groups whom you encounter on your prayer walk. You can say "I/we are praying for this community. Do you know of anything in particular we should pray for?" After listening to their responses you can ask about their own needs. After they share, pray for them right away. If the Lord leads, you may pray about other needs as well. You can use the following acrostic (**BLESS**) to guide you in doing so:

**Body** (health)

**Labour** (job and finances)

**Emotional** (morale)

**Social** (relationships)

**Spiritual**

In most cases, people are grateful for your concern. If the person is a non-Christian this often opens the door to a spiritual conversation and sometimes an opportunity to share one's testimony and the gospel or to offer the person a chance to be part of a bible study or even better, to host one in their home. If the person is a Christian then you could invite them to join your prayer walk or equip them in some other aspect.