

BLESSINGS/TRUECITY PRAYER WALK FEBRUARY 26-27 2020

In the midst of the uncertainty around us as a result of the COVID 19 Pandemic, we are strengthened and encouraged by the faithfulness of our God. Spring is coming and seasons are changing; God is still on his throne and in control.

We want to look around us in our community and see God at work. We encourage you to walk and “pray with your feet” in the Locke street community on the weekend of February 26-27. As you walk, keep your eyes open on the people and places around you. Be in open conversation with our Sovereign God about the community that we are placed in.

DIRECTIONS

Start at BLESSINGS: 115 Stanley Ave.

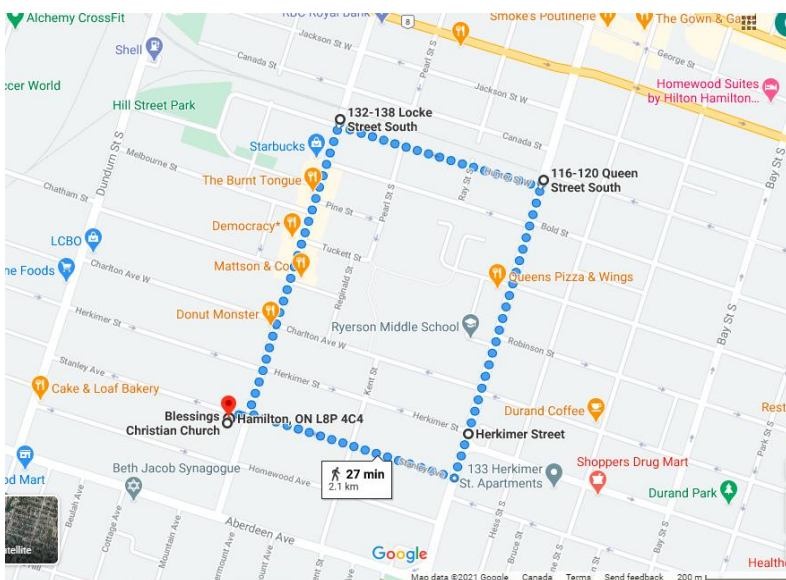
Walk north up Locke St.

Turn right on Hunter St. W.

Turn Right on Queen St.S.

Turn right on Stanley Ave.

End at Blessings.



A few practical suggestions:

- Bring a friend or two!
- The route takes about 30 min without stopping. Dress warmly.
- If you are cold, there are lots of places on this route to find a hot drink. Maybe you could buy an extra and give it to someone else?
- Consider wearing a mask if the area is crowded.

First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4

Questions to ask yourself as you walk:

- What languages do you hear?
- What do you think the people you pass by might be thinking or feeling?
- What needs do you see represented?
- How has the area you are in been affected by the pandemic?
- What sorts of messages do you see around you in ads, graffiti, etc.?
- What churches do you see?
- What do you think God is doing in this area?

PRAYER POINTS

LOCKE ST

The Locke St Business Improvement Area encompasses all businesses on Locke St from Main St West to Homewood. Once the home to numerous Antique stores, Locke Street was the first major street in Hamilton to be gentrified. This in part is why it was targeted by a mob of violent anarchists in March 2018. ***Pray for the small business on Locke that are struggling because of the effects of COVID 19. Pray for their owners. Pray for the effects of gentrification on the people that live in the area.***

LOCKE AND STANLEY

Locke St Library: This library is the oldest of all the branches in the Hamilton Public Library system. ***Pray for the people who work at the library. Pray for all those that use the library and pray that it can be a source of learning and education for many.***

St Joseph Catholic School and St. Joseph's Catholic Church: ***Pray for the students who attend St. Joseph's Catholic school. Pray for the teachers and the staff. Pray that the school may be a blessing for the children who attend it. Pray for St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church and the leadership. Since 2009, Father Jim Link has served as the parish priest. Pray for the people who attend this church. Pray for their spiritual health and that they may be a blessing in this community.***

LOCKE AND CHARLTON

St John the Evangelist Anglican Church: This church has been located at the heart of Locke Street neighbourhood for over 125 years. The church is also known as the Rock on Locke, and the current rector is David Anderson. ***Pray for the people who attend this church. Pray for the leaders. Pray that this church may be used by God to increase His Kingdom.***

LOCKE AND TUCKETT

Locke St Medical Clinic: Being on Locke Street South since 1990, it has been Meenakshi (Meena) Chakraborty-Bhaga's personal goal, as the sole proprietor of the clinic since 1998, to "serve the medical needs of this community with passion, care and enthusiasm." ***Pray for the people who work at the clinic. Pray for those that use the clinic. Pray that it can be effective in serving people with good care.***

HUNTER ST W

As you turn onto Hunter St W, you are entering a residential area. ***Pray for the people who live in these homes. Pray for their health, both physically and spiritually. Pray that they may see the light of Christ in their neighbourhood.***

Hamilton Baptist Homes: Hamilton Baptist Homes is a non-profit organization that provides subsidized homes for the City of Hamilton Housing Program. Their mission is to facilitate the creation of a positive community environment where all residents can realize their potential in spite of limited financial resources. ***Pray for this organization as they continue to provide housing for those in need. Pray for the people who live in these houses that have limited financial resources. Pray that their needs are met, and pray for their spiritual and physical health.***

QUEEN ST SOUTH

As you turn on to Queen St. South, you will notice that this area is a mixture of both residential areas and small businesses. There is also diversity in the type of homes you see. ***Pray for the effects of gentrification on the area. Pray for those that cannot afford homes or are struggling financially. Pray for the work of CAP (Christians Against Poverty) as they effectively support and help people who are dealing with debt.***

QUEEN AND ROBINSON

Ryerson Middle School: ***Pray for Ryerson Middle School, located on Robinson St. Pray for the teachers and the students who attend school there. Pray that they are blessed by the education they receive.***

QUEEN AND CHARLTON

It may not be visible from Queen St. but First Hamilton Christian Reformed Church is located at 181 Charlton Ave West. ***Pray for the leaders of the church, Hayden Regeling and Ken Herfst, as well as the members. Pray that they may be a light in this community and lead others to know Christ. Pray that the church would know physical and spiritual health, that it would be a place of hope, peace and comfort, and that it will bless the community it serves.***

STANLEY AVE

As you walk back to Blessings along Stanley Ave, pray for the people who live in the homes you are passing. Pray for the Kirkendall neighbourhood as a whole, and pray that more and more people will come to know Christ.