Living Rock Prayer Walk

Start at Living Rock, corner of Hughson and Wilson, 30 Wilson St

Prayer Stop #1 Living Rock, <u>livingrock.ca</u>

Learning Point - Living Rock was started in 1985 out of a desire to be present in the lives of At-Risk youth in downtown Hamilton, and now provides free meals, safe activities, employment and housing assistance, crisis help and much more.

Pray - Please pray and thank God for the staff and many volunteers who help run these programs. Pray for the skeleton group of persons involved in running a smaller number of programs during Covid-19, deemed essential by the City of Hamilton. Please pray for continued financial blessings. Pray for safety of staff and youth during COVID-19. Pray that staff can engage, encourage and equip youth. Ask God to send youth from across the city that are isolated and without hope and vision in their lives to Living Rock. Pray for an individual you see here, asking God how to pray for them. Ask for God's mercy among these people.

Walk west on Wilson to 94 York Blvd, across from First Ontario Centre (Copps Coliseum)

Prayer Stop #2 Salvation Army, 94 York Blvd

Learning Point - Salvation Army Booth Centre provides shelter and food for homeless men, providing counseling for financial, spiritual, practical and social needs.

Pray - Please pray for the staff and volunteers at Salvation Army, at this location and others in the city/region. Pray for continued wisdom as they seek to meet needs of men experiencing homelessness at this location. Please pray for safety, especially during COVID-19. Pray for financial support of programs. Please pray for the many people who come here for help.

Look across the street to First Ontario Hamilton, again 94 York Blvd

Prayer Stop #3 First Ontario Centre, First Ontario temporary homeless shelter

Learning Point - Run by Good Shepherd, and located in First Ontario Centre, a temporary shelter was set up for overflow from local shelters to meet physical distancing restrictions during COVID-19. A "squatters area" has developed with tents outside First Ontario's doors, as well as in other locations further west along York Blvd.

Pray - Please pray for these people experiencing homelessness who linger along York Blvd, near First Ontario. Pray for safety and for their health during COVID-19. Pray for peace among their community. Pray also for justice and mercy for them, remembering Jesus had no home during His ministry. Pray for one individual specifically, as you see them, asking God how to pray for him or her.

Head south along Bay St North, to Main St, then head East along Main St to 24 Main St West, at corner of Main and MacNab, New Vision United Church.

Prayer Stop #4 New Vision Rest and Hygiene Centre, 24 Main St West

Learning Point - April 2020 New Vision Church opened its entire building to the needs of those who are hungry and experiencing homelessness during COVID-19. Seven evenings a week, they provide a physically distanced space for people to rest and eat.

Pray - Please pray for those experiencing homelessness who visit here, for their safety, and for rest. Pray for God's blessing on staff at New Vision church who show love in their "care-mongering" of these people. Pray for an individual, as God leads.

Continue along Main St, heading East, to James St. Head North toward the lake. Continue on James St, until the corner of James and Wilson/York. Turn East heading back to Living Rock. Walk ends here.

Prayer End, stop #5 Living Rock, 30 Wilson St East

Pray with thanksgiving that you have a home to return to, and to shelter in with safety. Pray for what God lays on your heart as you head home.

May God bless you for taking this journey as you hold these people in prayer today.

