Living Rock Prayer Walk (2)

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

Prayer Stop #1 Living Rock Center, livingrock.ca

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.

Head West along Wilson St to James St, turn right on James, head north along James St North; 138 James St North is Notre Dame School, then head to Cannon St, turn and walk West or just look west on Cannon St to 14 Cannon St West; Notre Dame House

Prayer Stop #2Notre Dame House and Outreach Centre, 14 Cannon St WestNotre Dame House School,Notre Dame House

Learning Point - Notre Dame House and School, part of Good Shepherd, providing 24 hour emergency shelter for youth, including beds, food, education, and various health services.

Pray - Please pray for youth accessing these services, for safety (esp. during COVID-19) and safety due to inadequate housing. Pray for affordable housing for youth, and for Notre Dame's partnership with Living Rock and other agencies.

Head East on Cannon to 155 Cannon St East, Good Shepherd Venture Centre.

Prayer Stop #3 Good Shepherd Venture Centre, <u>Good Shepherd Venture Centre</u>, 155 Cannon St East

Learning Point - The Venture Centre has set up for emergency food and clothing and small household items free to individuals and families in need.

Pray - Please pray for continued support for these programs. Also pray for the families/individuals accessing these facilities. Pray for mercy for people experiencing need as they struggle in financial difficulties, especially under COVID-19 hardships. Pray for blessings upon their lives, and upon Good Shepherd, and for justice in the lives of individuals.

Turn South, to face Beasley Park, at Cannon and Elgin; walk silently through Beasley park, diagonally west toward Mary St and Wilson St.

Prayer Stop #4 - Beasley Park

Learning Point - Living Rock does Clean Parks = Safe Parks at Beasley and McLaren Parks, tidying up needles etc. Drug overdoses doubled from 2015 to 2017, Ontario 1,209 accidental deaths.

Pray - Please pray for youth at risk of or struggling with substance abuse. Pray also for those struggling with mental health concerns and living with addictions. Pray for youth to have vision and direction, and to know the strength of a loving God.

Walking diagonally west through Beasley park brings you to Mary St and Wilson St. Walk down Mary St to 42 Mary St, Urban Native Homes - Koo Gaa Dewin Manitou

Prayer Stop #5 - Urban Native Housing Complex - Koo Gaa Dewin Manitou

Learning Point - Providing safe affordable housing and support services for any indigenous persons experiencing need in the City of Hamilton. Loss of culture and connection puts youth at risk of addictions. Indigenous persons may have experienced disconnection from their communities, cultural suppression, emotional and physical maltreatment and abuses.

Pray - Pray for continued outreach to Indigenous youth, and work done by Living Rock with Hamilton Regional Indian Centre. Pray for Indigenous people, that their full identity will be a blessing to them in all their relationships. Pray for those who struggle against addiction and any mental and emotional tensions. Pray for justice and peace and blessing for them. Pray for forgiveness and reconciliation.

Turn the corner from Mary St onto King William, 155 King William st, Hamilton Police Headquarters

Prayer Stop #6 - Hamilton Police Headquarters, 155 King William st

Learning Point - In the past month Ontario has been struggling to determine how to balance an appropriate response in crisis between prioritizing the sending of Police officers or trained mental health professionals.

Pray - Pray for the City of Hamilton, for wisdom related to Police Services provided here. Pray for the police, as they work in dangerous situations and respond to moments of crisis. Pray for discernment as police services struggle to eradicate racism and division.

For a longer walk, continue on Mary to King st, then walk East on King St (past Wellington) to Victoria and King, where the Homeless Jesus statue/bench is situated out front of St Patrick's church at 440 King St East. There is a food and hygiene/rest ministry to homeless adults here called DeMazenod Door.

Or, turn back onto Mary St, then turn West onto Rebecca St toward John St. Walk to John and Rebecca, 71 Rebecca St, Hamilton Urban Core Community

Prayer Stop #7, Hamilton Urban Core Community, hamilton urban core community

Learning Point - The Urban Core centre offers a large variety of services to people in need. These include health services, counseling, social events, meals, education, parenting and family support. A methadone recovery program is nearby, called Towards Recovery.

Pray - Please pray for the city as they reach out to these individuals, for enough funds, for compassion, for mercy, and for justice. Pray for those coming in to receive services, that they would encounter friendship and empathy. Pray for the presence of the Lord in this community. Pray for one or two individuals that you see specifically, as God leads you.

Head west on Rebecca to Hughson, and north on Hughson to Wilson, returning to Living Rock.

Prayer Ends, Stop #8, Living Rock

Pray for whatever impression the Lord has laid on your heart. Rejoice in all the Lord has shown you, and for all He has given you.

