

Beasley Neighbourhood Prayer Walk

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ROUTE #1

30 Mins approx, 2.5 kms

Route #1 + #2 - 1hr, 5kms
(Begin with #2 and join #1 at Beasley Park)

PRAYER WALK

Context to contemplate as you pray

Look for these icons next to the stops listed on the next page to learn some context about the places and people who spend time in these areas

Affordable Housing



Hamilton is facing a huge housing crisis. Rents have increased so much that many people (particularly those working minimum wage jobs, on fixed incomes, or receiving social assistance) cannot find a place to live. Pray for good, creative solutions that open up more affordable, safe housing options for people. It could be a brand new project, a repurposed building, a laneway suite, or an individual home with an extra room.

Food and Health



Access to health services and food that is healthy, culturally appropriate, and affordable is essential to a thriving community. This neighbourhood has the advantage of grocery stores, food banks, community gardens, and health centres. This is not the case everywhere; food and healthcare 'deserts', are a reality for some communities in Hamilton. Pray in thanksgiving for the variety of options available in Beasley, and for other areas that don't have the same access.

Welcoming Newcomers



International students, refugees, and immigrants are assets in our community; with skills, gifts, and faith to contribute. Barriers can make it difficult for newcomers to settle well - learning a new language, adapting to a new culture, not having training recognized, and loneliness. One of the most significant barriers is when long-term residents have attitudes of indifference or exclusion towards newcomers. Pray that our city, and our churches, would be eager to build relationships with newcomers and that we would be ready to receive what they have to contribute.

Neighbourhoods of Belonging for all



Diversity is a beautiful reflection of Creator God, and so we are blessed by the ways that different cultures and expressions contribute valuably to our community. Practicing inclusion does not come easy though; we must work to undo harmful stereotypes, recognize our biases, and be intentional to create a neighbourhood where everyone belongs. Ask God to open your eyes to your own biases, and to help you to see the image of God in every person in this city.

*** Check the TrueCity Prayer Walk website page to find a fun scavenger hunt that kids can use while prayer-walking with you!**

1. Eucharist Church (130 Victoria Ave. N.)

Pray for the two churches that meet here: Eucharist Church and the Romanian Baptist Church. Pray that all the churches in this neighbourhood would be a light and a place of belonging for those in our community. Find the sign on the side of the building (on Evans Ave) that explains the paintings on the walls of the church. Scan the QR code to read about each of the painted parables.

2. Cannon St. E.

As you walk down Cannon St, use the prayer prompts from True City's Prayer Walk Visual Guide. Be on the lookout for how people live here, for trees and greenspaces, for God's creatures, etc. As you walk along Cannon, you will see bike lanes. These provide a safe way for people to bike in the city. Thank God for a green way to travel and exercise!

3. Good Shepherd Venture Centre (155 Cannon St. E) and Wesley Urban Ministries (195 Ferguson Ave. N)

Food insecurity is a challenge for many people in Hamilton. The food bank in the Venture Centre is modeled after a traditional grocery store where emergency food and clothing are easily accessible. Wesley Urban Ministries serves vulnerable people with community programs and housing for those experiencing chronic homelessness.



Pray for:

Access to affordable, healthy food for everyone in our city.

That community services can continue to meet the needs of vulnerable people.

4. Beasley Park (Cannon & Elgin) and JC Beemer Park (Victoria & Wilson)

These parks are central gathering places in the neighbourhood. People come to the park to spend time with friends and family, to use the fields, skatepark, splash pads and playgrounds.

Pray for:

Those who gather in the park; for families, for safety while playing, and that it would be a place where people feel welcome in our community.

There may be people 'living rough' in the park. Don't invade their space, but pray as you pass by for their safety, and for services like Hamsmart and Keeping Six who support people who are homeless/houseless.

5. Welkom House (147 Mary St.)

This facility provides housing for approx. 30 people who have been homeless/houseless for years. Many of the residents are trying hard to overcome addictions and to manage complicated physical and mental health issues.



Pray for:

Welkom House to be a safe place for those who live and work there.

Increase of affordable housing funding and housing support services in our city.

6. Habitat for Humanity Future Build Site - 136 Catharine St. N

This lot will be the future site of two new affordable units for families who otherwise would be unable to own a home.

Pray for:

The future families who will live there, and thanks for those who are donating time and money to complete the builds.



That more landlords in the city would be motivated by compassion rather than profit.

7. Living Rock (30 Wilson St.)

Living Rock exists to be a safe place of community and support for youth-at-risk.

Pray for:

Youth who access their programs

Soup Fest (annual fundraiser)

People who visit the Prayer Truck (Summer GOHOP event)

8. Urban Core Community Health Centre (71 Rebecca St.)

Urban Core provides primary health care services to all people, especially those who are underserved or face barriers to access (ie, people without ID, without residency status, etc).

Pray for:

The staff and the people who access to healthcare at this centre

Fewer barriers to healthcare

9. Wesley Newcomer Services (52 Catharine St.) and the Immigrants Working Centre (182 Rebecca St.)

Both centres provide settlement support and orientation for newcomers to the city.

Pray for:

Newly arrived immigrants and refugees in our neighbourhood to have the support they need and to find a place of belonging.

10. Urban Native Homes - Koo Gaa Dewin Manitou (42 Mary St.)

Urban Native Homes provides responsive and culturally sensitive housing to the Indigenous community.

Pray for:

Indigenous people who live in and around Hamilton/the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg, Haudenosaunee, and Neutral peoples

That settlers would increase their awareness and respect of Indigenous people's rights and culture

The disproportionate impact of systemic injustice that Indigenous communities face

11. Hamilton Police Services (155 King William St)

This is the central station for HPS.

Pray for:

Peace and justice in Hamilton.

Police officers and the community members they interact with.

Change to come to our criminal justice system so that it is more equitable for all.

Continue on to JC Beemer Park (#4 above), and keep using the prayer prompts from True City's Prayer Walk Visual Guide as you return to Eucharist Church.

