

Beasley Neighbourhood Prayer Walk
by

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ROUTE #2

30 mins approx, 2.7 km

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. Victoria Gardens Long Term Care (176 Victoria Ave N.)

Victoria Gardens Long Term Care (176 Victoria Ave N.) Privately owned long term care centre built in 1995 with 76 beds.

Pray for:

Residents living there, new residents coming in

Covid safety for families visiting, restrictions to lift and policies in place so families can visit loved ones

3. Hamilton General Hospital (237 Barton St. E.)

Hamilton General Hospital (237 Barton St. E.) First Hospital in Hamilton (1848). A provincial leader in: cardiac, vascular, neurosciences, trauma, and stroke programs. It has only 1 of 2 burn treatment programs in Ontario.

Pray for:

To remain connected to its neighbourhood and surrounding community.

Other Departments: MS, movement disorders, heart function, general surgery

Health care equity and Covid safety for visitors/patients/employees

4. Hamilton-Wentworth Detention Centre (165 Barton St E.)

This Detention Centre holds people awaiting sentencing and offenders serving short sentences, or awaiting transfer to other facilities. There have been recent Covid-19 outbreaks at this centre.

Pray for:

The people being held in the Detention Centre - safety, restoration, and just treatment

The staff of the Detention Centre - safety, stress, and compassion

The Pastoral Care services being offered within

5. Food Basics Grocery Store (135 Barton St E.)

This grocery store is a hub for the neighbourhood, where people can access healthy and culturally diverse food.

Pray for:

Thanks that people have easy access to familiar and healthy food in the neighbourhood

People who struggle to buy enough groceries for their families

The farmers and workers around the world who supply food to us all



6. Little Library in front of 93 Elgin St.

Bring a book, take a book!

Pray for:

The adults and children who use these books, that they would feel joy and love and that they would know Jesus.

7. 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.

8. 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, and relax.

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.

9. Wellington Place Towers (125 Wellington St. N) and Plaza at Wellington & Wilson St.

Many newcomers live in these buildings when they first arrive in Canada, and the businesses in this plaza offer culturally familiar foods and services, shaping a community of welcome.

Pray for:

Thanks for the owners and staff of businesses in this community who seek the peace and wellness of the neighbourhood.

The newcomers who are bringing life and vitality to Hamilton.

Continue on to JC Beemer Park (#8 above), and keep using the prayer prompts from True City's Prayer Walk Visual Guide as you return to Eucharist Church.

