

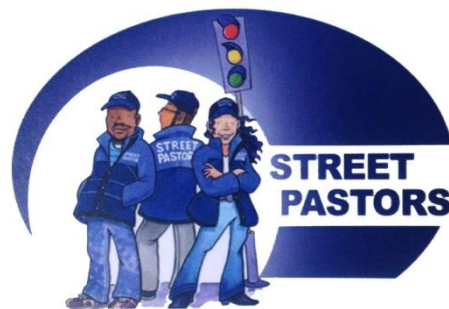


# Street Pastors

# Pray from Home Pack

Resources for Prayer Pastors

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# Thank You!

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ Street Pastors, we want to start by saying a huge thank you for your prayers for the members of our Street Pastors Patrol. Words are not enough to thank you for those quiet, hidden prayers in your many homes across this region that cover us and bring us to God. His answers to those prayers have been tangible, providing us with safety and protection and with many an unseen incident averted. Countless opportunities have been afforded through your prayers for our patrols to demonstrate the love of Christ, show care and a listening ear to those out on our streets. Dangers are reduced, accidents prevented, evil schemes and plans thwarted and we see numerous answered prayers every evening the teams are out.

We are so grateful for your support and we hope that this *Pray from Home Pack* will provide you with some more fuel or ideas to support your prayers. Our plan is to add to it over time. All suggestions welcome!

[Add initiation to any regular collective prayer gatherings in here]

And finally – as you are praying at home, if you feel that there is anything specific that you feel God prompting you to pray for when the street pastor are out, you may want to share that with us. If it is outside of patrol hours, please contact us (contacts are below).

[ADD any contact details in here]

*With love in Christ,*

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Street Pastors Prayer Co-ordinator

## How \_\_\_\_\_ Street Pastors fits in the Bigger Picture

### Facts and Figures

- Over 300 Schemes in UK and Ireland
- Trained over 12,000 Volunteers
- 20,000 people involved Across the whole of Street pastors Network (Prayer Pastors, Committees ,trustees Etc.)



### Structure of Street Pastors

All Street Pastor Schemes are set up through the Ascension Trust and operate on a model of partnership that is often described as the 'Urban Trinity'.

We do this in \_\_\_\_\_ by working with:  
Police

\_\_\_\_\_ Council

Housing Executive

\_\_\_\_\_ local Churches as signed up supporters



- Pray for these organisations in authority over our region.
- Pray for our working relationship with them.

Our volunteers are members of \_\_\_\_\_ different local churches in the region; we love this diversity, we are one big family!

# People involved in \_\_\_\_\_ Street Pastors

## Management Committee

Add names here

(chair) (vice chair) (treasurer) (secretary) (uniforms) (church reps)

## Executive Team

Add names here

## Coordinator

Add name in here

## Street Pastors

**(Team leaders highlighted in bold)**

Add names here

## Prayer Coordinator

Add names here

## Prayer Pastors

Add names here

## A Typical Shift

Beginning of night starts at Base - Packing bags and Praying together in Prayer Room

(Replace with your own photos in here e.g.)



Teams vary week by week – Pray for our teams



# The Patrols

\_\_\_\_\_ Patrol - Two teams of 3 or 4. Operates on:

(Add info on times and day in here)

Patrol 1 – Add location here

Patrol 2 – Add location here.

Add region in here- Hot spots to pray for:

(Replace with your own photos in here)



Pray for \_\_\_\_\_

(add more information about hot spots in here. Eg. These are drinking areas for youth and known drug problems in flats highlighted on the image above.)





Pray for safety during \_\_\_\_\_ events



Pray for these areas:  
(Add information here)

Pray for (add your specific prayer points here e.g.

- salvation
- the freedom of families
- the strongholds of drug addiction, alcohol abuse and many other things to be broken
- the light of the good news of Jesus to break into people's lives
- A Spirit of freedom instead of fear and intimidation.)



Pray for other large gatherings in the town/ region which we attend: add info in here.

Eg. (\*\*\*\*\* Park – seems to be an area prone to trouble and young people hanging out there. Recently drug taking and antisocial behaviour has been increasing. )



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(Add time and day in here)

Patrol 1- Add location here

Add region in here- Hot spots to pray for:

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(Add details of hotspots more information in here) Eg. The back alley behind the spar is a dark spot, a place where young people like to hang out and drink. Quite an isolated location also





Patrol 2 – add location in here



Add hotspot locations in here - We help practically with first aid, flip flops for girls walking bare-footed and foil blankets to keep them warm. Help get Taxis, pray with and chat to groups.

Specific Nightclub info add in here -



Pray for:

- Underage young people attending
- Drugs and drug dealers
- Spiking of drinks
- Vehicles looking to pick up vulnerable girls.
- Peace
- Salvation
- Light
- Door and bar staff
- Police attending
- Bus and taxi drivers



## **Some suggestions for how to Pray for the Street Pastors**

1. Where possible attend Base for the first half hour as team get ready to go out, pray with them and get information from them before you go back home to pray. If you cannot attend Base, phone or text the team leader before they go out. You can pray with them over the phone. Ask them for any specific areas or issues coming up.
2. On the day of your shift, take some time to seek the Lord on their behalf. Get quietly before God in prayer and ask him to speak specifically about anything that is on his heart for the team for the evening or personally. *(See the Listening to God page for more info on some directions for how to do this if its new to you.)*  
Share any Bible verses, pictures, words or thoughts you may have with your Street Pastor before they go out, to encourage and bless them.
3. During the evening - Pray back to God what he has revealed to you. When we pray in agreement with what God has shown us, we find we are praying in line with his will.
4. Pray through a Scripture – Ask God to give you a few verses and then use them to help you pray. E.g. John 12:46 – some ideas of how you could pray this verse:
  - The Light of the World living in us to be seen in the street pastors and as they walk into the darkness.
  - Jesus to be revealed to those in conversations.
  - The secret hidden things in the darkness to be exposed, that evil plans would be brought to light and to nothing.
  - Those in bondage to darkness and sin in their lives, that the Light of God would break them free.
  - Light to come in the areas of darkness that are known on the Patrol is going on.
5. Pray personally for the Street Pastors (Ask us for a copy of the rota to know team names who are out on patrol the night you are praying).
  - For their family
  - For their safety and health (especially for no leg/ foot injuries as these are common)
  - For their boldness and courage and for unity of the team
  - For Divine appointments
  - For eyes to see what God is doing, ears to hear what God is saying.
  - For feet and hands to do what God tells them, to demonstrate the Love of Christ.
  - For their personal walk with God to grow
6. Pray for the workers the team will meet whilst on patrol, the PSNI, the taxi drivers, bus drivers, nightclub, pub and takeaway owners, ambulance and hospital staff.
7. Pray for the young people they meet that evening, for the plans, hope, a future and freedom in Christ that God has written over their lives.
8. Use the info in this pack to help guide you.

9. Worship God, spend some time in thanksgiving and praise and Listening to God.
10. Get a report back from your Street Pastor of how the evening went, thank God for it.

## Listening to God

### **STOP** - GET AWAY. (Matt 6:5-6)

Get into a comfy, quiet place to read (a pen and notebook can be helpful).

- remove outward distractions (phone, TV – turn off or set an alarm)
- remove inner distractions (thoughts - write a to-do list, let go of worries)
- Shift your focus off you and on to God – with singing, praise, thanksgiving. Breathe deeply eg. Brennan Manning’s prayer – Breathe in- ‘Abba’, Breathe out – ‘I belong to you’ or singing some songs of praise to God or mulling over a favourite verse, eg. Be still and know that I am God. Ps46. Just intentionally slow down your thoughts and allow them to settle again on God and who he is.

### **ASK.** Invite God to speak to you. ‘Speak Lord, for your servant is listening’ 1 Sam 3:10.

Start by simply in your own words asking the Holy Spirit to come and teach you through what you read and lead you into all truth as Jesus promised. (John 14:26) Eg. ‘Father, please would you speak to me by your Holy Spirit, teach me, reveal who you are through your word and what is on your heart.’

### **WAIT** – learn to just wait on God, be still rest, enjoy the silence and have an expectant heart that he will speak. Take captive wandering thoughts, bring them back to Jesus by bringing your focus back onto God, using the verse you started with.

Don’t dismiss unexpected thoughts, impressions, someone coming to mind, verses, song lyrics, pictures in your mind’s eye. God can speak in many different ways. Note them down, even if you don’t understand them.

Some of the ways we are told God can speak from the bible include:

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| 1. Through creation (Psalm 19:1)                      | 2. The ‘still, small voice’ (1 Kings 19:12) |
| 3. Intuition (Isaiah 30:21)                           | 4. Audible voices (1 Samuel 3:4)            |
| 5. Angels (Luke 1:19)                                 | 6. Conscience (Romans 2:15)                 |
| 7. Scripture (Psalm 119:105)                          | 8. Art (Exodus 30:35)                       |
| 9. Dreams (Acts 16:9)                                 | 10. Visions (Acts 10:11)                    |
| 11. Prophetic words (Acts 21:10)                      | 12. Speaking in tongues (1 Cor 14:4)        |
| 13. Godly counsel (Ephesians 4:15)                    | 14. Discernment of Spirit (Romans 8:16)     |
| 15. Natural events (2 Samuel 5:23–25)                 | 16. Circumstance (Acts 16:26) 17.           |
| 17. And even through a talking donkey! (2 Peter 2:16) |   |



**PRAY** what God reveals to you back to him, stand in agreement over his words and thoughts over your life. Asking for his will that he has shown you to come to pass.

Remember God is consistent, he cannot lie, his words to you will bring life and freedom, not bondage, fear, doubt etc. His words will be in line with what is already revealed in the bible. So test all things by scripture. Also remember that if God is really speaking about something he won’t just say it once, he will say it many times and confirm and affirm it through many



ways and means. We just need to learn to listen, to test and then to obey his still small voice!

## **Meditating on the word of God**

1. **READ.** Take a passage of Scripture and read straight through the bible verses you have chosen (out loud is helpful if you can). Then do it a second time, slower and ask yourself

What initially jumps out (stands out) at me? Write it down/ mark it.

2. **REFLECT** on it. Read it again, thinking especially about that section that stood out to you.

Think about it. What does it tell me/ how does it apply to a current situation in my life? If you don't know, try rewriting it out your own words, note down any words you don't understand, or ask yourself a question like this:-

- Is it an instruction/ command?
- Does it reveal something about who God is in this situation or/ about who I am?

3. **WRITE.** For a final time read over the highlighted text and ask God what he is saying through it.

Wait on him for a few moments. Take note of the thoughts that come to mind, his voice often sounds like our own spontaneous thoughts. Don't be surprised if what he is saying doesn't match up with what your first thoughts were when reading the text. His thoughts are not our thoughts!

4. **RESPOND** - Think about what God has revealed to you, what you have written down and then talk to him about it.

Pray. Thank him for what you have learnt and ask him to help you through the Holy Spirit to be able to apply the truth he has revealed to you to your life in the next few days or into a particular situation that you are currently facing or for someone specific that you are praying for.

- *Is God asking you to do something?* Ask God for the courage to respond physically.
- *Do you want to know more?* Study it, ask God for greater understanding. Chat with someone about anything you didn't understand, look up other translations of the same verses, read some commentaries.
- *Is it an attitude or behaviour you need to change?* Ask God to help you and also ask a friend to ask you how you are doing with it.
- Think again about the verses you read, ask him to keep speaking to you about it. Talk to others about what God is teaching you.

(This form of meditation is based on Lectio Divina which simply means 'Holy Reading' It is an ancient style of meditation used for centuries by monks. There are many great resources on the internet that you can use to help you grow in this type of Meditation on scripture if you are interested in learning more.

## **PRAYER SUGGESTIONS**

### **Some different types of Prayer you can Pray:**

- **Intercession** – *Acting in prayer on behalf of someone else.* Ephesians 6:18
- **Thanksgiving** – *Articulating gratitude to God for what he has done.* Philippians 4:6
- **Agreement** – *Joining with others to pray for a person or situation.* Matt 18:19-20
- **Binding and Loosing** – *Asserting spiritual authority through Jesus.* Matt 18:18
- **Praise and Worship** – *Adoring and exalting God for who He is.* Psalm 95
- **Prayer of Faith** – *Asking God or petitioning for a change or particular outcome.* Luke 11:9-10

### **A General Prayer for Street Pastors**

*Living God, we praise you for the vision that gave birth to Street Pastors and for every life that has been touched through this movement of your Spirit. We thank you for every Street Pastor and we pray for them as they share your love with others. We ask for your protection and encouragement, your wisdom and courage and an ever deeper faith in and love for you.*

*We pray for those they meet week by week in the pubs and clubs, in the late night cafes, on the streets and at the bus stops and taxi ranks. May those who are lonely be warmed by your presence; those who are bruised and hurting find healing in your love; those that are ashamed and without hope be set free by your forgiveness and grace.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, you came to seek and to save the lost. Thank you for the privilege of being your hands and feet, your eyes and ears and your heart where we live. Give us eyes that see as you see; ears that hear what you hear, hearts that love as you love and words that can bring life and peace. And in it all, Lord God, give us thankfulness, generosity and joy in serving you, whom to serve is perfect freedom and whom to know is Life eternal.*

*God of Grace, to you be honour, praise and glory, from everlasting to everlasting, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.*

### **Ascension Trust Prayer Book**

A collection of written Prayers to help direct your prayer time.

Copies are available for purchase through Ascension Trust Merchandise, please ask the Coordinator for more information.

## MAPS OF AREAS PATROLLED

Add you own maps and descriptions E.g.

In the early evenings a team patrols The Heights, Jet Centre, and town centre.



The Street Pastors' Base is located in \_\_\_\_\_

The \_\_\_\_\_ patrol

Covers the areas of Ballysally and Harpers Hill. The other team cover the area of the Heights over the river.

