



# 3 LEVELS OF PRAYER

## PERSONAL

### **Street Pastors own prayer life**

Obviously the need for prayer both in the Street Pastors own lives and in the lives of a prayer supporter, as it is the basis of our relationship with our heavenly Father.

In any good relationship you need to listen as well as to speak.

Oswald Chambers once said to pray is simply to listen to the one who calls you "my child"

### **Prayer from friends of Street Pastors**

One of the groups of people most likely to pray for a Street Pastor is their own friends and family. These can pray on a personal level for the individual Street Pastor.

These are the people who will know not only the individual Street Pastor best but will also know their circumstances and family and can pray for those also.

Also people who have an interest in Street Pastors as a ministry but don't feel able to come to base and pray or be a Street Pastor themselves.

### **Prayer Partners for Street Pastors**

Prayer partners should be chosen by the individual Street Pastor and should be someone they know who will pray for them and that they feel comfortable sharing their difficulties as well as their good times with.

Someone they have confidence in and trust.

Someone who is willing to pray for the Street Pastor every time they are on duty.(this can be praying for them at home not necessarily going to base.

Someone they know well.

Someone who is known to be prayerful.

A Street Pastor can have as many prayer partners as they wish.

### **Street Pastors own church or home group**

The Street Pastors own church can be a source of great encouragement if they pray regularly for the Street Pastor in their various meetings.

Their own church knows them well and will be able to pray for them as an individual as well as the organization as a whole.

The Street Pastor needs to keep their church updated as to their individual needs as well as the needs of the Street Pastors locally and give them news of what is happening locally with the Street Pastors and the way they have seen God at work out on the streets and answers to prayer.

Ideally there should be a partnership between their church and the Street Pastor

The home group or cell that the individual Street Pastor attends (if they do) knows them better than the church as a whole and they can pray for them when they meet and also while they are apart

They may meet on the night the Street Pastors are out on the streets and can pray for them then. If they aren't already meeting on the night the Street Pastors are out they might wish to meet and pray then as an extra meeting. This is obviously the group's own decision.

## LOCAL

### **Prayer coordinator for Street Pastors in local area**

A Prayer coordinator is one of the first people that need to be found when thinking of starting a group of Street Pastors in your town.

Prayer needs to be the foundation of everything that's done.

Ask around for people who would be interested in the role of prayer coordinator and then talk to them all and pray and ask God who it should be.

Ask God for the right person even while asking for volunteers.....God may give you the name of who it should be.

The prayer coordinator should promote prayer for the Street Pastors locally in any way they can.

If people are meeting at base to pray while the Street Pastors are out organize a Rota if who is available to pray and when and ensure there are two people praying each time wherever possible.

Arrange regular prayer meetings with both the Street Pastors and prayer supporters and anyone interested.

Pray yourself .....lead by example

### **Prayer groups**

In most towns and villages there will be groups of people who meet together to pray for various things. If you know these groups ask if when they meet they would be willing to pray for the Street Pastors also.

If they are willing to pray make sure to keep them updated with: when the Street Pastors will be out, answered prayer, various prayer needs.

Maybe send them regular prayer newsletters or e mails.

Drop in and see them occasionally and thank them for their support.

### **Prayer walking**

Prayer walking is an important part of intercession. it simply means to physically walk through a street, neighborhood or city with the purpose of praying for that place.

The prayer coordinator would be the best person to organise this.

This can be done as individuals or in pairs or in groups.

This helps you to get to know your town and if you ask the Street Pastors the areas they go then prayer walk these areas in particular.

Every time the Street Pastors go out they should be prayer walking the areas they visit as they should be talking to God while they are out.

The Street Pastors take the presence of God with them wherever they go the same as all Christians do.

Specific prayer walking sessions are when you prayerfully decide which areas to walk and then when you are out walking these areas pray for God's blessing on the area and the people you pass.

Ask God to show you the area through his eyes.

Ask God what he wants you to pray for the things, people and places you see.

Ask God to give you discernment and trust that He will lead, guide and direct you in how to pray and what to pray for.

Jeremiah 29:7 says "Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have sent you. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers you too will prosper."

All of us should pray for the place where we live whether we prayer walk or not. However this is a good verse to keep in mind when you prayer walk.

God's heart is always to bless and we can make the way clear through prayer for him to do this.

Always pray blessing on people and places.

If the place is evil or used for evil then you can ask God to change the people's hearts and the use of that place or else remove them from your town. Always pray first and foremost for people's salvation.

Keep a record of prayers and answers to prayer and any scriptures God gives you.

Keep praying till you see answers.

### **Prayer Pastors (supporters)**

Prayer pastors are sometimes called prayer supporters and refer to those people who come to pray at base whilst the Street Pastors are out.

There will be a phone or mobile at base so that the Street Pastors can phone in with prayer needs or be contacted to be told what the prayer supporters feel God is saying.

They pray with the Street Pastors before they go out and again when they return.

The prayer coordinator will be in touch with the prayer pastors to arrange when they can pray and to encourage them and also to recruit them in the first place.

### **Local churches**

When Street Pastors are first set up in a town all the local churches should be contacted to see if they want to take part. Those who show an interest can be updated with ongoing prayer needs so they can be praying as individual churches.

On a regular basis contact churches who haven't wanted to be a part as once they see the difference Street Pastors are making they may want to come on board

### **Home or Prayer groups**

Within local churches there may be home groups or prayer groups and they may want to pray for Street Pastors even if the church as a whole doesn't.

Try and find one individual within every church who wants to support Street Pastors and they will know others within their own church who would be interested also and their home group or prayer groups may want to take part and the pastor/minister may not know who is interested.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Need for prayer for Street Pastor organisation nationally**

Street Pastors is a large national organization /ministry that is broken down into small local groups of Street Pastors. Each local area should have its own prayer support but the ministry as a whole has its separate prayer needs.

Prayer for the board of Ascension Trust who run Street Pastors.

### **Funding**

Prayer for Les Isaac (who is the founder of Street Pastors) and his family

Prayer for the national staff who oversee Street Pastors.

Prayer for protection on all connected with Street Pastors as a ministry.

Prayer for good relationships and communication firstly with God then with others.

### **Prayer for Street Pastors other than in your local town**

Pray for other areas that have Street Pastors as well as your own area.

If you are praying at base pray for other areas with Street Pastors out that night.

### **Link with other national prayer organisations.**

There are many national prayer movements e.g. cross winds and 24/7 prayer. If you have one in your area get in touch and see if they would like to pray for Street Pastors as part of their prayer time and offer to pray for them in return.

We are all one family and God wants unity. It is good when we work together and support each other. Psalm 133, Matthew 12:25

If you have any thoughts or questions or suggestions please feel free to contact me on [prayer2@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:prayer2@streetpastors.org.uk). In particular I would appreciate ways you have felt things have worked locally with prayer so they can be shared with other areas and I can compose a suggestion sheet for prayer cover in local Street Pastors. Also if you have suggestions on ways you would like to be updated with prayer needs then please email me your contact details.

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