



HOW TO SET UP A PRAYER PASTOR TEAM FOR YOUR AREA

Once a Street Pastor area is being formed one of the most important things to do is to find a **Prayer Coordinator**.

Ideally every area should have a Prayer Coordinator so even if you have been going for a while and haven't got one as yet now would be a good time to find one! This should be a person who:

- feels called to do this and has a heart for prayer and is walking close to God.
- should be able to get on with people and be friendly
- be approachable and with a good personal prayer life.

We aren't looking for someone who is perfect but someone who has a love for God, others and their town. Pray and ask God to lead you to the right person. It might be someone who is on the planning team or it may be someone who hasn't come on board as yet. God knows who is ideal for your team so ask him!

Once you have found the person for Prayer Coordinator they need to work closely with the Street Pastor Coordinator and build up a team of Prayer Pastors. One of the roles of a Prayer Coordinator is to encourage prayer in all its forms for and with the Street Pastor team.

The Prayer Coordinator should be in contact with the National Prayer Coordinator and can email me on prayer2@streetpastors.org.uk Please can all Prayer Coordinators give their details and which area they coordinate to this address so they can be contacted on prayer matters.

Prayer Pastors pray regularly for the Street Pastor team. They may pray in different roles but all are equally valuable. **Prayer is the fuel that drives our actions.** Some people may prefer to pray at home and may pray at various times during the week rather than the hours that the Street Pastors are out. This might be by themselves or with others.

One of the most encouraging things and most needed is to have people who will pray at the base during the hours that the Street Pastors are out on the streets. If there is a phone in the room at base the Street Pastors can then phone the Prayer Pastors and ask for specific prayers as situations occur and the Prayer Pastors can phone the Street Pastors with what they believe God is saying. If people are praying at base there should always be at least two people for safety. If only one person can pray on a particular night they might be able to go out with the team (as an Observer) and pray quietly while the Street Pastors fulfil their role or pray from home while the Street Pastors are out but give them a phone number they can call if they need immediate prayer.

The other type of Prayer Pastor is a **Prayer Partner** to individual Street Pastors. This should be a person the Street Pastor knows and feels comfortable sharing with and they should regularly cover that Street Pastor and their family in prayer.

Finally, the more prayer cover you can have for the Street Pastors and your area the better so encourage local prayer groups, churches, home groups etc to pray for you regularly. As with everyone who prays for the Street Pastors, let them know your prayer needs but also let them know updates and answers to prayer.

Encourage and pray for each other whether you are a Street Pastor or a Prayer Pastor, you are on the same team!

If you would like to contact me for advice, encouragement or prayer please email me at prayer2@streetpastors.org.uk

Blessings

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