



# Blessing the City

Open Heaven, Prayer Walk Coventry, June 2021

## Speaking Blessing

To bless someone or something is simply to invoke favour upon them, specifically the favour of God. Possibly, the most famous blessing in the Bible is the priestly blessing in

### **Numbers 6:24-26:**

*'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face towards you and give you His peace.'*

As you prayer-walk you might simply want to use this ancient, holy blessing, and speak it over the city of Coventry, over the area or the street where you are walking, or over specific households.

## Prayer of Blessing for Coventry and Surrounding Area

We understand that this blessing for Coventry has been written and developed by Coventry Prayer House. You might want to declare it over the city, or the area where you are praying:

*In the name of Jesus, we bless Coventry and the surrounding towns and villages.*

*We bless every home to be loving and safe,  
every marriage to be deeply faithful and fulfilling,  
each child to be nurtured and led to know God's love,  
every parent to have wisdom and patience,  
and older people to be valued and included.  
God be in our homes,*

***be in our hearts and in our loving.***

*We bless those living with adversity, sickness, loneliness or fear: we bless them with rescue, healing, comfort and security. And to those who work to relieve the suffering of others: compassion and strength.*

*We bless our city and our neighbourhoods to be places of reconciliation.  
God be in our suffering,*

***be in our pain and in our enduring.***

*We bless the administration and public services to promote purity and goodness.  
We bless every development and initiative to be wise and beneficial for all communities.  
God be in our Government,*

***be in our plans and in our deciding.***

*We bless every business and enterprise that is wholesome and good.*

*We speak integrity and success over each one.*

*God be in our commerce,*

***be at our desks and in our trading.***

*We bless the industries which sustain our economy and daily life.  
We speak productivity and full employment over each one.  
God be in our industry,  
**be in our hands and in our working.***

*We bless the schools, colleges and universities to be places of wholesome learning and discovery. We bless every child and young person to achieve their full potential.  
God be in our education,  
**be in our minds and in our growing.***

*We bless the creative arts which convey what it means to be fully human.  
We speak life, health and decency over all artistic expression.  
God be in our art,  
**be in our senses and in our creating.***

*We bless the sports and recreation facilities that promote fitness and relaxation.  
We speak wellbeing over our bodies and our free time.  
God be in our recreation,  
**be in our limbs and in our leisure.***

*We bless each person in the streets we prayer walk:  
to receive the love of Almighty God who planned and created you,  
to know Jesus Christ his Son as Lord, Saviour, Healer and Friend,  
and to be filled with God's Holy Spirit bringing you new life and new hope.  
God be in our lives,  
**be in our breathing and in our hoping.***

**Amen**

