






OPEN HEAVEN USER GUIDE

Prayer-Walk Coventry, June 2021

This simple guide is to help us align our communication and prayers, as we step out onto the streets to pray at different times and from many different churches.

Steps

-  **Decide if you are going to prayer-walk by yourself, or with others (adhering to any relevant government guidance at the time).**
-  **Choose an appropriate time to go**, ideally with few distractions. We recommend going during daylight hours and ensuring you are safe. If you are in any way unsure about the safety of the area you are planning to walk, please consult with your church leader for their advice.
-  **Use the Open Heaven App** to earmark the streets you are going to prayer-walk. And please **complete your prayer-walk within 7-days of earmarking your streets**. This will greatly help us track progress through the month.
-  Before you set off, **ask God to guide you in your praying**, highlighting anything particular to pray for as you go.
-  Amongst other things, please pray through the **Open Heaven 2021 Prayer Priorities**. This year we are inviting you to join with hundreds of others in praying the words of **Isaiah 61** over our city. Of course, Jesus proclaimed that these words were fulfilled in Him (Luke 4:18-21) and we believe these powerful words capture much of what God desires to do in Coventry.

Isaiah 61:1-4 (NIV)

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion – to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendour. They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.

Please use these scriptures as you see fit, as you pray over people, homes, streets and areas of the city. You may want to read these verses out loud as you prayer-walk. Remember, “the Spirit of the Sovereign Lord” is upon you as you go! Some key themes you may want to focus on could be:

1. Healing

For the hurting; for the broken-hearted; for those who mourn; for recovery as people emerge from lockdown; for mental and emotional health and well-being.


2. Salvation


For the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus to impact every person; freedom for the captives!

3. Rebuilding

For the Lord to ‘rebuild and restore’ Coventry as a place for His glory; for Kingdom culture (God’s ways) to prevail throughout this ‘City of Culture’ year; for joy and rejoicing to resound!

 Ensure you walk the **whole length of the streets** you have agreed to cover.

 If you feel led to **pause and pray longer** at any particular spot on the street, please do so!

 **Be observant of any particular features you pass**, such as schools, banks, businesses, hospitals, buildings of interest, places of worship & consider pausing to pray over such places.

 Use the App to **confirm you have completed your streets**

 **If you sense God speaking to you about the streets or area where you have prayed, we would love to hear about that. Please email the Open Heaven Team, including your name and church, on feedback@openheavencoventry.org**

Then consider checking the App for other available streets and book your next session!

If you go into the App and find someone has already earmarked the streets you were hoping to earmark, please note, you can still prayer-walk them anyway (of course)! And please still play your part by choosing some unselected streets – even if that takes you to some streets you don’t know. God will use you there!

Thank you for taking part.

