



Prayer Walk for the Chaplaincy



You can do the **Prayer Walk** in person, in a group, at home using a map or app such as Google Maps. The Prayer Walk covers the operational area of Watford Town Centre Chaplaincy, within Watford's ring road. At points, you are invited to look across the ring road to focus your prayer, but please don't try to cross it!

You can adapt the form we've printed here into something which suits your preferred style of prayer, for example, set prayers or free improvised prayer, according to your own church tradition.

You may wish to use the following at the end of each section:

'Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.'

Isaiah 2.5

1 From the bottom of the High Street:

Look up at the dove on the Peace Hospice shop sign and ask the Holy Spirit to journey with you through Watford town centre, revealing to you the places and people in need of prayer today.

2 The Lower High Street:

Walk up noticing on the right, above the old Money Shop on the corner, the offices of Watford BID, our town centre management group, in the building with green framed windows. Pray with gratitude for their work and support of the Chaplaincy and Street Angels. Further up the Lower High Street, notice business names which remind us of our faith:



3 The junction with King Street:

Once at Costa on the corner of the junction opposite McDonald's, look left down King Street and commit the whole of Watford town centre to the sovereignty of Christ our King. Look up the High Street ahead of you and notice the new pavements, in the light of the mission statement of CNI Network, coordinators of Street Angel projects nationwide and beyond: #MakingCityStreetsLikeNewAgain. May we all respond to the call and have the courage to participate in this mission!

4 The joy bird:

Cross over King Street and stand under the Hornet statue outside McDonald's, then look across and up above the entrance to *intu* to see the joy bird, symbol of the *intu* shopping centre brand. Ask that the work of the Chaplaincy might show forth an increase in all of the fruits of the Holy Spirit in our town centre including joy, love, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5).

5 The food hall:

Walk into the entrance of *intu* under the joy bird, which brings you straight into the food hall, with communal tables designed for eating together. Pray that our volunteers will always be nourished by the Word of God, by participating in communion, and by the support and love of their church communities.

6 The welcome desk:

Walk up to the welcome desk in *intu* and thank God for all the town centre businesses who welcome partnership with our daytime Chaplains and night-time Street Angels, including John Lewis, which is opposite you now. Pray that more businesses might welcome our volunteers in future.

7 *intu*:

Walk silently through *intu*, noticing the people and conversations going on around you, and praying quietly for each person you pass.

8 The junction with Clarendon Road:

Once you reach Debenhams in *intu*, go down the escalator and out into the High Street, then turn right and walk towards Pret on the corner of Clarendon Road. At the junction, pray for everyone in our town centre who is at a crossroads, approaching a new stage in life's journey, or struggling to make a difficult decision.

9 The High Street:

Cross over to Starbucks and here pray for all our Chaplains who operate in the town centre, in businesses and on the streets, thanking God for their willingness to serve. Ask God to send more Chaplains to share his love with people in our town.

10 The ring road by the flyover:

Continue up the High Street under the flyover and take a short detour to the left, up a few steps to the ring road where you can look across to Upton Road where we provide chaplaincy services to GP surgeries. Pray for the NHS and ask God's healing power to touch and transform the minds and bodies of all in need today.

11 The Parade:

Returning towards the flyover, turn left onto the Parade. This is the stomping ground of the Street Angels. During the night, this area is flooded with light and noise, laughter and music, and sometimes distress and sickness, to which our volunteers respond. Ask God to always keep everyone safe here.

12 Pryzm:

Walk up the Parade to the biggest nightclub in town – Pryzm, on the corner by the pond. If you're not familiar with the night-time economy, which contributes so much to the flourishing of our town centre, then remember



Chaplaincy takes many Christians out of our comfort zones, out of our churches, to share God with the wider community and perceive God's presence there. Pray with words which inspire the Alliance of Town & City Chaplaincies that God might enlarge the space in our tent (Isaiah 54:2). Turn towards the pond and ask Jesus that we might hear in which new places he wants his Chaplains and Street Angels to serve, remembering how he called Peter out of the boat to walk on water.

13 The bridge over the pond:

We don't recommend you try walking on water today! Rather, as you walk over the bridge, thank God for all the ways in which our Chaplains and Street Angels build bridges between the church and the wider community and back again, and pray for more opportunities to do this effectively.

14 The Town Hall:

Walk up to the edge of the ring road and look across to the Town Hall. Thank God for all the Chaplains who have served there, for the support given by our civic authorities to the Chaplaincy.



You may like to conclude your prayer walk in one of the town centre churches – Wellspring in the Lower High Street, Holy Rood on Market Street, and St Mary's on Church Street, are open daily.

If you would like to pray regularly for the Chaplaincy using our monthly prayer diary, provide financial support to the Chaplaincy, or volunteer as a Chaplain or Street Angel, please contact: office@watfordtcc.org; **01923 227700** or look at www.watfordtcc.org for more information.