

Jericho 2021

As we have been robbed of much of our usual corporate prayer time (come on, Zoom isn't the answer to everything is it?!), and consigned (with the rest of the country) to the wilderness of lockdown, it feels like high time for the Body of Christ to go into the enemy's camp and take back what he has stolen. **Jericho 2021** (*but we can start it in November 2020!*) is an initiative to encourage Christians to get out into the streets and walk, praying for God to move in our city.

Aims:

- To encourage Christians in Bradford to intentionally, deliberately, and strategically, claim spiritual and physical territory in the city for Jesus.
- To see **every street in Bradford** prayed in and prayed for (as often as possible) – ** see the *Rotterdam prayer-walking initiative* ([link below](#))
- To see the neglected places and spiritual wastelands attended to and restored
- The Kingdom of God to come, His will be done, in Bradford as in heaven

Possible activities:

- 1) **Believers' beat** - a believer, or household of believers, or lockdown-compliant small group (bubbled pair at present) adopt a street or set of streets, and commit to regularly walk them, praying as they go. That area becomes their spiritual 'beat'
- 2) **Alternative routes** – take a regular journey you do on foot (eg. to the local shop), and deliberately find as many different routes (not necessarily the quickest) to and from it, praying for the neighbourhood as you go.
- 3) **Wastelands** – find a street / area in which no Christians live (as far as you know – God often surprises us in this!), and deliberately walk up and down it, praying that the Lord of the harvest would send labourers to this neglected area.
- 4) **Highways and Byways** – go to an area of the city you don't know at all, solely with the intention of walking and praying there.
- 5) **Something else!**

How can we pray? What should we pray?

- **BLESS** the inhabitants of each street in Jesus' name, that they may prosper in body, mind, soul and especially spirit
- **ASK** the Lord of the harvest to send His workers to this place
- **RESIST** the darkness, take authority over the demonic, invite angels into the place in Jesus' name
- The **LORD's** Prayer
- The **'CALEB'** Prayer (*see below)
- Pray in **TONGUES**
- Pray **NOTHING!** (Walk and listen to the Holy Spirit, then do as He leads)

Want to join in? Just do it! And persuade lots of other believers to do it too. No need to sign up or anything, but it would be great to know who is on board, and to see how many streets we've covered, so please do email us at bradford247prayer@yahoo.com to tell us what you are doing, or for any queries, and we will update the streets spreadsheet and let you know how the citywide effort is going every now and then (if you want us to).

Many blessings,

Tim Rossell

* Caleb prayer: 'O High King of heaven, have mercy on our land. Revive Your Church and send the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the children. May Your Kingdom come to this nation, In Jesus' Mighty Name. Amen' (*from 'Local Houses of Prayer' based at Ffald-y-Brenin, Pembrokeshire, Wales*)

** <https://www.24-7prayer.com/blog/2875/walking-with-jesus-through-the-streets-of-rotterdam>