

# Blessing the Place Where You Live

Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper (Jeremiah 29:7)

If you pass these places as part of your daily routine pray for them. Do some research of the area you live in. For instance, are any places seeing regular vandalism, domestic disagreements, litter? Are there historic unresolved issues? Has blood been shed in historic situations? If you can't be out walking around imagine yourself being there and pray anyway! Take one subject per day.

## **At a School**

We bless this school that it may be a secure and safe place for teachers and pupils. We bless the children's capacity to learn and play and develop relationships. We bless them to have an opportunity to hear about Jesus and His love for them. We bless them to grow like a mighty oak tree for the nations to marvel and see. We pray that those who lack hope will find shelter from the storms here.

## **Your Street**

We bless this street that it may be a place of friendship, support and community. We ask for Your wisdom in the conversations that we have with local people.

## **A Shopping Street Near You**

We bless those who work here and ask that You would sustain their businesses. We bless the conversations which take place here. We pray that the sense of community around these streets would grow.

## **By a Pharmacy**

We bless the health of the people in this locality, that they may be strong and well. In Jesus' name we resist any sickness or disease which seeks to invade this town and to every person here we say, be strong, be healthy. To any who are sick right now we bless you in Jesus' name with a speedy recovery.

## **At a Church**

We bless all the Christians in the town, that those who are part of the Church here or who meet with other Christians elsewhere, that each one may be like a light shining out for all people to see. We bless the Holy Spirit gifts and fruits of the Christians in this place, that He may flow like a river through each one of them.

## **By a Police Station, Court, Fire Station, Ambulance Station or Hospital**

We bless those who keep watch over the safety, health and integrity of the town. We bless those who also seek to ensure that there is justice for all. We bless those who seek to restore those who fall and fail. Bless your church to be part of this process.

## **Council offices or Community Centres**

We bless all who live and work here and around the town to ensure that life is well ordered for all who live here and people are helped in the midst of the pandemic. May your Holy Spirit be at work to promote beauty and joy as part of the heritage of the town.