



# Prayer Pastors Handbook

Developing vibrant prayer around the work of a Street Pastors team



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## Foreword



Thank you for all you are doing and will do in the development of this vital work supporting the Street Pastors Initiative.

Let me introduce to you the Prayer Pastors Handbook. This booklet should provide you with helpful information about how to develop prayer around the life and work of the local Street Pastors team.

I continue to be humbled by the rapid growth of the Street Pastors movement and excited by the fact that the Lord has so many of His people well positioned to care for those in need.

We are increasingly focusing on the importance of prayer to Street Pastors, and I would like to personally thank you for your support in developing Prayer Pastors as part of the initiative.

May we persevere in His service as we seek to support our Street Pastors to listen, care and provide practical help to anyone and everyone on our streets.

***Revd Les Isaac***

*CEO Ascension Trust, the governing body for the Street Pastors Initiative*

## Introduction

The Street Pastors Initiative was born as a Christian response to anti-social behaviour issues in certain areas of the UK. It was conceived by the Holy Spirit, in the hearts of those who wanted to make a difference on our streets. Prayer and the work of God, through his Holy Spirit continue to be an important prerequisite to the work of Street Pastors.

This handbook is designed to encourage and support prayer and Prayer Pastors wherever there is a Street Pastors local team. The handbook provides a spectrum of ways in which prayer can be promoted amongst churches, individuals and Prayer Pastors teams to underpin and progress the work of Street Pastors in an area.

The appendices contain resources for the coordinator, application for new recruits, and some documents that are to be copied for the Prayer Pastor recruit to take away and/or sign.

A Prayer Book is also available and you will find this helpful for individual use, or in your Prayer Pastors team or larger prayer gatherings.

# 1 Developing prayer support from churches

A key requirement for setting up Street Pastors in a town or city is the coming together of at least four churches to begin the initiative. This gathering is the beginnings of a prayer forum in the area. This handbook begins with some suggestions for bringing people together in prayer, particularly at the outset of a new Street Pastors team but also throughout the ongoing ministry of volunteer Street Pastors. It is our hope that Street Pastors may be a catalyst for prayer in our nation.

**Consider inviting all the churches in the area to a prayer celebration to pray for the welfare of the town and for local community issues.**

This could be arranged via ministers in the 'Churches Together' network or through other ministers' fraternal.

Agree how the prayer celebration will be facilitated – the important point is that a large part of the time is taken up with prayer (spontaneous or set prayers). Keep the meeting lively and upbeat with a variety of speakers, prayer slots and worship.

Invite civic leaders, community leaders and the police to attend a prayer gathering to share, from their perspective, about the issues that they have to deal with. A selection of local community groups could be invited to set up information stands at such an event. Pray for them, for their work and the issues they deal with during the service.

During a prayer celebration, group prayers or whole congregation prayer can be led by nominated individuals. The Street Pastors Prayer Book could be used by those who are not accustomed to spontaneous prayer. Another suggestion is to arrange the prayer venue into 'prayer stations' so that individuals can move to the different 'stations,' and read information about the issues in an area and join a 'timed' group prayer.

Take opportunity during the gathering to offer prayers of thanksgiving for the positive things that are happening in the area. Talk about the intention to start Street Pastors or how the initiative is progressing in the area so far.

For each such gathering, have publicity information and recruitment literature available for potential Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors. Subsequent prayer gatherings could be scheduled once or twice per year, each time in a different venue (not necessarily a church).

## **Prayer walking**

Publicise through the churches a local prayer walk periodically. Propose a meeting point for a prayer walk of the area. Consider carefully your route and stopping points. These might be informed by events experienced by Street Pastors at particular spots on their evening patrol. For example: a bench where alcoholics tend to congregate, outside a night club, etc.

## **'Adopt a STREET PASTOR'**

A further way in which prayer for the Street Pastors Initiative can be encouraged in churches is by getting individual church members or house/cell groups to adopt a Street Pastor or a team of Street Pastors. The Coordinator will then give the names and rota dates and a list of prayer points to inform their prayer for those Street Pastors. Bookmarks or cards with a photo of the Street Pastor could be produced (with the individuals' agreement).

## **Newsletter**

Produce and circulate to local churches a news or prayer letter. Include information about what Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors are doing. Try to include 'live' stories from the street and or prayer base to encourage interest in joining the teams and to encourage prayer in churches for the Initiative. In the newsletter, list 'prayer requests' and 'thanksgiving points' for churches to refer to in their weekly gatherings.

## **Publicity**

Resources – such as a publicity leaflet and promotional video – will be available to Coordinators.

## 2 Spot the pray-ers!

Every healthy church has a person or people who love to pray! Aim to seek out such people and encourage their involvement in the local prayer strategy for the area and the Street Pastors Initiative. Involve them as much as they are able. Ongoing prayer support is very important when establishing and operating Street Pastors.

*'Prayer and a Christian presence are light in darkness (however small). A light which Satan will make every effort to extinguish!'*

Your key pray-ers could have the following involvement or responsibilities:

- be a point of contact for disseminating information about prayer events and prayer points to their local church and possibly wider afield;
- contribute to preparing area prayer events (every six months or yearly);
- start or join a prayer chain to respond to urgent prayer requests raised by Street Pastors;
- through the 'Adopt a Street Pastor' scheme, they could pray regularly for a named Street Pastor and their family, especially during the weeks when they are on duty;
- prepare and produce a prayer bulletin to inform and encourage prayer for the local Street Pastors Initiative;
- become a Prayer Pastor and or Prayer Pastor coordinator.



### 3 The Prayer Pastor's role

*'Praying through the duration of a patrol, through the night and into the early hours of the morning is no easy option.'* (Faith on the Streets, page 20)

*'Prayer has the power to set the culture of each Street Pastor patrol and the impact that each patrol has.'* (Prayer Pastor in Stroud)

*'Prayer is an intrinsic part of our service.'* (Prayer Pastor in Stroud)

The main function of Prayer Pastors is to pray for the work of the Street Pastors on their streets and the people they come into contact with. The ideal arrangement is to have Prayer Pastors meet at the base with Street Pastors to pray with and for them before they go out and then continue to pray for them throughout the night until their return at the end of the shift.

Street Pastors will periodically make contact with the Prayer Pastors at the base to inform them of specific prayer needs, related to what is happening on the streets at that moment. In some areas Prayer Pastors prepare and provide mid-shift refreshments for Street Pastors who return to the base for a short break during the night. This time can also be used as a further opportunity to be briefed about points for prayer.

The ideal is not always possible, so consequently some Street Pastors teams have adapted this model to fit their situation and to enable this much needed prayer cover.

Some Street Pastors teams are supported by Prayer Pastors who pray from their homes and are kept informed of prayer points by regular phone contact. Feedback from Street Pastors and 'responsive prayer' by Prayer Pastors throughout and at the end of a shift is important for the success of a team's interventions whilst on patrol in an area. God intervenes and changes things because people pray!

In some areas the prayer team at the base may send text messages to the home pray-ers' mobile phones. Home pray-ers are encouraged to text prayers and messages of encouragement back to the base team who will then relay them to the street team.

*'There are many individuals who want to pray for the work of their local Street Pastors but prefer, or need to pray at home.'* (Faith on the Streets, page 19)

A Prayer Pastors team usually consists of a group of people from a variety of prayer traditions. The challenge in this diversity is for everyone to appreciate that God hears and responds to all prayer from a sincere heart. Praying spontaneously, out loud, silently, or from a prayer book are therefore all valuable!

Some areas have found it helpful to give out person specifications, application forms and reference request forms to potential new recruits. Copies of these are included in the Appendix if you wish to use them. Also included is a Prayer Pastors Volunteer Agreement. Some areas have found this document helpful to formally validate the role of a Prayer Pastor and their commitment to it. This complements the commissioning statements of a Prayer Pastor.

### **Prayer Pastors uniforms**

There is now a Prayer Pastors polo shirt available for purchase from Ascension Trust for your Prayer Pastors team members. Consider distributing these especially for commissioning services.

## 4 Sustaining a Prayer Pastors team

Recruiting Prayer Pastors is vital to the Street Pastors Initiative; encouraging them to keep up their good work is just as important. One crucial key to sustaining the team is to keep in touch with them and to keep them informed. Some areas have a Prayer Pastors coordinator whose role it is to make regular contact with the Prayer Pastors by mail, by phone and meeting in groups or one-to-one.

Sharing the stories and giving feedback about the impact of their prayer, verbally or in writing, gives impetus to 'fervent prayer', both at the prayer base and at home. Coordinators should aim to provide such written reports monthly, quarterly or as often as they are able.

Occasional joint social gatherings with the Street Pastors help to encourage a sense of team, relationship and mutual appreciation. Such meetings are also a good opportunity to share personal testimonies about the impact of being a Prayer Pastor as well as answers to prayer. Encourage individuals to invite potential new recruits to such gatherings to talk to Prayer Pastors about the work they do and to hear testimonies.

When teams meet at the base they usually begin the evening with a short devotional. Consider inviting the leaders of participating churches to facilitate the devotionals occasionally or on a rota basis.

To maintain enthusiasm for prayer at the base and to keep Prayer Pastors committed to the role, it is important that the prayer time is dynamic and engaging. Some ideas for this can be generated during one of the sessions in the Prayer Pastors training course.

Finally remember to say thank you to the teams often and in various ways!

# Appendix 1

## Person Specification

Prayer Pastors volunteers must be the right people for the role. Coordinators must carefully select volunteers based on experience, motivation and spiritual maturity.

### Basic selection criteria

Prayer Pastors volunteers must:

1. have been committed to a local Christian church for a reasonable time;
2. have completed and signed a Prayer Pastors Volunteer Agreement.

### Additional selection criteria

We are also looking for the additional qualities as set out below. This is not an exhaustive list but is simply to be used as a starting point in the process of discovering God's will – something which cannot be accomplished by a simple checklist:

A Prayer Pastor will have the following qualities, experience and understanding.

1. A commitment to a Christian church rooted in belief and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. A commitment to the Street Pastors' ethos, i.e. that the calling is not to preach the Gospel or to offer professional counselling, but to care, listen and provide practical help, and only share faith when asked to do so.
3. A non-judgmental attitude and willingness to show unconditional love to anyone and everyone.
4. Be dependent on God's Holy Spirit and have an awareness of spiritual issues.
5. Be able to work as part of the Street and Prayer Pastors teams, and follow the directions of the leadership.
6. Be able to relate to a range of people from all walks of life.
7. Display general behaviour and lifestyle which will not bring Street and Prayer Pastors into disrepute.

## **Appendix 2**

### **Accountability**

#### **1. Accountability**

- (a) On an ongoing basis, all Prayer Pastors are accountable to both their board of trustees and to the leader of their local church. If the prayer coordinator or any of the trustees think that a Prayer Pastor may no longer be fit to serve as a Prayer Pastor, they should consult with the church leader and follow the prescribed Complaints Procedure (a template is included in the Trustee and Coordinator Pack).
- (b) In the event that the coordinator or any trustees become aware that a Prayer Pastor is being investigated for inappropriate or criminal behaviour, they must inform Ascension Trust within 48 hours and follow the reasonable instructions of Ascension Trust's management in order to manage any reputational or other risks arising.

#### **2. When a Prayer Pastor leaves his or her church**

- (a) If a Prayer Pastor leaves his or her church, he or she must immediately notify the charity trustees and/or the prayer coordinator and explain the reasons for leaving, and the board of trustees and coordinator may discuss this with the leader of the local church.
- (b) Whilst there may be limits to this discussion for reasons of confidentiality, the board of trustees and or coordinator must feel satisfied that the Prayer Pastor is still a fit and proper person to serve as a Prayer Pastor.
- (c) If the board of trustees and/or the coordinator do not feel satisfied that the Prayer Pastor has become a member of another church within a reasonable period of time, the Prayer Pastor may be asked to stand down until he or she has been a member of another church for at least three months.

## **Appendix 3**

### **Code of Conduct**

This Code of Conduct sets out the personal and professional standards that are expected of all Prayer Pastors as they pray for the work of Street Pastors, and forms part of the Prayer Pastors Volunteer Agreement.

#### **1) The Prayer Pastors ethos**

Prayer Pastors should conduct themselves in a manner reflective of the compassion and dignity of Christ; use common sense and good judgment; and refrain from any conduct or activity that is illegal, unethical, inappropriate or otherwise damaging to the reputation of Street Pastors. Prayer Pastors should respect differences in custom, culture and belief.

#### **2) Accountability and transparency**

Prayer Pastors serve under the authority of their local Street Pastors charity, and must operate in line with any reasonable instructions of their local Street or Prayer Pastors Coordinator and/or charity trustees.

Prayer Pastors are individually accountable for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate for their position.

#### **3) Conflicts of interest**

Prayer Pastors should not take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their families, their friends or their churches.

Prayer Pastors should always declare any private interests that may conflict with their duties, and take steps to resolve such conflicts in order to protect the reputation and values of Street Pastors.

#### **4) Integrity**

Prayer Pastors should seek at all times to observe the highest standards of integrity.

#### **5) Confidentiality**

Prayer Pastors should value transparency but must also be aware of occasions when high levels of confidentiality are required.

Prayer Pastors must comply with the provisions of data protection legislation and abide by procedures designed to protect the confidentiality of information held about charity trustees, staff, volunteers, beneficiaries and other stakeholders.

Prayer Pastors should not disclose or cause to be disclosed to any unauthorised persons any confidential information about Ascension Trust, Street Pastors or the people involved in the ministry (e.g. private addresses and phone numbers, salaries, terms of contracts, etc).

Prayer Pastors should only share information with a third party where required to do so by law, where for example a client poses a danger to him/herself, or in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 or the General Data Protection Regulation. If in doubt the local coordinator should be consulted.

## Appendix 4

### What do if there is a problem

We hope that volunteering with Prayer Pastors will be an enriching and mutually satisfying experience. However, we recognise that this might not always be the case for all our volunteers. Whilst our relationship is not based on mutual obligation and we do not have legal duties towards Prayer Pastors volunteers, we feel that it is important that problems or complaints are dealt with fairly, openly and consistently.

If, after seeking to resolve any differences through prayer and discussions, volunteering no longer appears to be a mutually rewarding experience, the volunteer should cease to serve as a Prayer Pastor and pursue other more satisfying opportunities.

Except in an emergency, or where the management committee acting in its reasonable discretion needs to take such action as it sees fit to protect the integrity of the Street Pastors movement, the volunteer should not normally be asked to cease serving as a Prayer Pastor until the procedure set out below has been followed:

#### **Step 1: Informal discussion**

Many 'problems' are simply due to training needs, a lack of support or misunderstandings and the coordinator should always try to resolve problems through informal discussions.

#### **Step 2: Meeting with coordinator and management committee**

Where informal discussions to resolve a problem are not sufficient, the Prayer Pastors Coordinator should raise the issue in a formal meeting with the volunteer and at least two members of the management committee, ensuring that everything is fully explained and understood. The Prayer Pastor will be entitled to put his/her case. **Additionally, the Prayer Pastor has the right to be accompanied at meetings by a member of the leadership of his/her church, a fellow Street Pastor or Prayer Pastor or a friend.**

#### **Step 3: Consulting the leader of your local church**

If necessary, the Prayer Pastor's church leader may be consulted at this stage and his or her input may be sought.

#### **Step 4: Formal written warning**

The charity trustees may see fit to issue a formal written warning, with the understanding that if there is no sustained improvement within a reasonable period of time, the Prayer Pastor will be asked to leave the local initiative.

#### **Step 5: Terminating the services of a Prayer Pastor**

If we still cannot resolve our differences to our mutual satisfaction, the services as a Prayer Pastor may end. The coordinator should prepare a note summarising the reasons for the cessation of the service in question.



## **Children and vulnerable adults**

If the Prayer Pastor is suspected of behaving inappropriately towards a child or a vulnerable adult, the procedures set out in the Street Pastors Safeguarding Policy for Children and Adults at Risk will be followed.

## **Gross misconduct**

If the volunteer is believed to have behaved in a manner that has or has the potential to seriously affect the charity or bring the Street Pastors movement into disrepute – for example theft, bullying, or aggression – he/she may be immediately suspended while the matter is investigated by the Prayer Pastors coordinator and at least two trustees. The volunteer will be given the opportunity to put his/her case, and a decision will be made within 14 days. If the complaint against the volunteer is upheld, the volunteer will be excluded from volunteering as a Prayer Pastor.

## Appendix 5

This Agreement should be copied and given to each Prayer Pastor upon completion of their training.

### Prayer Pastors Volunteer Agreement

We believe as followers of Jesus that God had called us to Street Pastors, listening, caring and helping following the example of Jesus himself, who could be said to be the original 'Street Pastor'. Prayer is an essential part of this ministry.

We hope that you enjoy the experience of being a Prayer Pastor and feel part of the team. Whilst we hope that volunteering with us will be a mutually satisfying experience, our relationship is not based on mutual obligation; this agreement is binding in honour only and is not intended to be a mutually binding contract. This agreement simply tells you what to expect from us, and what we hope for from you. We also aim to be flexible, so please let us know if you would like to make any changes and we will try to accommodate them.

#### **We, [name of town/city] Street Pastors, will do our best to:**

- pray for you in your ministry as a Prayer Pastor and to seek to encourage others to pray for you;
- treat you fairly and respect your skills and dignity;
- consult with you and keep you informed of possible changes;
- insure you against any injury you suffer or cause due to negligence;
- resolve complaints and grievances in good faith through discussions and to follow the Prayer Pastors complaints procedure in the event of unresolved complaints or grievances.

#### **I, [name of volunteer], agree to do my best to:**

- pray for the work of Street Pastors and for the others in my team;
- accept the direction and leadership of my local Street Pastors charity trustees, my Prayer Pastors coordinator and/or the senior Street Pastors;
- recognise that I am part of a team which needs to cooperate with and depend upon each other;
- be at all times accountable to the leader of my church and to notify my Prayer Pastors Coordinator as soon as possible if I leave my church;
- abide by the Prayer Pastors Code of Conduct, Safeguarding Policy for Children and Adults at Risk and all other [name of town/city] Street Pastors policies and procedures;

- commit to praying regularly, giving as much notice as possible if I cannot make a rota commitment;
- resolve complaints and grievances in good faith through discussions and negotiations and to follow the complaints procedure of my local Street Pastors team in order to sort out unresolved complaints and grievances;
- not do anything which could call into question the political neutrality of the Street Pastors movement or which could otherwise bring the Street Pastors movement into disrepute.

<b>Signed by the Prayer Pastor</b>	
Signed	
Date	
<b>In the presence of [name of town/city] Street Pastors</b>	
Signed	
Date	
Name	
Role	

## Appendix 6

This can be copied and given to each Prayer Pastor

### Receipt of documents

I **[insert name]** acknowledge the receipt of the following Prayer Pastors documents, and confirm that I have read them and agree to comply with them.

1. Personal Specification
2. Accountability
3. Code of Conduct
4. What do if there is a problem
5. Prayer Pastors Volunteer Agreement
6. Street Pastors Safeguarding Policy

<b>Signed by the Prayer Pastor</b>	
Signed	
Date	
<b>In the presence of the [town/city] Street Pastors</b>	
Signed	
Date	
Name	
Role	

## Appendix 7



# Prayer Pastors Application Form

**Please use black ink and block capitals (this form will be photocopied)**

## 1. Introduction

**[name of town/city] Prayer Pastors** requires all its Prayer Pastors to:

- be a professing Christian;
- be at least 18 years of age;
- be committed to a local church in fellowship with the wider Christian community in the area;
- have a positive reference from the leader of that church confirming that they would be suitable to be a Prayer Pastor and that they are leading a Christian lifestyle.

Please  
attach  
your  
**PHOTO**  
**HERE**

<b>First names</b>	
<b>Surname</b>	

<b>Please return completed application form to [name of town/city] Street Pastors</b>	
<b>Postal address</b>	
<b>Office address</b>	
<b>Telephone</b>	
<b>Email address</b>	

[name of town/city] Street Pastor is a charity, registered in England and Wales, no. [\_\_\_\_\_] (and a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales, no. [\_\_\_\_\_] registered address [\_\_\_\_\_])

## 2. Important information

- Read all the information before you complete this application.
- We want to ensure that the recruitment process is equally accessible to applicants with disabilities. So if you would like us to make any arrangements in this respect, please let us know.
- Please continue your answers on a separate sheet if you need to.

## 3. Personal details

<b>Address</b>						
					<b>Postcode</b>	
<b>Email</b>						
<b>Telephone numbers</b>						
<b>Home</b>		<b>Work</b>		<b>Mobile</b>		
<b>Date of birth</b>			<b>Marital status</b>	<b>Single/married/divorced</b>		
<b>Nationality</b>			<b>Profession</b>			
<b>Do you have a driving license?</b>	<b>Y/N</b>		<b>Do you have use of a vehicle?</b>	<b>Y/N</b>		
<b>Day(s) available (circle)</b>	<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sat.</b>

## FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

<b>Jacket size:</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>XL</b>	<b>XXL</b>
<b>Shirt size:</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>XL</b>	<b>XXL</b>
<b>Date application form received</b>					
<b>Date reference received</b>					

#### 4. Church details

<b>Church/organisation</b>			
<b>Minister's name</b>			
<b>Main church contact</b>			
<b>Address</b>			
		<b>Postcode</b>	
<b>Telephone no.</b>			
<b>Email address</b>			

#### 5. Your Christian background

<b>How long have you been a Christian?</b>	
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<b>Give a brief account of your spiritual journey so far</b>

<b>Describe your relationship with the pastor or leader of the church that you attend</b>

Are you involved in any form of ministry in your church or in some other Christian organisation? For example, children's or youth work, teaching, leading worship, administration, community work, hospitality, etc.? If yes, please tell us about your ministry.

Thinking about your desire to serve your local Street Pastors team as a Prayer Pastor, please give at least one reason why you would like to be a Prayer Pastor.

List at least one thing you expect to gain from the Prayer Pastors training course.

## 6. Funding

Are you able to fully finance this course?	Yes	No
If no, how do you plan to raise the finance?		



## 7. Your skills

What are your hobbies or interests?

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Do you have a current First Aid Certificate?

Yes

No

Do you possess any other skills which may be useful to the Prayer Pastors ministry?

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## 8. Your health

Do you suffer from any medical condition that we need to be aware of?

Yes

No

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Are you currently on medication that we need to be aware of? If yes, please give relevant details.

Yes

No

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Are you subject to any dietary restrictions that we need to be aware of?

Yes

No

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## 9. Emergency contact

Please give the name, address and telephone number of two persons who we may contact in case of emergency.			
<b>Emergency details 1</b>		<b>Emergency details 2</b>	
<b>Name</b>		<b>Name</b>	
<b>Relationship</b>		<b>Relationship</b>	
<b>Address</b>		<b>Address</b>	
<b>Home no.</b>		<b>Home no.</b>	
<b>Mobile no.</b>		<b>Mobile no.</b>	

## 10. Reference

A reference from your pastor or church leader is required. Please state his or her name and address.			
<b>Name</b>		<b>Office no.</b>	
<b>Relationship</b>		<b>Mobile no.</b>	
<b>Address</b>			
<b>Email</b>			

## DECLARATION

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge, the information given in this application form is true and correct.

Signature:

Date:



# Prayer Pastors Reference Form

*This reference form is to be filled in by the pastor or church leader of the Prayer Pastors applicant.*

**Please return this form to the coordinator of [name of town/city] Street Pastors**

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of applicant** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of church leader** \_\_\_\_\_

Church name \_\_\_\_\_

Church address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone no. \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

How long has the applicant been attending this church? \_\_\_\_\_

Please comment briefly on his or her spiritual growth and development.

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## The role of the Prayer Pastor

Prayer Pastors are committed to the service of others in the name of Jesus. The primary role of the Prayer Pastor is to pray for Street Pastors as they patrol the streets of the local community. Prayer Pastors meet at the base from which the Street Pastors leave to pray with and for them before they go out and then to continue to pray for them throughout the night until their return at the end of the shift.

Street Pastors will periodically make contact with the Prayer Pastors at the base to inform them of specific needs, related to what is happening on the streets at that moment.

In some Street Pastors areas, Prayer Pastors prepare and provide mid-shift refreshments for Street Pastors who return to the base for a short break during the night. This is also used as a further opportunity to be briefed about points for prayer.

In your opinion, has the applicant understood and fully embraced this ethos?

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**Please give your opinion of the applicant's maturity by ticking the appropriate box:**

**Ability to work as part of a team:**

Strong       Average       Weak       Don't know

**Ability to use his or her own initiative:**

Strong       Average       Weak       Don't know

**Ability to be non-judgmental:**

Strong       Average       Weak       Don't know

**Awareness of spiritual issues and an understanding of the need to be dependent on God's Holy Spirit:**

Strong       Average       Weak       Don't know

**Physical fitness to cope well with ministry without compromising the safety of others:**

Strong       Average       Weak       Don't know

**A commitment to a life of honesty and integrity:**

Strong       Average       Weak       Don't know

Are there any adjustments that Ascension Trust may need to make so that the applicant can function effectively as a Prayer Pastor?

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Is there any other information you feel would be helpful? Please continue on the following page, if necessary.

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Do you recommend the applicant for Prayer Pastors ministry? If yes, why? If not, why? Please continue on the following page if necessary.

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Are you happy for any or all of the above information to be shared with the applicant?

◇ Yes ◇ No

**Is there any additional information you would like us to know?**

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

A large rectangular box containing 25 horizontal lines, intended for writing or drawing.

