

We would like to invite you / your child to become involved in Prayer Partners. This pairs a child or young person with an adult so that they may support one another in prayer, either together when the church gathers or separately by including one another in their personal prayers.

Each adult Prayer Partner will complete The Salvation Army's safeguarding training 'Safe & Sound For Everyone'. This will allow leaders to explain how safeguarding within Prayer Partners fits into the approach to safeguarding within the corps/church as a whole.

The focus of the partnership is to support both Prayer Partners in 'walking together'. If we imagine our corps as a big group walking together, we might move around and chat to different people, but every so often, we might end up walking next to our Prayer Partner for a time. When that happens, we can ask each other the following questions which form the basis of how we will pray for each other in the coming days/weeks:

- As you've walked along the path of your life recently, have you found/been given anything you are thankful for? Let's say thank you for it.
- Are you carrying anything heavy in your life-rucksack at the moment? Is there something important or difficult happening that makes you feel weighed down? I'd like to pray that God will help you carry that heavy thing.
- Is there anything coming up, further along the road, that you know you will need God's help with? I'd like to pray that it will go well.

Prayer Partners may pray together before, during or after times when the church is gathered. As a helpful tool and reminder, once a partnership has been established the co-ordinator will give both Partners a pocket prayer card on which they can note down any prayer points to take away or bring to the next conversation.

Having a Prayer Partner will enable those taking part to grasp how prayer is an essential part of growing in faith. By introducing the opportunity to partner with a trusted adult, children and young people will come to know that they can pray about whatever is on their minds and be supported in this process. This intentional way of bringing people of all ages together can strengthen links between generations across our church family through active interest and supportive prayer. It is simply loving God and loving others, requiring your consistency and availability.

A review after 3 months may take the opportunity to end the partnership or recommit for another limited period. Both Partners will be given the opportunity to share their feelings with the Prayer Partners co-ordinator at this point.

If you or your child wish to participate in this initiative, please speak to our co-ordinator.

Prayer Partners co-ordinator:

Corps officer/Safeguarding Lead:

Phone:

Date: / /

We look forward to establishing Prayer Partners with you.

