

A prayer of blessing for Worcester

Heavenly Father, we take upon ourselves the mantle of authority that Jesus delegates to us and in his name we speak to every household in Worcester and in the surrounding villages and communalities and say to you:

We bless you in the name of the Lord. We bless your marriages that they may be strong and whole. We bless the relationship between each partner, that it may be loving, forgiving, merciful and strong. We bless every intergenerational relationship within each household that there may be peace and love and understanding flowing between each one.

In Jesus' name we bless every network of wholesome and supportive friendships.

We bless your health that you may be strong and well. In Jesus' name we resist any sickness or disease, which seeks to invade this city and the surrounding communities. We say, be well, be strong, and be healthy. To any who are sick right now we say bless you in Jesus' name with a speedy recovery.

We bless your wealth that you may have plenty to replace poverty. We bless you to have enough to live and enough to give. We bless the work of your hands that whatever you turn your hand to which is wholesome may be profitable. We bless every wholesome enterprise that is conducted by you that it may prosper and be successful. We bless the local economy and businesses that they may prosper and bring jobs and positive development.

We bless the local schools, that they may be secure, safe places for teachers, and students alike. We bless the children and young people's capacity to learn and develop relationships and we bless their simple trust in Jesus that their trust may grow and become enriched.

We bless the local colleges and the university that they may be secure, safe places for lecturers and students. We bless the student's ability to learn and develop relationships. We bless them so that they may learn of you and all you want them to know about you.

We bless the local government and pray you will raise up voices in places of power and influence in this city and the surrounding areas. May there be advocates for the kingdom opening the gates that need to be opened within this government.

We bless the social and community development agencies that operate locally. May there be a move of your Spirit through the broken corners of this city and the surrounding areas. Would you bless those involved in bringing relief and change to many in this city.

We bless the single parents, the orphans and the widows of this community. May you reveal yourself to them that they may see your hand at work in their

lives. May they come to know you and find a place of refuge, healing and restoration.

We speak to the Cathedral, the churches and chapels in Worcester and the surrounding areas and we say, bless you in the name of the Lord and we pray that the Holy Spirit and the word of God may flow out from you in power. We bless the hearts of all who live in Worcester and the surrounding areas that you may be quickened to hear and respond to the voice of the living God.

We bless all who live and work here, that the overflow of blessings of the presence of the kingdom of God may fall upon you.

Amen.