

Town Pastors (Bury St Edmunds)

Reference Form - Prayer Team - Prayer at Town Centre Venue

To help with our selection process, please can you provide a reference for the applicant:

1. Applicants Details

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel (day): _____ (eve): _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

To help you in completing this reference please read the following notes. These are intended to explain the task of a Prayer Team member who prays at the Town Pastors' town centre venue and help you assess the suitability of the applicant wishing to apply for this role.

We believe effective prayer cover is vital for the Town Pastor initiative. Prayer marks our dependency on God and is the power behind the actions of the Town Pastors on the streets. A Town Pastor Prayer Team member works as part of a team with the Town Pastors, seeking to be a positive influence principally on the streets of the town centre and other night life areas through prayer. Prayer Team members carry a level of responsibility to support the work, to be selfless in their prayer and focussed on the needs out on the streets and on the needs of the Town Pastors and any visitors to the base, such as police. They also need to be able to cope with the emotional and physical demands of being on duty.

Prayer at a Town Centre Venue: We are seeking those who could join with one or two others at a town centre venue to pray between 10.00pm and 4.00am (in communication with the Town Pastors on the streets). They also provide the Town Pastors with tea, coffee and toast when they take an occasional break.

The role of Prayer Team members praying at Bury Town Pastors' town centre venue is as follows:

- To intercede for the needs of the town.
- To show the integrity of Christ in all our dealings and conversations with the Town Pastors and visitors to the Prayer Base.
- To focus on the needs of the Town Pastors and the visitors and not on our own needs and problems.
- To be self-aware of the impact that we have on others and they have on us.
- To be able to cope with the emotional demands that praying can bring.
- Maintain confidentiality of those we pray for.
- To honour God in everything we do and say.

Expectations and Commitment

On average, each Prayer Team member is expected to be 'on duty' one night a month in the Town Pastors' base. Prayer Team members are given the opportunity to indicate their availability each month.

All Prayer Team members are expected to attend a Prayer Training session.

Please be assured that all information given will be treated in the strictest confidence.

1. Personal details of referee:

Title: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel no: _____ Email: _____

2. Relationship to the applicant:

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Relationship to you: _____

3. Praying at a town centre venue:

a) Please indicate how you feel the applicant would cope with showing integrity in their dealings with Town Pastors and visitors, and maintaining confidentiality of those who have been prayed for.

Poor 1 2 3 4 5 Excellent I don't know

Please comment below to bring greater clarity, if required (particularly if you have given a low rating)

b) Please indicate whether you feel the applicant would be able to focus on the needs of the Town Pastors and visitors.

Poor 1 2 3 4 5 Excellent I don't know

Please comment below to bring greater clarity, if required (particularly if you have given them a low rating)

c) Please indicate how you feel the applicant would cope with the emotional demands of praying.

Poor 1 2 3 4 5 Excellent I don't know

Please comment below to bring greater clarity, if required (particularly if you have given them a low rating)

4. General suitability of the applicant:

Is there any reason why the applicant may be unable to fulfil the role of a Prayer Team member, praying at a town centre venue (as stated in the notes)?

No

Yes

If yes, please give brief details:

5. Recommendation:

Include here why you would recommend the applicant to be a member of the Town Pastors' Prayer Team praying at a town centre venue, and/or any reservations you may have.

6. Personal Declaration:

To the best of my knowledge, the information I have given on this form is current and accurate.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please return this form to: *Mrs Jo Copsey, Sundial House, Bargate Lane, West Row, Bury St Edmunds, IP28 8PS.*