

The Salvation Army

Mission - To share the love of Jesus Christ, meet human need and be a transforming influence in the communities of our world.

The Willows Vision - Embrace our community and invite them to know Jesus / Enfold everyone into the family of The Willows / Multiply disciples, leaders and ministries through innovation and mentorship

The Willows Values

Christ-centredness - We exist to share the good news that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ has changed everything. We want to love him fully, live in him joyfully, and proclaim him authentically.

Relationship - We understand the church to be neither a place, nor an event, but rather a people. The pursuit of loving and authentic relationships with God, each other, and our world is at the core of all we do.

Relevance - We seek to present Christ in ways that are innovative and culturally effective because we believe that the message of Christ is the most relevant message of all!

Real - We desire to live our lives before God, and in community with one another with honesty and transparency, both receiving, and giving the grace of God as we wrestle through life's challenges together.

Restoration - The message of Jesus is that God reached out to us in the midst of our sin in order to restore us to Himself. As we put our faith in Him and let Him guide us, we too become agents of restoration, bringing the hope of Christ to a world full of broken people and broken systems.

Reach Out - We desire to extend the message of Jesus and multiply the church through intentional relationships, missional homegroups, and compassionate service to our community.

Pray for our vision of The Willows Family Life Centre

Church & Community Resource Centre

What would God celebrate here?
What would God heal in us and in our community? What might flourish?
How does this reflect our values?
How can we pray for what we hope to see to be accomplished in God's timing?



Prayer Walk Guide for June 2020



Walk or Drive the Neighbourhood

As you walk, look around with care and pray, either in silence or aloud softly, focusing on the neighbourhood, praying with your eyes and hearts wide open. Notice signs of change, signs of hope and signs of need and how God calls you to be present to it all. “You can be on the scene without making one.” Be present as servants, respect the dignity of community members, be open to opportunities to interact with people you encounter, demonstrating curiosity about them and their experience of the neighbourhood in this challenging time.

OR As you drive, take your route past various community landmarks (police station, town hall, schools, grocery stores, parks, businesses, the hospital, the fire station) and look for evidence of hardship, hurt, injustice or resiliency. Who is serving and who is being served? Park for a few minutes at different locations.

Pray as you Go

- **For Discernment** – what is God already doing here? Can you pray with greater insight for the people and places in our community by being physically present?
- **For Blessings** – for every person, home, school, business and situation you encounter
- **With Empathy** – see and feel what your neighbours live with every day, offer intercession for needs and thanksgiving for the gifts of God in this place
- **With Scripture** – Jeremiah 29:5-7; Luke 10:1-2, Mark 12:30-31, Revelation 21:3-5a
- **In God’s Power** – allow times of silence for God’s spirit to speak to you or through you



What surprises you?

Reflection

Reimagine how our church’s ministry could join God and join our neighbours.

What sort of ministries and elements of worship would truly speak here?

With whom could we partner and learn?

What do you pray will grow, blossom and flourish here?