

OASIS GARDEN and FACULTY HOLLOW

Spend time walking the paths through the gardens around University Hall (Building #1), eventually making your way to the back of the building. As you walk, spend time noticing what's around you—the bustling of students, the chirping of birds, and the difference scents from the gardens around you.

When you are ready, find a place to sit and read through **Luke 12:22-31**.

What are you worried about right now?

Ask God to remind you that He can be trusted and knows what you need

Lift your concerns up to God in prayer.

Before leaving this space, name at least five (5) things you are thankful to God for, as a reminder of His faithfulness.

PROMPTS FOR THE ADVENTUROUS

CAMPUS RESIDENCES

Make your way towards **Brandon Hall** (building #36 on campus map, on north end of campus). As you walk amongst these residences, pray for their inhabitants. For safety. For encouragement. That God would grace these students with saving faith during their time on this campus.

BRANDON HALL (#36) HIKE

Find the trailhead **beside Brandon Hall** (building #36), which will bring you into the Cootes Paradise Royal Botanical Garden nature preserve. Weather permitting, walk down the trail until you reach the boardwalk, pause. Soak in the silence, only minutes from the buys campus. Hear the birds and fish, the wind in the trees, the water splashing against the shoreline.

Use **Psalms 8** as a prayer prompt to consider that the Lord cares for you.

MDC Retreat 2021 Campus Prayer Walk Guide

Instructions:

Today's time of prayer is generally unstructured, as we encourage you to wander the campus and fill it with our prayers.

Below are prayer prompts, many of which include locations you might consider visiting to pray (note: all locations are outdoors). *A campus map is attached to this sheet for easy reference.* You may utilize these prayer prompts, or pray as you feel the Spirit leads you as you walk through the campus.

Spend the morning on your own for a time of personal retreat, spend it (physically distanced) with others as an opportunity to connect, or use the morning to do both—it is completely up to you. No matter how you chose to “retreat” this morning, our prayer for you today is that this would be a time of refreshment and encouragement, as we dedicate a new year of study to the Lord by spending time in prayer and community.

Please return to MDC at 11:45am to close our morning with a time of worship.

Today's prayer retreat is adapted from the Greater Ontario House of Prayer (GOHOP) and TrueCity Hamilton "Prayer in the Park" Guide

GETTING STARTED...

Find a quiet spot to sit in the University Mall (field in front of MDC). As you sit, take time to pause and be still. Read the following passage slowly, using each clause to prompt prayers of adoration, confession, and thanksgiving as you begin your prayer journey this morning.

“Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.” – **Psalm 139:23–24**

MCMMASTER DIVINITY COLLEGE

Pray... for our professors; **Titus 2:7-8a**
for our students; **Psalm 25:4–5**
for staff and administrators; **Colossians 3:17**
for God’s Spirit to be powerfully at work in our College this year.

MCMMASTER CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL

Pray for the doctors, nurses, professors, and students who work in this and other hospitals—in Hamilton and/or your home city—as the pandemic continues.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Walk to the outdoor classroom situated between the psychology and technology buildings (just north of building 56). As you sit in this place meant for learning, read and reflect on **Luke 6:17–49**.

What is God teaching you through this passage this morning?

OUR CAMPUS IS FULL OF NOOKS AND CRANNYS...

as you walk, pay attention to your surroundings and find a quiet nook to pray in.

Read and Reflect: **Psalm 36:5–9 and John 15:5–17**

Pass time simply being in God’s presence. Ask God to remind you of the many loving qualities that He exhibits, of how He sees you, and what He says of you.

MCMMASTER NUCLEAR REACTOR (Building #15)

McMaster houses the most powerful research nuclear reactor of any university in Canada. More importantly, this is one of only a very small handful of reactors worldwide that produces the medical isotopes necessary to treat pancreatic cancer—and is the world’s largest supplier of it. Pray for the dangerous work that goes on in this building, and for the 400 men per day who are treated with the medicine produced here.

SCHOLAR’S ROAD...

is the road extending from the roundabout in front of University Hall (building #1) to the roundabout in front of Mary Keyes Residence (building #50). Starting from either end, slowly walk the road to the other end while contemplating the Emmaus Road experience.

Read and Reflect: **Luke 24:13-35**

Pray the Lord would make his presence known to you as you walk the proverbial “scholar’s road” this academic year.

INDIGENOUS CIRCLE

Find the Indigenous Circle space, found behind University Hall and the Faculty Club. Spend time in prayer for Indigenous Reconciliation, reflecting on and praying through on **2 Corinthians 5:11–21** and **Isaiah 61**.