

# Get Involved: Pray

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**EMBRACE Prayer Group**  
**December 2013**

Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him"

[Luke 10:30-37](#)

A few weeks ago I got into a conversation with a homeless man I would regularly meet. When asking him how the general public treats him, he said that often people would pass him by, but he has experienced great support from the students of Queen's University. This challenged my own prejudices as often when I think of young students I have an image of partying, without a care in the world. One of the things that struck me was that this support was not from a particular group actively trying to combat homelessness, it was from individuals simply wanting to give a small bit of support without wanting anything back, (e.g. passing on a cup of coffee or offering a meal). It was encouraging to hear of those quiet Samaritans who are supporting those in need, especially during the winter and approach to Christmas which is a particularly difficult time for people on the street.

*Contributed by Ashleigh Hunter*

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## **This month we give thanks for...**

- Students, youth and others who show so much compassion to those that are less well off than them.
- Those who challenge our own prejudices and remind us not to judge.
- Homeless organisations and individuals who offer practical support and guidance to those who are destitute or on the street.

## **Please pray for...**

- Students and other people who offer their time and support to those in need.
- More compassion and understanding towards those who are going through a hard time.
- Those living on the street during the winter when conditions are extremely difficult.
- Those who do not have family or friends or are far from them during Christmas and we pray to encourage people to support those who are lonely.