

PRAYER WALK GUIDE



PREPARATION

Prepare Spiritually

- Know you are sent by God. Trust in God's leading.
- Know you are clean and covered. Prepare your heart by reading His Word and listening to His voice. Confess your own brokenness and ask Him to use you and work through you. (See Psalm 66:18, Psalm 51:10-13, Mark 1:15, Psalm 139:24-25, 1 John 1:9, John 17: 24, Col. 4:2, Acts 4:31, Eph. 1:1)
- Know God's Guidance. Ask God to guide, direct, lead and impress you with His plans for His people.
- Know Your Mission. Prayer-walking is an act of worship and obedience. God wants to use you to advance his Kingdom. Expect that He will hear your prayers. Expect that He will use you to love His people. Expect that He will act.

Prepare Strategically

- For the Location: If you are prayer-walking as a group or family, take time to pray for God's guidance for where, when and what to pray. Consider the people who live there: (e.g., ethnicity, religions, ages, interests, socio-economic status).
- For Divine Encounters: As Christ sent the disciples out two by two, He expected them to engage and encounter people who needed to hear the Gospel (see Luke 10:16). Prayer-walking teams need to be prepared to share a Gospel witness with those they encounter. There is a simple layout of the gospel in this guide, but add your story of how Jesus, in your life, is Good News!

Prepare Logistically

- Pre-gather: Prayerfully determine the location for and how long the walk will be. Set a time to return to a central location for a brief follow-up prayer and reporting time. If any members of your group have physical limitations, plan to "prayer-drive" and/or intercede as others walk.
- Gather: Discuss the area/route to be walked. Divide into small teams – three seems to work really well, or pairs or fours if necessary. Five is too many. Discuss any helpful information that relates to the area being walked. Pray specifically for protection, divine appointments, boldness to share with people as led by the Holy Spirit and wisdom to know how to pray as you prayer-walk. Review practical tips related to prayer walking.
- Prayer-Walk: (See the practical tips below).
- Re-gather: At the appointed time and place, reconvene to share ways the Holy Spirit led you to pray, what you saw, learned, and any spiritual challenges you encountered. Pray for specific people and strategic points of concern raised by the teams. Commit to continue to pray for these people and this area. Celebrate what God is doing and will continue to do as a result of your prayers. Don't let this be a one-time thing! You did it!

PRAYER WALKING

PRACTICAL TIPS

- As you walk, keep your eyes open and be observant. Ask God to let you see through His eyes and pray His agenda for people.
- Take your Bible and pray scripture as a base for strategic prayer.
- Remain open to the thoughts and ideas God may be speaking to your heart about what you see, scriptures which come to mind, insights about the people in the area.
- Pray aloud and agree with one another's prayers. Verbalizing your prayers helps you to focus on the objective of prayer.
- Make it a prayer conversation with the Lord and your team. You can also pray silently at times.
- Walk slowly to allow time to observe and cover the community in prayer. The key is intercession for people.

- If the process gets awkward or uncomfortable, admit it to your team and ask them to pray.
- Claim God's love and compassion to remove spiritual blinders and remove barriers that hinder people from Jesus.

- Pray for people, marriages, families, businesses, government, leaders, husbands & wives, children, civic leaders, senior adults, churches, revival and spiritual awakening, God's word to spread, people to accept Jesus as Savior and whatever the Spirit prompts you to pray.

- To make prayer-walking an act of worship, practice... 1) thanksgiving, 2) praise, 3) repentance.

- Pray blessings over the area. (see suggestions in this guide).
- You can be on the scene without making a scene. Be sensitive – if you are led by the Holy Spirit to stop and pray or to make friendly contact with someone, then do so. Otherwise assume you are to intercede in prayer and keep walking.

- An easy way to open a conversation is to say “We are out praying for the community. Is there a special way we could pray for you?”
- Be super sensitive about taking pictures. You are there to pray.
- Wear appropriate clothing to comfortably walk and be relevant to the contextual surroundings.
- You may want to carry information about the church if opportunity arises to invite someone.

TOOLS FOR YOUR PRAYER WALK

PRAYING FOR THE LOST

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| H earts | Pray for receptive hearts (Luke 8:5-15) |
| E yes and ears | Pray for their Spiritual Eyes and Ears to be opened (Matt. 13:15; 2 Cor. 4:3-4) |
| A ttitude | Pray for their Spiritual eyes and ears to be opened (Matt. 13:15; 2 Cor. 4:3-4) |
| R eleased | Pray for the lost to be Released from barriers and strongholds that hinder faith (2 Tim. 2:25-26) |
| T ransforming | Pray for unbelievers to experience a transforming life in Christ (Rom. 12:1-2) |
| S ent | Pray for Christian witnesses to be Sent to share Christ with the lost (Matt 9:35-38) |



SHARING THE GOSPEL

A BASIC GUIDE

God asks us all to be prepared to give witness to what He has done in our lives. Add your story and perspective to these simple truths about the Good News (Gospel) of Jesus Christ.

God's Purpose

God is a spiritual being who is both holy and loving. He loves everyone and desires a personal, spiritual relationship with each individual. John 3:16

Our Problem

We are born into this world without a personal relationship with God because we are sinners. Our sin carries the penalty of spiritual separation from God, both in this life and throughout eternity, unless we are rescued. Romans 3:23; 6:23

God's Provision

Because God loves us, He provides a way to forgive our sin and bring us into a personal relationship with Him. Jesus died for us and was later resurrected from the dead. Romans 5:8; 4:25

Our Response

We must individually accept His forgiveness and establish a covenant relationship with Him through faith in what God has done through Jesus Christ.

Romans 10:9-10, 13; Ephesians 2:8-9, John 1:12

Our Prayer to God

Offer a sincere expression of one's desire to establish a spiritual relationship with Him.

Example:

Dear God, I believe that your son, Jesus, died on the cross and was raised from death. Because I am a sinner, I need your forgiveness. Please forgive me for all my sin and come into my life. Right now, I turn away from my sinful life and acknowledge Jesus as my Savior and Lord. Thank you for forgiving me and giving to me the gift of eternal life with you. Thank you for the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in my life. Amen.