



Pray + Go Guide

Pray + Go is a simple but effective initiative designed to get the church engaged in praying for the community and sharing the love of Jesus.

Here's how it works:

1. **Start Where You Live:** Start by planning to prayer walk in the neighborhoods represented in your LifeGroup. If the neighborhoods are too small or too spread out, choose a location(s) that is relatively close. You should plan to cover at least 25 homes each time you go out.
2. **Let Us Know Before You Go:** Email your Pray + Go plan to keith@crossgate.org at least 1 week before you go. Please include the date that you plan to go out and where you plan to visit. This will help us maximize our efforts and avoid duplicating locations too soon.
3. **Prepare To Go:** Before you head out, your group should be clear on who is going, where you're going, and what to do when you get there. Most importantly, take some time to pray together before you go.
4. **Pray + Go:** here are a few ground rules for when you hit the streets...
 - a. **DO** walk on sidewalks and driveways. Please do not walk through yards.
 - b. **DO** pray for each home. While your prayer may be somewhat repetitive, take a few seconds to pray specifically for each home, then place a door hanger on the door. See the Prayer Guide on the back for suggestions, if needed.
 - c. **DO** stay focused. While we certainly want to have fun, we're not playing around. Try to stay focused on the task at hand: praying for our neighbors.
 - d. **DO** engage in Gospel Conversations, when appropriate. If someone is outside, simply tell them why you're there: to pray for them and their neighbors. You can offer them the doorhanger directly if they'll accept it. If appropriate, you may ask for specific prayer requests and even offer to pray with them right then.
 - e. **DON'T** go alone. Always go out in groups of at least 2-3 people.
 - f. **DON'T** knock. Remember, we're just there to pray. Please do not knock or ring a doorbell. If you're invited inside the home, we recommend you kindly decline.
 - g. **DON'T** go near kids or pets. If there are kids or pets in the yard, do not enter the yard. Please keep moving and pray as you go.
 - h. **DON'T** linger too long. While we do want to pray for each home, we do not want to alarm people by lingering too long outside their home, especially if they don't know why we're there. A good practice is to simply "pray as you go".
 - i. **DON'T** place a door hanger (or anything else) in or on a mailbox. Doing so is a violation of Federal law!

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5. **Report Your Results:** after your Pray + Go outing, it's very important that you let us know how it went. We need to know 4 things: When, Where, Who, and What. That information can be communicated by filling out the **Pray + Go Response Form** found [HERE](#). Please save this address to your phone or computer for easy access!

Prayer Tips

As you're going, here are some ways you can pray for your neighbors:

1. Praise God for the opportunity to pray.
2. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide the people in this home.
3. Ask that God's presence would be evident in their home and family.
4. Pray for the health, safety, and protection of the people in this home.
5. Pray that both their spiritual and physical needs would be met.
6. Pray for peace in the home and healthy, God-centered relationships.
7. Ask for opportunities to share Jesus with the people in this home.
8. Ask that God would connect them to a Bible-believing church, if not already.
9. Pray that Crossgate, specifically, would be able to show them the love of Christ.
10. Pray that God would be glorified through this home and the family that lives there.

If you have an opportunity to pray with someone in person, here are some tips to remember:

1. Ask them for their name and use it when you pray.
2. Ask them for any specific prayer requests and take notes afterwards.
3. If they share something difficult, show compassion by acknowledging how hard it must be to go through that, then offer to pray for that situation specifically.
4. When you pray, thank God for allowing you to meet and pray with the person.
5. In your prayer, affirm that God loves them, ask Him to show them His love, and help them to recognize it.

If you have an opportunity to have a Gospel Conversation, here are some things to remember:

1. Level 1: Invite them to church. Please bring some Crossgate invite cards with you!
2. Level 2: Share your testimony. Simply share what Jesus did for you.
3. Level 3: Share the Gospel. Give them the good news of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.