



Neighborhood Prayer Walk

These days, many of us are walking around the neighborhood to get out of the house and get some exercise. This is a great opportunity for a “neighborhood prayer walk.” As you walk by each house, consider who lives there. Even if you don’t know them, you can pray for them.

Here’s a suggested way of praying, based on The Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father in heaven ...

“Lord, I know you love each and every person in this neighborhood, and I want each of them to know how much they are loved. Speak your comfort and peace to them.”

hallowed be your name ...

“Lord, even in the ordinariness of this neighborhood, you are present in mysterious ways. Come to this community in a special way. I claim this territory as a part of your Kingdom and declare every place that the soles of my feet tread as belonging to you.”

your kingdom come ...

“Lord, I want everyone in this neighborhood to share in your care and kingdom. They are made in your image and are precious in your sight!”

your will be done on earth as in heaven...

“Lord, I ask for your guidance. Is there anyone in this neighborhood whom you want me to reach out to? How can I pray for my neighbors?”

Give us today our daily bread...

“Lord, if there are people in this neighborhood who are worried about not having enough food or income, or are suffering physically, emotionally, or spiritually, I pray for your care. Help them find help. And if that help includes me, I am willing.”

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us...

“Lord, you know how human we all are. Please continue to teach me and my neighbors in this community how important each person is. Forgive us the times when we fall short of true caring.”

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil...

“Lord, bring these special people in this neighborhood to a knowledge of the spiritual resource they have in you. Help all of us to stop blaming and to start loving in radically different ways.”

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

“Lord, I trust in your far-reaching power, and I ask that your kingdom come alive—even today—in this neighborhood. You know each person and their needs, and I trust you to be with each of us on this day.”

Now to [the One] who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to [our God] be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.—Ephesians 3;20-21 (NRSV)

—inspired by *Neighbourhood Prayer Walks* by Roy Schulz