

PRAYERWALKING

GETTING STARTED:

1. **JOIN WITH OTHERS.** It is better to go with another person. Larger groups can split into pairs or small groups.
2. **SET ASIDE A SPECIFIC TIME AND DESIGNATE A SPECIFIC AREA.**
3. **LISTEN TO GOD.** We find as we prayerwalk that a key ingredient is hearing the voice of the Lord. After all, we are seeking to cooperate with God to pray His desires over an area. We know many of His desires from the Bible, and He will never contradict His Word. However, in prayerwalking we see three specific ways that God gives us insight into what He wants to do.
 - **Observation:** Seeing garbage on the streets may trigger you to pray against the garbage in people's lives, for example.
 - **Research:** From research you might find there are specific pockets of crime, injustice, or occult practices which direct you to those places and give you a clear direction for prayer.
 - **Revelation:** You may get a nudge from the Holy Spirit to pray a certain direction or to pray a certain Scripture. You might even have a vision which reveals something to pray over.
4. **COORDINATE EFFORTS, REGATHER & REPORT** if you are with a larger group.

ACTIVITIES COMMON TO PRAYERWALKING:

PRAISE

Praise gives glory to Christ and exalts Him to His proper place as Lord of all. The Lord inhabits the praises of His people. God's presence fills the area when we praise, and the demons flee. In Ps. 100, praise is like the entrance into His very presence.

PRAYER

In Rev. 8, there was silence in heaven for the coming up of the prayers of the saints. Eph. 6:18 suggests our main weapon against the enemy is to "pray without ceasing." God can do anything He wants without our help. But He chooses to use the prayers of Christians as the vessel for

releasing His power and bringing about victory in the spiritual realm.

- Pray in the Spirit (Eph. 6:18)
- Pray with your eyes open
- Pray together with others (Matt. 18:19-20, Lev. 26:8)
- Pray Scripture passages
- True fasting has divine results (Is. 58)

PROCLAMATION

- God-given scriptures or issues spoken in God-appointed places
- Sharing the gospel
- Prayer Evangelism - involves visiting your neighbors to ask what you can pray for. Often through God answering prayer, a person's heart is opened to hear His truth. (See BLESS prayers on next page.)

OTHER IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF PRAYERWALKING:

- Unity
- Decide on a leader
- Decide upon specific scriptures to pray in preparation for the prayerwalk
- Submission to the Lord
- Humility and obedience
- Persistence

5 PRESSURE POINTS

Places you might want to seek out in the area that you are prayerwalking:

1. Government centers where legislation is made
2. Commercial centers where decisions are made for who gets what good.
3. Educational centers, especially the president's office and teachers
4. Communication centers, such as for media, TV, & radio
5. Spiritual centers, both Christian and non-Christian

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BLESS PRAYERS

These prayers can be used to pray for people you meet and offer to pray for them:

- BODY
- LABOR
- ECONOMICS
- SOCIAL
- SPIRITUAL

THEMES FOR PRAYERWALKING:

Attempt to keep every prayer pertinent to the specific community you pass through. Occasionally, however, you will find prayers naturally progress to the nation and to the world.

Use a theme passage of Scripture. For example, you might try 1 Timothy 2:1-10. Many have found it to be a useful launching point for prayerwalking. Verse 8 speaks of the important territorial dimension to prayer connected with God's desire that all people be saved. "I want the men in every place to pray"

Copy this and other passages in a format easy to read aloud several times during your walk. Each of the following prayer points emerges from this passage.

• CONCERNING CHRIST

Proclaim Him afresh to be the one Mediator and the ransom for all. Name Him Lord of the neighborhood and of the lives you see.

• CONCERNING LEADERS

Pray for people responsible in any position of authority – for teachers, police, administrators and parents.

• CONCERNING PEACE

Cry out for the godliness and holiness of God's people to increase into substantial peace. Pray for new churches to be established.

• CONCERNING TRUTH

Declare openly the bedrock reality that there is one God. Celebrate the faithful revelation of His truth to all peoples through ordinary people (1 Tim. 2:8). Pray that the eyes of minds would cease to be blinded by Satan so that they could come to a knowledge of the truth.

• CONCERNING THE GOSPEL

Praise God for His heart's desire that all people be saved. Ask that heaven would designate this year as a "proper time" for the testimony of Christ to be given afresh with simple power (1 Tim. 2:6). Name specific people.

• CONCERNING THE BLESSING OF GOD

Thanksgivings are to be made on behalf of all people. Give God the explicit thanks He deserves for the goodness He constantly bestows on the homes you pass by. Ask to see the city with His eyes, that you might sense what is good and pleasing in His sight as well as what things grieve Him deeply. Ask God to bring forth an enduring spiritual awakening.

• CONCERNING THE CHURCH

Ask for healing in relationships, that there be no wrath or dissension among God's people. Ask that God would make His people, men and women alike, expressive in worship with the substance of radiant, relational holiness. Ask that our worship would be adorned with the confirming power of saints doing good in our communities.