



30 DAYS OF
prayer

FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



JOIN US FOR 30 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Something deep and transformational happens when we walk the streets of our community while talking with and listening to God. This is an invitation to audacity – to believe that the gospel of Jesus Christ can and will transform people's lives and that God's Spirit is at work in the uniqueness of our own individuality and that of our neighborhoods.

Throughout the next 30 days, be intentional. Take time to BE in Prayer. Walk around your neighborhood and community. Strike up conversations, become curious, and LISTEN to people. Invite others into your home or out to EAT and simply enjoy the presence of others. Make an honest effort to be with others who may be culturally different than yourself. As you pray and read Scripture watch for ways to SERVE your neighbors. Then "go, and do likewise." When the time is right (you'll know) SHARE your own faith story about how Christ has impacted your life.

God said to Abram, "I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you." (Genesis 12:2-3) Remember, God's plan all along has been to BLESS the world through His people and this includes YOU and the corner of God's world you live in.

Imagine what might change in our communities and neighborhoods if we adopted the mindset that we are missionaries on assignment to our neighbors and that our task was to BLESS and LOVE them into the Kingdom. This is our task so let us pray . . .

LET US PRAY

DAY 01.

- *Scripture:* **The Word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood. (John 1:14 MSG)**
- *Prayer:* Lord, would you please deepen my love for my neighborhood, this place I call home.
- *Assignment:* Today, walk through your neighborhood and pray for those living there. Give thanks for them, and ask God to reveal himself to them.

DAY 02.

- *Scripture:* **But the man wanted to show that the way he was living was right. So, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29 ICB)**
- *Prayer:* Lord, help me to learn the names of those living by me.
- *Assignment:* Do you know the names of your nearest neighbors? Walk over, introduce yourself, and find out.

DAY 03.

- *Scripture:* **We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps. (Proverbs 16:9 NLT)**
- *Prayer:* Lord, thank You for the gift of a new day! May You surprise me as I make my plans, walk these streets, and go my way.
- *Assignment:* Today, keep your "spiritual eyes" open as you move through your day and watch for interruptions that could be God's appointment for you.

DAY 04.

- *Scripture:* **Don't neglect to open up your homes to guests, because by doing this some have been hosts to angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:2 CEB)**
- *Prayer:* Lord, would You give me the time and capacity to practice genuine hospitality? Is there someone we could invite for dinner during this month?
- *Assignment:* Today, ask yourself, spouse, and/or family, when was the last time I/we invited others into your home? When was the last time I/we had a neighbor over for dinner, dessert, coffee, etc.?

DAY 05.

- **Scripture:** **Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God’s law. (Romans 13:8 NLT)**
- **Prayer:** Lord, help me be faithfully present in my neighborhood. May I intentionally say “yes” and “no” to the right things so I have more time for my neighbors.
- **Assignment:** Today, be available to others so that you can practice being a BLESSing to others.

*“I have come to believe that, as followers of Jesus, one of the worthiest endeavors we can undertake is to take the Great Commandment seriously and learn to be in relationship with our literal neighbors.”
(The Art of Neighboring)*

DAY 06.

- **Scripture:** **Be persistent in prayer, and as you pray, be alert and thankful. (Colossians 3:2 EHV)**
- **Prayer:** Lord, while I’m out and about today, would you bring to mind specific scriptures that speak to loving people, the neighborhood, and the expansion of Your gospel.
- **Assignment:** Today, start a “Meet the Neighbors” notebook with the names of your neighbors. Use it to prayer for them.

DAY 07.

- **Scripture:** **Also, do good things for the city I sent you to. Pray to the Lord for the city you are living in, because if there is peace in that city, you will have peace also. (Jeremiah 29:7)**
- **Prayer:** Lord, would you please help me identify “people of peace” or people who care deeply about my neighborhood.
- **Assignment:** Today, seek out other believers in your neighborhood. Consider asking them to join you in praying for your neighborhood.

DAY 08.

- *Scripture:* **The Word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood. (John 1:14 MSG)**
- *Prayer:* Lord, would You please deepen my love for my neighborhood, this “place” I call home.
- *Assignment:* Today, look for practical ways to love (AKA: SERVE) your neighbors and the neighborhood where God has planted you.

DAY 09.

- *Scripture:* **Do what God’s teaching says; do not just listen and do nothing. When you only sit and listen, you are fooling yourselves. (James 1:22 ICB)**
- *Prayer:* Lord, help me to see my neighborhood with Your eyes. May my heart break for those things that break Your heart.
- *Assignment:* Today, look for those people and places in your community that need God’s touch. Pray for them. Consider how to get involved in becoming an answer to your own prayers.

DAY 10.

- *Scripture:* **The Lord God put the man in the Garden of Eden to take care of it and to look after it. (Genesis 2:15 CEV)**
- *Prayer:* Lord, thank you for Your creation; help me to steward and care for the beauty of the earth You have made.
- *Assignment:* Today, while walking I will bring along a bag and pick up trash along the way.

DAY 11.

- *Scripture:* **So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. (Colossians 2:6-7)**
- *Prayer:* Lord, thank You for my neighborhood, my home, food, and the daily comforts that I so often take for granted. Thank You!
- *Assignment:* Today, give thanks! As you walk, focus on the blessings God has given you. Much like a river that is overflowing, allow “thanks” to well up and overflow from inside your heart.

DAY 12.

- *Scripture:* **For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45 NRSV)**
- *Prayer:* Lord, please lead me as I consider how involved I should become in serving my neighborhood and community.
- *Assignment:* Today as you walk, pay attention to the buildings, the businesses, non-profits, schools, and churches. Ask yourself, "What is already happening in my neighborhood and how can I join in and help these organizations?"

*"The number-one obstacle to neighboring well is time. Do you currently live at a pace that allows you to be present in your neighborhood?"
(The Art of Neighboring)*

DAY 13.

- *Scripture:* **Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)**
- *Prayer:* Lord, I long to be a "known character," one that is recognized, loved, and respected. Use me in this "place" for your glory and not mine.
- *Assignment:* Today, consider praying at a park or playground. When was the last time you intentionally visited a community center? Be in public places and pray (silently, perhaps) as you "people watch." Be open for the direction of God.

DAY 14.

- *Scripture:* **"When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.'" (Matthew 9:36-38 NIV)**
- *Prayer:* Lord, help me to be a person of deep faith and practical action. Empower me to "go and do" when it's time to act and "pause and consider" when it's time to refrain.
- *Assignment:* Today, pray for laborers to flow out of the neighborhood and into the world. Consider ways you can serve your local first responders.

DAY 15.

- *Scripture:* **On arrival, they got the church together and reported on their trip, telling in detail how God had used them to throw the door of faith wide open so people of all nations could come streaming in. Then they settled down for a long, leisurely visit with the disciples. (Acts 14:27-28 MSG)**
- *Prayer:* Lord, help me to see and hear others the way you would. Enable me to make time to be fully present with others who are around me.
- *Assignment:* Today, consider who in your neighborhood you can reach out to. Invite them to lunch or coffee. Be interested in their life's story. Ask good questions. Listen well.

DAY 16.

- *Scripture:* **Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening. (1 Samuel 3:10 NRSV)**
- *Prayer:* Lord, keep my heart soft and open, centered in Jesus, listening to your Holy Spirit, and responding to your love.
- *Assignment:* Today, as your walk through your neighborhood, meditate on these four words: Soften, Center, Listen, and Respond.

DAY 17.

- *Scripture:* **For where two or three come together in My name, there I am with them. (Matthew 18:20 NIV)**
- *Prayer:* Lord, increase my love for my neighborhood and my neighbors.
- *Assignment:* Today, invite a friend to join you for a walk through the neighborhood. (The relationship with this person will determine whether you pray together or simply walk while praying silently.)

DAY 18.

- *Scripture:* **"The entire law is summed up in a single command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Galatians 5:14 NIV)**
- *Prayer:* Lord, open my eyes to see the needs in my own neighborhood and community.
- *Assignment:* Today, find a simple and practical need you can meet and go . . . and be a good neighbor.

DAY 19.

- **Scripture:** There are persons for companionship, but then there are friends who are more loyal than family. (Proverbs 18:24 CEB)
- **Prayer:** Lord, will You help me move towards friendship with my neighbors, going beyond simply knowing their names.
- **Assignment:** Who are the neighbors that God is moving and drawing you towards? Who is God nudging you toward so that you take the next-step from “acquaintance” into “relationship?”

“Being a good neighbor simply means slowing down and being aware of what God is designing. By developing real relationships, you’ll find out how God is already moving in a person’s life. You’ll begin to overcome the fear that you once had and develop trust for one another.”
(The Art of Neighboring)

DAY 20.

- **Scripture:** You are light for the world. A city cannot be hidden when it is located on a hill. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket. Instead, everyone who lights a lamp puts it on a lamp stand. Then its light shines on everyone in the house. In the same way let your light shine in front of people. Then they will see the good that you do and praise your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16)
- **Prayer:** Lord, give me an opportunity to shine Your light on others for your glory.
- **Assignment:** Today, watch for ways to serve others anonymously so that only God receives the credit. When you see the opportunity, go for it!

DAY 21.

- **Scripture:** Shortly after this, Levi invited his many friends and associates, including many tax collectors, to his home for a large feast in Jesus’ honor. Everyone sat at a table together. (Luke 5:29 Voice)
- **Prayer:** Lord, enable me to use the gift of my home for entertaining others so that they might meet you through my acts of hospitality.
- **Assignment:** When was the last time you had others over to your house? Who could you invite? Who could help you? Who could use companionship and warm hospitality? Set aside your fear and consider, inviting some neighbors over for lunch, dinner or, dessert and coffee.

DAY 22.

- *Scripture:* **This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24 NKJV)**
- *Prayer:* Lord, thank You for the gift of a new day! May You surprise me as I walk these streets and enjoy this time with You. May a “divine appointment” happen today!
- *Assignment:* Today, as you go about your day keep your “spiritual eyes” open and watch for God’s Divine Appointments. See them as an opportunity to BLESS others.

DAY 23.

- *Scripture:* **The Word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood. (John 1:14 MSG)**
- *Prayer:* Lord, would you please deepen my love for my neighborhood, this place I call home.
- *Assignment:* Today, walk through your neighborhood and pray for those living there. Give thanks for them, and ask God to reveal himself to them.

DAY 24.

- *Scripture:* **Without prophetic vision people run wild, but blessed are those who follow God’s teachings. (Proverbs 29:18 GW)**
- *Prayer:* Lord, please increase the vision for my neighborhood. Remind me that you love this place far more than I do.
- *Assignment:* Today, as you walk, ask God to give you a picture of what your neighborhood could become for the glory of God.

DAY 25.

- *Scripture:* **As they worshipped the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” Then after fasting and praying, they laid their hands on them and sent them off. (Acts 13:2-3).**
- *Prayer:* Lord, prepare my heart to worship, fast, and pray so that I can be ready to serve your purposes where I live each and every day.
- *Assignment:* Today, set apart a time to fast (either a meal, TV, music, social media, etc.) and replace that activity/food with a time of worship, prayer, Scripture reading, and/or serving God in your neighborhood.

DAY 26.

- **Scripture:** If anyone asks about Titus, say that he is my partner who works with me to help you. And the brothers with him have been sent by the churches, and they bring honor to Christ. (2 Corinthians 8:23)
- **Prayer:** Lord, would you send people my way so that we can partner together to reach our neighbors for Christ.
- **Assignment:** Today, as I walk, I will pray for insight on how I can “link up” with other neighbors, and even neighborhoods, within my city so that our community is impacted by the Gospel.

“Maturity happens when you put yourself in the place God wants you. Don’t run because there’s adversity. Maybe God wants to use the adversity to make you more like Jesus.” (The Art of Neighboring)

DAY 27.

- **Scripture:** From one person God created every human nation to live on the whole earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their lands. (Acts 17:26)
- **Prayer:** Lord, thank you for appointing me to this place so that I can be a witness of your grace and point others toward you.
- **Assignment:** Today, as you encounter others in your neighborhood, ask God to bless your efforts to love your neighbor.

DAY 28.

- **Scripture:** People cannot come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me; and I will raise them to life on the last day. (John 6:44 GNT)
- **Prayer:** Lord, increase my sense of urgency that the time is short so that I don’t miss opportunities to pray for others to come to faith in Christ.
- **Assignment:** Today, give thanks for those who prayed for you to come to faith. Watch for ways that God might have you pray for AND invite others to come to church.

DAY 29.

- **Scripture:** Do everything without complaining or arguing. Then you will be innocent and without any wrong. You will be God's children without fault. But you are living with crooked and mean people all around you, among whom you shine like stars in the dark world. (Philippians 2:14-15)
- **Prayer:** Lord, forgive me when I complain or argue. Enable me to be an example of your life-changing grace as I live out my faith among my neighbors.
- **Assignment:** Today, consider writing a letter to a neighbor(s) simply to encourage them. If you need to apologize for complaining or arguing, do it.

DAY 30.

- **Scripture:** "I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)
- **Prayer:** Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit over my life and give me a desire to share my faith with others so that they can experience the same love and mercy that I have.
- **Assignment:** Today, as you walk through your neighborhood, make a mental list of ways that you have been trying to do God's work in your own strength. Re-imagine your list with the Holy Spirit's help.

DAY THIRTY-ONE AND BEYOND

Thank you for participating in our **30 Days of Prayer for Your neighborhood**. We hope it has opened your eyes and expanded your vision to see your neighbors as people (just like you) who have real needs and need to know the hope of a real Savior. We hope you have been challenged to meet your neighbors so that they can experience God's grace and mercy through you. As you continue to walk and pray through your community, parks, neighborhood, and the surrounding area, consider going through this again. Be mindful that God is always active and working. Just because our Lord is silent does not mean that God is still. Be ready to receive a new assignment each day as you find new ways to be a BLESSING by serving the Lord and meeting the neighbors.

"Remember that God is and has been at work in your neighborhood. Part of leadership is attuning yourself to the breath of God as He brings new life to the dry bones of your place. Live in the freedom that comes from knowing that God loves your neighborhood far more than you ever will. You can actually trust God's love for your place." (The New Parish)

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