



# **PRAYER WALKING**

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# **NEIGHBOURHOOD**

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## PRAYER WALKING YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Many churches feel somewhat disconnected from their neighbourhoods. It is probable that many people in your church's neighbourhoods think your church is detached from them. One of the many things churches are doing about this is 'prayer walking'. The basic idea is that people from the church go in pairs to walk through various parts of the neighbourhood, and pray there. This may be:

- Streets where people live
- Schools and colleges
- Businesses
- Hospitals and health centres
- At a street crossing where gangs hang about;
- In front of each house or apartment building for the potential believers
- At roadside memorials, crime scenes, and cemeteries;
- Next to where the powerful movers and shakers make their decisions.

## PRAY WITH A PARTNER.

You can prayer walk alone, but many find that their prayers are more focused when expressed with a friend.

Pray audibly for clarity and better agreement.

As you finish, discuss – or even write down – the prayers, people, and places of most importance. You'll be ready for the next round of on-site prayer.

## PRAY WITH GOD'S SPIRIT.

Invite the Spirit of God to accompany you, guiding your steps and your words.

Be attentive during moments of silence, allowing the Holy Spirit to help you see with His eyes and pray in accordance with His heart.

Address God directly when contending with evil or its aftermath.

Ask God to redeem people as he restrains the enemy.

## PRAY WITH GOD'S WORD.

Speak scripture aloud. God breathed it and loves to bless it.

Express God's thoughts in your own words.

You could choose a particular verse or theme as a base for your prayers throughout one day's prayer walk. Use another to launch your prayers the next day, and so on.



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## PRAY WITH PURPOSE.

Pray for the present-hour needs of people and places that you see.

Sketch a map to focus on select streets and homes.

Pray quietly. You can be on the scene without making one.

In confidence of God's unfolding purpose which includes your preparation prayer, don't look to initiate gospel conversations during your prayer walk. Pray for God to open doors of communication soon.

Explain what you are doing to inquirers: "We're praying God's blessing on the neighbourhood. Are there specific ways we can pray for you or others?"

Be persistent. Try prayer walking the same areas near your work, school or home in a regular way. You'll often find that your prayers deepen and your concern and awareness of God's heart for people increases.

Pray, "Lord, what do you want me to see – how do you want me to pray?"

As you have insights, begin to pray. Use your common sense too – for instance when you see a house for sale pray, "Lord, help these people to sell their house and get a fair price for it. For new neighbours – may they be welcomed in the neighbourhood.

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