

COMMUNITY PRAYER WALK/RIDE

Prayer Walking has ...

God as its Author
Jesus as its Leader
The Holy Spirit as its Enabler
And Kingdom purposes as its end

“Prayer Journey – an intentional coordinated effort to pray for and share Jesus with every person in a chosen area of cultural community.” North American Mission Board

Praying on location:

Location praying has to do with presence – being present in a certain area. Since Jesus lives within us and the Holy Spirit works through us, there is a sense in which prayer walking provides light in dark places and salt in unsavory places (Matt 5:13-16) If our bodies are really a “temple of God” (I Cor 3:16) then where we go, we represent His presence.

Preparing to walk

1. Recognize that God is calling you to join Him in prayer in the world. Say, “Yes!”
2. Stay prepared to walk with Him by confessing any hidden sin and then by keeping your life pure.
3. Read and meditate on the Word of God daily. His Word will increasingly frame your prayers in perfect accordance with His will.
4. Invite the Holy Spirit to fill you and guide you daily.
5. Be ready to obey Him whether He leads you to another neighborhood or another country.

Stepping out

1. Keep your eyes and ears open. Be alert and respond in prayer.
2. Listen, then speak. Feel free to pray silently and aloud. Praise Him and worship as you walk
3. Find a partner or two, or organize a group, for intentional prayers walks. In incidental prayer walking, expect to normally pray alone
4. Move slowly so that God may move fully in and through you
5. Claim God’s promises. Bless the people around you. Ask of God His greatest desires for them.
6. Anticipate the devil’s interference and even harassment. Resist him, stay firm in your faith, and continue moving forward under the protection of God
7. Expect God to answer your prayers and be ready to share a word of greeting and encouragement to those you meet as well as a witness to the hope that is within you.
8. Tell people that you are praying for them and their neighborhood. Ask if there is any need that you could bring to God for them. Pray right then with them

It is not what we plan, but what God plans – Prov 16:3 commit what we do to the Lord

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Preparing our hearts...

Pray that we would have a heart of compassion like Jesus. Pray for a burden for this community.

Jesus weeps over Jerusalem -- "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem...How often I wanted together your children together, just as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not." **Matthew 23:37.**

Ask God to enable you to rest in the knowledge that God knows every need even if you do not.

God knows every person in every house on the prayer walk.

"Then hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place, and forgive and act and render to each according to all his ways, whose heart Thou knowest, for Thou alone dost know the hearts of all the sons of men." **I Kings**

8:39

Lean on your Intercessor as you intercede.

The Son and the Holy Spirit intercedes for those for whom you are praying.

"Hence, also, He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them." **Hebrews 7:25**

"And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weaknesses, for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groaning too deep for words." **Romans 8:26**

Pray that you would be sensitive to opportunities that God puts in your path.

Pray that after we have finished our prayer walk that we will put feet to our prayers.

"So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John. Do you love me more than these?' He said to Him, 'Yes, Lord; You know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Tend my lambs.'" **John 21:15**

As you walk...

"Teach me the way in which I should walk; For to Thee I lift up my soul." (Psalm 143:8) Pray that God would direct your steps.

1. That there would be a hunger and thirst for God.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

Matthew 5:6

2. If you know the family, you may be able to pray for specific needs. Pray for them and their children by name.

3. If the house is empty, pray for those who will occupy it. Pray for their salvation. Pray that their hearts will be receptive to outreach efforts of the Church and Christian neighbors.

4. If the house is under construction, pray for those who are working on the house. Pray for their safety. Pray for their salvation. Pray for those who will occupy the house. Pray for their salvation. Pray that they will have receptive hearts.

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5. Pray that if there are Christians in this house that they would be light and salt in this community. :
“You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world...”

Matthew 5:13-14

6. Pray for conviction of sin, specifically the sin of unbelief.

“And He (the Holy Spirit), when He comes will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me.”

John 16:8-9

7. Pray that their spiritual blindness will be taken away, that they may see who Jesus is.

“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ who is the image of God.” **II Cor. 4:3-4**

8. Pray for their salvation.

Jesus said, “I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly.” **John 10:10**

“The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life.” **Romans 6:23**

9. Pray specifically about the dangers of living in such an affluent neighborhood. Pray that they will not put their trust in uncertain riches, that they will not make “things” their god.

“And the one on whom seed was sown among thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.” **Matthew 13:22**

“And Jesus looked at him and said, ‘How hard it is for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God.’” **Luke 18:24**

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” **Matthew 6:24**

10. Pray that peace (the peace that comes through Jesus) will be within their walls.

“May peace be within thy walls.” **Psalms 122:7**

11. Pray that their house will not be built on shifting sands, but on the solid Rock.

“And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded upon the rock.” **Matthew 7:24-25**

12. Pray that their trust may be in the Lord God Himself, for He will be their shield and their defender

“For it is Thou who dost bless the righteous man, O Lord, Thou dost surround him with favor as with a shield.” **Psalms 5:12**

13. Pray that they may understand that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. **Proverbs 15:33**

14. That the **mother and wife** in this house will be a woman who fears the Lord. That strength and dignity will be her clothing and she will have no fear of the future. That she will open her mouth with wisdom and the teaching of kindness will be on her tongue. That she will be a faithful and true wife, one in whom her husband trusts. That her children will rise up and call her blessed, and her husband will praise her. **Proverbs 31:10, 11, 25, 26, 28, 30.**

Pray that she will give respect and honor to her husband. **Ephesians 6**

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15. That the **father** will reflect the love and care of the Heavenly Father. That He will not provoke His children to wrath, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. **Ephesians 5:23**
Pray that the father will fear the Lord, knowing that his fear of God will provide a haven of refuge for his children. “In the fear of the Lord there is confidence, and his children will have refuge.” **Proverbs**

14:26

Pray that he will know how to discipline his children. “He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him diligently.” **Proverbs 13:24**

Pray that he will love his wife as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it. **Ephesians 6:4**

16. That the children will honor their father and mother and obey them that they may receive the blessing of God.

Ephesians 6:1-2, Exodus 20:12

Pray that they will be kept from the evil one. **John 17:15**

Pray that their minds and hearts may be protected from all the evil that is constantly coming against them. Shelter them under your wings. 4“Thou hast been a refuge for me, a tower of strength against the enemy. Let me dwell in Thy tent forever; let me take refuge in the shelter of Thy wings.”

Psalm 61:3-4

As you finish the Prayer Walk/Ride

Thank the Lord for your salvation, for His unending love for us. Thank Him for what He is already doing in our community and for the great and mighty things He will be doing. Be thankful with hearts brimming with praise for who He is and what he has done for us.

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