

WHAT IS A PRAYER WALK?

A prayer walk or “praying on site, with insight” is about intercession. Intercessory prayer focuses on the needs of others. We know God answers prayer and that prayer is one of the most powerful tools of evangelism that God has given us. Those who have participated in prayer walks can share some incredible stories of how God moved before, during, and after their prayer walks. God honors prayer because it focuses on Him and not on us. Prayer walking is not a program, a process, or a prayer event. It is intercession that transforms the intercessor and his/her praying.

One of the goals of a prayer walk is that God opens our eyes and our hearts to the geographic location that He has placed us in. As He does this, we will begin to think and act differently about our personal role in the mission to present the gospel to every man, woman, and child. Our desire is for this area to not just be where we happen to attend church, live, and work, but that all of us would see our community (239) as our mission field.

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO PRAY?

There are four specific things you can pray for as you walk by each residence, complex, business, or organization.

1. **Pray God would speak light to the hearts of the people there.** *For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6*
2. **Pray God would give the Church wisdom on how to serve, love, and bring the gospel to that place.** *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. James 1:5*
3. **Pray for what you observe about the place you are praying for.** *Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. John 4:35b*
4. **Pray God would break your heart for that place and show you how to love, serve, and be a witness there.** *Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:20*

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Groups should pray together. Stay with at least one other person at all times.
- It is ok to feel a little strange and awkward at first.
- Silence is okay.
- Keep your eyes open while praying. Visual reminders will spur certain prayers.
- You can stop and pray at or over certain places; you don't have to walk non-stop.
- Take the approach of, “Not to be seen, but to see.”
- Expect God to help you see the true spiritual needs and battles happening around you.
- Follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- Be sensitive to the thoughts and ideas God may be speaking to your heart and then record them.
- Invite the presence of God to be made known wherever you walk.
- Pray positive things over the area. Don't stay focused on the negative.
- If someone asks who you are and what you are doing, tell them that you are with First Naples, the church on Orange Blossom Drive, and that you are praying for the community. Then ask them if there is any specific way you can pray for them or someone they know.



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PRAYER WALKING SCRIPTURES

FOR THE CHURCH TO MOVE IN POWER:

"And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." (Mark 16:15-18, ESV).

FOR THE PEACE OF THE CITY:

"But seek the welfare [wholeness, prosperity, peace] of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." (Jeremiah 29:7, ESV).

FOR HEARTS TO BE OPENED:

"One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul." (Acts 16:14, ESV).

FOR DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN:

"At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison – that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak." (Colossians 4:3-4, ESV).

FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY:

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:1-4, ESV).

FOR TURNED HEARTS:

"...and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared." (Luke 1:17, ESV).

FOR SALVATION:

"...I will appear to you, delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles – to whom I am sending you to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me." (Jesus' words to Paul in Acts 26:16b-18, ESV).