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Why Prayer Walk?

We prayer walk to lay a foundation and ask for God’s help for the new church plant.

As Christians and a body of believers, we are coming together at the location we believe God is leading us to plant a new church and asking God to help us.

The purpose of prayer walking is not mystical or magical, it is showing our dependence on God. There are many reasons to do prayer walks in the place we hope to plant a church. Please continue reading to better understand.

With Whom Could You Prayer-Walk? Here are some ideas...

- Your small group
- Your Bible study group
- Your family
- Your friends
- Your fellow Christian neighbors
- Your ministry team

What is Prayer-Walking?

There has never been a great movement of God which did not begin with prayer. Prayer revives and changes our hearts as well as prepares our communities for God's Word to be spread.

As we pray for our city and specifically for a neighborhood, we can begin to see God prompt a spiritual awakening both in and around us.

As you pray, you will find that God opens your eyes and prepares your heart to see the city from His perspective. Your sorrow may deepen for the plight of the city while at the same time your hope grows for what God desires and is able to do through your prayers. You may discover a new appreciation for people and so become more interested in their welfare, particularly for their spiritual welfare and salvation.

Prayer walking is *"Ordinary believers stepping into the streets to pray effectively for their neighbors. With eyes wide open to real needs and with ears open to the promptings of God's Spirit, intercession becomes an adventure"* (Graham Kendrick,).

Preparation for Prayer-Walking

“Why can’t I just stay at home or gather at church to intercede?”

The answer is... “you can”. And God will hear and respond to your prayer as He will to the prayers of those who go.

One of the reasons we pray on location is so we can see, feel, touch, smell and hear. This will lead to more intensity and focus for our prayers. After the prayer journey is over, you will never pray the same way again for that particular location and the people you met there.

An additional value of location-praying has to do with presence. Since Jesus lives within you and the Holy Spirit works through you, there is a sense that your prayer-walking brings the light of Jesus and the Salt of His presence into dark and unsavory places. (Matthew 5:13-16). In addition, because our body is the temple of God, (I Corinthians 3:16) then wherever you go, you represent His presence.

Angus Buchan in his book, Faith Like Potatoes says, *“There is power in prayer. When men work, they work, but when men pray, God works.”*

Preparation for Prayer-Walking

First, we should prepare spiritually.

Remember your position in Christ as God's dearly loved son or daughter. (1 John 3:1-2, Ephesians 2:18-19)

Refresh your relationship with God

- Pray in repentance and faith (Mark 1:15)
- Pray for God's Spirit to search your heart (Psalm 139:24-25)
- Confess and forsake all known sin (1 John 1:9)
- Pray for a sensitivity to God's work (John 17:24)
- Pray for open doors to share Jesus with others (Col. 4:2; Acts 4:31)
- Pray for spiritual eyes to pray strategically (Ephesians 1:1)

Ask God to guide, direct, lead and impress you with His agenda for the Prayer Walk.

Know Your Mission. Prayer-walking is an act of worship and obedience. God wants to use you to advance his Kingdom. Expect that He will help you see the true spiritual needs and battles to be won for people who need breakthrough. Expect that He will act. Expect that He will hear your prayers. Expect that He will use you to love His people.

Prepare Strategically

Consider the Location: If you are prayer-walking as a group or family, take time to pray for God's guidance for where, when and what to pray. It may be helpful to do some historical or demographical research on the area. The key is to do what you can to familiarize yourself with the area. Ask some basic questions relating to the area and the people who live there: what kind of people live in the area (e.g., ethnicity, religions, ages, interests, socio-economic status)?

Look For Divine Encounters: As Christ sent the disciples out two by two, He expected them to engage and encounter people who needed to hear the Gospel (see Luke 10:16). He instructed them to pray and go with the intention of sharing the life-changing power of Christ. Prayer-walking teams need to be prepared to share a Gospel witness with those they encounter.

Practical Tips

Remain open to the thoughts and ideas God may be speaking to your heart about what you see, scriptures which come to mind, insights about the people in the area.

Pray aloud and agree with one another's prayers. Verbalizing your prayers helps you to focus on the objective of prayer.

Have a prayer conversation with the Lord and your team as well as praying silently at times.

Walk slowly to allow time to observe and cover the community in prayer.

If the process gets awkward or uncomfortable, admit it to your team and ask them to pray for you.

Pray for people, marriages, families, businesses, government, leaders, husbands & wives, children, civic leaders, senior adults, churches, revival and spiritual awakening,

Pray blessings over the area.

You can be on the scene without making a scene. Be sensitive to the situation and context. If you are led by the Holy Spirit to stop and pray or to make friendly contact with someone, then do so.

Ask people you meet, "We are out praying for the community. Is there anything in particular we could pray about for you, your family or your business?"

Be sensitive about taking pictures. You are there to pray.

Wear appropriate clothing to comfortably walk and be relevant to the contextual surroundings.

You may want to carry information about the church if opportunity arises to invite someone.

Scripture Prompts for Your Prayers

Pray for Receptive Hearts (Luke 8:5-15)

Pray for their Spiritual Eyes and Ears to be opened (Matt. 13:15; 2 Cor. 4:3-4)

Pray for unbelievers to have and understand God's Attitude toward sin (John 16:8)

Pray for the lost to be Released from barriers and strongholds that hinder faith (2 Tim. 2:25-26)

Pray for unbelievers to experience a transforming life in Christ (Rom. 12:1-2)

Pray for Christian witnesses to be Sent to share Christ with the lost (Matt 9:35-38)

Pray for Christians in the area

- Pray for believers to be renewed in the joy of God's salvation (Psalm 51:10-13)
- Pray for believers to live a Christ-like character before the world (John 17:11)
- Pray that Christians will experience the joy of Jesus in their lives (John 17: 13)
- Pray for divine protection from Satan (John 17:15)
- Pray that believers will live set apart and holy lives in Christ (John 17: 17)
- Pray for Christians to be united in mission and purpose (John 17: 20-21)
- Pray that believers will join Christ in His redemptive work (John 17: 24)

PEACE FOR THE CITY: Jeremiah 29:7,

OPEN HEARTS: Acts 16:14

OPEN DOORS: Colossians 4:3-4

AUTHORITIES: 1 Timothy 2:1-4

GOD'S FAVOR: Isaiah 61:1-4

TURNT HEARTS: Luke 1:17

REMOVED OBSTACLES: Isaiah 57:14

SPIRIT'S MINISTRY: Ephesians 4:12

SALVATION: Acts 26:17-18

HEALING: 2 Chronicles 7:14

KINGDOM ADVANCED: Matthew 11:12

Praying Against the Enemy, Temples & Evil

- Praise God that he can make people doubt their idols and then give them opportunities to hear the gospel.
- Pray that more people will doubt and test the gods, that they will come to realize their gods, "can't walk, talk or listen." (Isaiah 44:6-20; 46:6-7)
- Praise God that he is so powerful and creative in his methods that he can even work through the enemy's servants to win people to himself!
- Pray that influential fortune-tellers will become Christians and share their testimonies.
- Pray that people will be released from their dependence on Satan's powers and be content to be in the loving hands of the God who knows and controls the future.
- Pray that new Christians will obey God's word and not consult fortune tellers.
- Praise God that he is radically different to false gods and gives meaning to life.
- Pray that businessmen will become Christians and then trust God to protect them and their businesses.
- Pray that Christian businesses will have a widespread testimony because they don't continue idol worship and that this will make people doubt the efficacy of the idol worship.
- Praise God that he is stronger than evil spirits.
- Pray for Taiwanese people to learn that Jesus alone casts out fear and can satisfy us completely. So many try to add Jesus to their list of gods.
- Praise God that Jesus is far more powerful than Satan and his servants.
- Pray that this truth will be proclaimed clearly in a way that people can understand.
- Pray that Christians will depend on Jesus and not be bound by fears and superstition. Pray that Christians neighbors see that Jesus can be trusted.

Take Note

Record any impressions, celebrations, convictions here....

What is God saying to me about how to be part of the answer to our prayers?