



Then the master told the servant, 'Go out into the streets and the lanes and make the people come in, so that my house may be full.'
Luke 14:23

The church's prayer walk consists of praying as you walk in the neighborhood around your church. Before going door to door in your community to begin sharing the gospel, you should do a prayer walk around the neighborhood, praying that God will bless the community and those in it, and that He will prepare the hearts of all you will encounter as you pray with and for them, and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Before you begin, meet at the church and pray corporately for God to anoint you and go before you. Pray for a hedge of protection from the enemy. Pray that God would put in your path those that need to witness the church that is not afraid to leave their four walls and step out into the community.

For the prayer walk, you should remain in one group. When you go back to visit and pray for your neighbors, you will break into smaller groups of two or three. This may be done on the same day or on a different day.

The Prayer Walk Coordinator should have printed a map of the neighborhood, and plotted the route that you will walk as you pray. They will also have marked 5 points along the path that will accommodate your group to stop and pray. You may walk in a circle around the church, or begin at one end of the street and walk to the end as you pray.

Move as a group to the starting point of your prayer walk. One person in the group should read the scripture that accompanies the prayer for that point. The Prayer Walk Coordinator should then explain the purpose of the prayer at that point. Then, pray as a group for that purpose.

As you walk to the next stopping point, pray for those who live in each house as you pass. Stop at the next stopping point and read the scripture for the next point. Pray again.

Continue this until you have completed all 5 points. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you as you pray. As you walk, note on your map where you have identified places, people or entities that favor or impede the work of evangelization and church planting. If you encounter someone along the way, take note of where they live so you may pray for them and plan to return.

When you have returned to the church, pray for your city. There are 5 remaining points to pray for your community. Then, close with a prayer for your Evangelism Teams as they go out to these homes to visit with and pray for your neighbors.



Prayer Walk Guide



Open the Heavens:

Oh, that you would burst from the heavens and come down! How the mountains would quake in your presence! - Isaiah 64:1 NLT

One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened... Luke 3:21 NLT

Pray now and ask the Lord to pour out His blessings on this neighborhood. Ask Him to burst open the heavens and come down and make His presence known in this community.



Open the Hearts:

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people... Ephesians 1:18 NIV

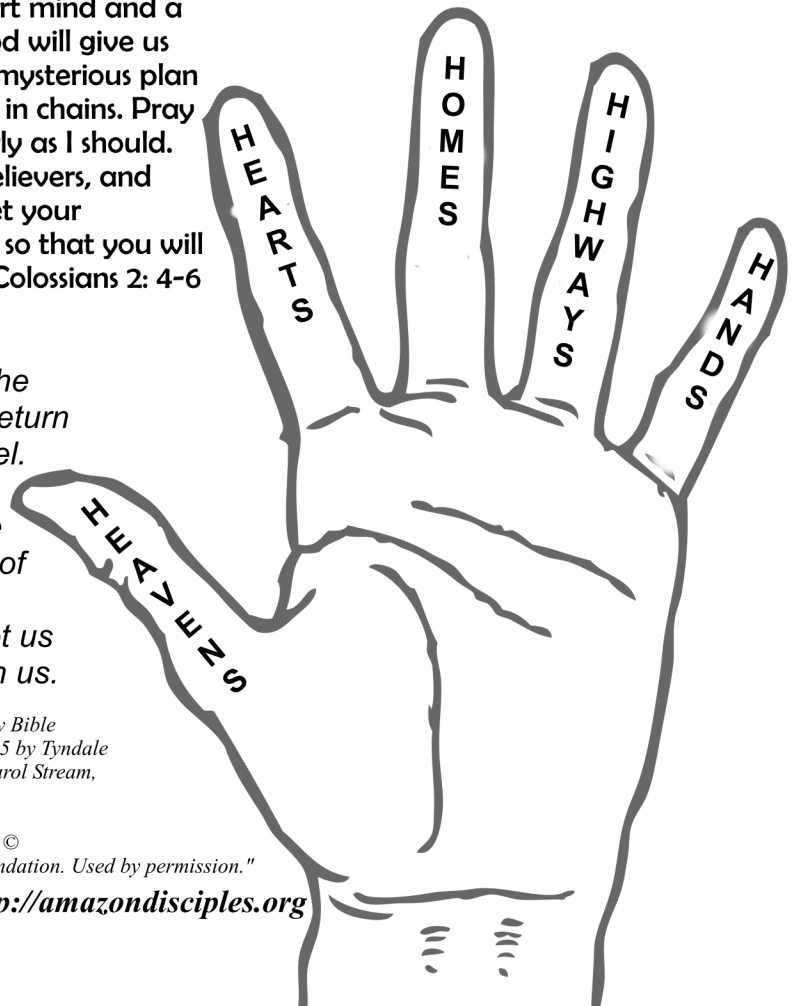
Pray now and ask the Lord to open the hearts of your neighbors that they would be persons of peace, ready to respond as you share the Gospel. Pray that when you go to visit them that they will already have been thinking about finding a way out of their brokenness. Pray that they would be open to having you pray for them and to share the story that changed your life.



Open the Homes:

Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should. Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone. - Colossians 2: 4-6 NLT

Pray now and ask the Lord to open the homes of your neighbors when you return to pray for them and share the Gospel. Pray for many opportunities to share Christ. Pray that we will proclaim the message clearly and make the most of every opportunity. Give us the right responses and remind us that it is not us that speak, but You speaking through us.



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Open the Highways:

Listen! It's the voice of someone shouting, "Clear the way through the wilderness for the LORD! Make a straight highway through the wasteland for our God! Fill in the valleys, and level the mountains and hills. Straighten the curves, and smooth out the rough places. Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. The LORD has spoken!" - Isaiah 40:3-5

Pray now and ask the Lord to remove obstacles and open opportunities where He will glorify and reveal places and persons of peace, for the salvation and discipleship of the new believers that will be added to our fellowship. (Acts 2:47)



Open our Hands:

Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received! - Matthew 10:7-8 NLT

John replied, "If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry." - Luke 3:11

Pray now and ask the Lord to show you the needs of people in your neighborhood, and allow you to meet them so they can see the love of Jesus through you.



Praying for Our City

This part of the prayer walk may be inserted where you feel it would be appropriate, or you may choose to pray for your city when you return to the church at the end of your walk. Ask God to reveal His grace and break down spiritual barriers in the following places and people:



Government

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. - I Timothy 2:1-2 NLT

Pray now for those in your city who are in political leadership. Ask God for wisdom, compassion, and the spirit of service, so that the officials govern with just laws for all the people with righteousness and integrity of heart. Pray for your mayor, councilmen, county executives, school board, state representatives, state senators, governor and the President. Pray for the policemen and all in authority. You may also want to pray for firemen and first responders.





Schools

Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.
- Proverbs 22:6 NASB

Pray now for the schools in your town, public and private and homeschools. Pray for colleges, technical schools and universities nearby. Ask that the greatest desire of educators, administrators, writers, scientists, researchers and students would be to know God, His character and sovereignty and purpose to obey His will. Pray that our children would be protected from those who would seek to harm them, and that our schools would not become a tool to draw our children away from God.



Commerce

Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you." Hebrews 13:5 NLT

Pray now for the merchants in your town that their hearts would be filled with the spirit of compassion, generosity and the desire for service and that they would seek to be fair in their dealings with all. Pray for the store owners, hairdressers, banks and others that these may be places where the Gospel could be shared without hindrance. Pray for the businesses in your town that participate in activities that draw people away from God, and pray that they would refrain from and deviate from the promotion, consumption and trafficking of illicit businesses.



Religion

"You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Luke 10:27b

Pray now for the churches and religious centers in our town, that those who worship false gods would change their ways and worship the true God. Pray that every church who worships God would be convicted to love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind and strength, and to desire to make disciples and reach the lost around them. Pray for a spiritual revival among the churches and believers in our community.



Community

So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. Ephesians 2:19 NLT

Pray now that your neighborhood will be transformed into a community of Christian families who love God, serve others and live in harmony. Pray that the neighborhood in which you live, and the entire city would be transformed by God's love.

