

Prayer Walking the City

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1. Prayer Walking: Why?

Luke 10:02 He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

- Praying together is powerful.
- Spiritual mission and warfare becomes immediate/here and now
- You see the mission field first hand.
- You see the "whole man" in his community, social and economic context, problems.
- Prayer walking stirs your heart to see people, places and needs through God's eyes. It gives you harvest eyes rather than self centered eyes
- Prayer strengthens Christians and it brings evangelists to a neighborhood as we pray for the Lord to send "laborers into his harvest."
- Prayer walking opens the doors and hearts to the gospel.

Prayer walking changes

- Neighborhoods into Christ centered community
- Believers into missionary workers
- Homes into ministry centers
- Churches into the central place of kingdom renewal

1. Prayer Walking: How?

Jeremiah 29:7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.

- Go in groups of 2 to 4 - pairing up is best (or on your own).
- Pray as you walk, out loud, eyes open. Stop at corners and landmarks. (We've marked some key landmarks for you to pray at if you wish)
- Pray shorter prayers. Pass it back and forth.
- Play off each others' prayer - to focus on a specific need/opportunity, to continue on a prayer theme.
- Pray for God to give you harvest eyes and a spirit of grace and supplication. Ask for boldness and open doors to this city, community. Confess fears, weaknesses, lack of concern for those "outside."
- Pray for God to give insight into his specific kingdom plans and purposes for this community/city. Ask to fit in to his plan. Rejoice in the opportunity.
- Pray for the Christians and churches in the community/area you are walking in. Pray that our homes/church would be 'ministry centers' of the church in our community.
- Pray for the critical needs in the neighborhood you are walking - social, economic, spiritual...
- Pray for specific streets/houses/people you meet. Hit the critical intersections and nerve centers with specific prayer.