

Neighborhood Prayer Walk Guide

One of the beautiful things happening because of Covid-19 is that we are being pressed to pray and worship beyond the walls of our church and consider God's work and presence in our homes and neighborhoods (where He has been moving long before Covid-19!). John 1:14 in the Message translation says “the Word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood” and we get a chance to live this out--to be the presence of Jesus in our communities! One simple way to do this is to go for a prayer walk in your neighborhood.

How to Prayer Walk

- Follow CDC guidelines and government precautions of social distancing.
- Plan a Time –Set aside 30 minutes to go for a walk.
- Plan a location—Choose a few blocks in your neighborhood to walk --and pray as you go. It doesn't have to be out loud--prayer walking is being on the scene without making one.

What to Pray

Prayer walking is not just praying and walking, it's seeing your neighborhood with God's eyes. It's noticing signs of hope and signs of need, and how God calls you to be present to both. Listen closely. Pay attention. Offer prayer. Notice what God is up to.

- Pray for discernment – Ask God to show you your neighborhood through His eyes and ask Him to reveal what He's already doing there; ask Him to show you how you can pray with greater insight for your neighbors.
- Pray for critical needs—Pray for the needs in the neighborhood where you are walking — social, economic, spiritual, physical, etc. Pray for those affected by COVID-19, whether it be the elderly, homebound, or quarantined.
- Pray God's blessings – Pray for every house and person that you see or walk past. Pray for peace and joy for them in the midst of anxious times. Pray for them to experience and know God's love for them.