

Commitment Prayer Walk Guide - Mission Church

The goal of prayer walking is to “pray onsite with insight,” that is, to pray with more focus and intensity because we’ve seen the needs of the community.¹ These words from Dr. Chuck Lawless are extremely important and helpful as we seek to pray throughout our community today. Practically, prayer walking is walking while praying. So what are we to do? Look below.

What To Do:

- Pray with your eyes open. Observe and take note of what you see. How might that direct your prayers? Examples are below.
- Pray silently and out loud. Perhaps you could pray silently as you walk. If you want to pray out loud as a group that is great! Try to limit praying directly in front of homes and businesses, and do not stop for more than 30 seconds. A short prayer is not bad. Perhaps someone could pray, “Lord, we pray for this street and for those who live here to seek you.” “Father, we pray for an opportunity to share Your hope with this neighborhood.”
- If you encounter someone, let them know that you are walking around praying for the community. Ask them how you might be able to pray for them specifically. Offer them our church website.
- Take breaks! Take advantage of coffee shops or gas stations. You can let the employees know that your group is out praying, and ask how you might be able to pray for them.
- If you have any problems or need to stop early.

Examples Of How To Pray For Each Street:

- **Pray John 17:11-24 on behalf of believers!**
 - Pray for them to have Christ-like character before the world
 - Pray that they will experience the joy of Jesus in their lives
 - Pray that they will be protected from Satan
 - Pray that they will join Christ in his redemptive work in their community
- **Pray in light of the scriptures on behalf of unbelievers!**
 - Pray for receptive hearts to the Gospel (Luke 8:5-15)
 - Pray for 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 (Jn. 16:8)
 - Pray for unbelievers to be released from 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 Christians to be sent into this community to share the Gospel (Matt. 9:35-38)
- **Pray Matthew 6:9-10 & Colossians 4:2-6 on behalf of Mission Church!**
 - Pray for God’s will to be done on this street as it is in Heaven
 - Ask that God will open doors for the gospel in this community
 - Pray that Mission Church will seize opportunities that God provides

Examples of What You May See And How To Pray:

- Children’s toys in the front yard...pray for protection over the kids and parents, and that they know Jesus.
- A “for sale” sign...pray for a believer to move into the home who will share the gospel.
- Notice material possessions and what this might reveal about the hearts of those who live there...pray that God will be their ultimate treasure.
- If you see an abundance of alcohol bottles or drug paraphernalia, pray against the stronghold of addiction, and for true freedom found in Christ.

¹ Chuck Lawless, *Disciplined Warriors*, p. 139