



Prayer Walk

Challenge

Use the month of February to prayer walk your neighborhood. After all it is the month of LOVE.

Introduction

A prayer walk is exactly that: a time set aside to walk through a particular area with a prayerful heart for the people of that area. It's something you can do alone or with a spouse or friend. The idea is to walk with your eyes open and your heart open to the people and needs of that area. You pray as you walk, and you pray in your heart or very quietly out loud if that is helpful for you personally or if you want to pray together with someone else. However you choose to do it, the idea is to do it in such a way that a person might see you walking along without it being obvious to them what you are doing. Anywhere between 20-60 minutes would be an appropriate range of time for such a prayer walk.

Frequency

As we do this as a church we are looking to mobilize everyone. So even if you do this one time its a win. However, creating a habit of prayer walking is an investment into the Kingdom of God. He has a heart for your neighbors. May your heart grow into the heart of God's for those who live around you. There is no better way than by starting with prayer. Extend this practice past February if you can!

Your time of Prayer

Pray for whatever God puts on your heart during this time. Here are some suggested directions for prayer:

- Ask God to give you his heart for the people on your street and to give you eyes to see them the way he sees them. Consider the passage: “When Jesus saw the crowds he had compassion on them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd” (Mt. 9:36). Remember, you are not asking God to start working on your street since he is already at work and already cares for the people on your street far more than you do. So, this prayer time is an opportunity for you to come into alignment with God’s heart and to begin to see the world through his eyes.
- Ask God to bless the people on your street as you pass by each house. In some cases, you may know a lot about a family in a particular house, and you can pray specifically for their needs. In other cases, you may know very little, but you can still pray for God to bless them and reveal himself to them.
- Prayerfully consider some of the challenges and issues that you’re aware of in your neighborhood. For instance, is there a lack of community, is there a lot of materialism, is there a pace of life is unsustainable, is there a racial dynamic that is complicated, etc. Pray that God would bring healing and transformation to those issues.
- Ask God to open a door of opportunity to love, serve, and share Jesus with people on your street. Ask him to create a set of circumstances in which people would be particularly receptive to the good news and you would be uniquely placed and equipped to share that with them.
- Pray that God would move other believers in your neighborhood to love and share the good news with those around them. Pray that he would connect you with other believers who have a heart to serve so that together you might do more than you could do alone.