

Prayerwalking

Prayerwalking is talking to Jesus while walking. The focus is on neighborhoods, homes and people encountered while walking. On-site praying allows sights of people and objects to flood our prayers with significance. Ordinary scenes of life change significance as if one was wearing filtering lenses; seeing through the eyes and compassion of Jesus.

THREE COMPONENTS that work together while prayerwalking:

- 1. Worship.** Emphasis on bringing pleasure to God's heart; proclaiming the excellencies of His name.
- 2. Warfare.** Aim to expose, limit or displace the power of evil forces. Evil powers are restrained so that good things may come forth. Prayerwalking is spiritual battle. You may experience an indirect onslaught from the enemy, pestering your mind, causing your thoughts to wander or telling you this isn't doing any good.
- 3. Welcome.** Pronounce blessings upon the community, announcing God's coming kindness. Pray for salvation, healing and spiritual freedom over each block and each house.

Integrate the three of these "W's" in a good balance, though at times one or another may seem to dominate.

IN PREPARATION . . . It is important that we prepare our mind, body and spirit.

You are about to become a bridge of blessing between heaven and earth. Don't allow any feelings of inadequacy to plague you. You have indicated your willingness by your presence and God is always faithful to take us where we are and lead us. In prayer, there is no failure.

The book *Prayerwalking* by Steve Hawthorne and Graham Kendrick (Charisma, 1993) offers the following tips to prepare for a prayer walk:

- 1. Open your mouth as you open your heart.** Whether you sing, shout or whisper, warm up your vocal cords with praise before setting out. Put the name of Jesus on your lips. Seek to position your heart before God in fresh gratitude and blessing.
- 2. Take charge of the directions your mind will go.** Fix your attention on the purposes and ways and thoughts of God before you launch out. If you find your mind wandering, read Scripture out loud.
- 3. Seek God for guidance at intervals; then trust that He is guiding you!**
- 4. Receive each other; take a few minutes to get to know the ones you are walking with to make sure there is a connection.**
- 5. Take your stance before the Father, enthroned in highest heaven through the blood and priestly excellence of Jesus.**

WHAT TO DO DURING THE PRAYERWALK . . .

- 1. Open your eyes;** ask God to help you see with His eyes. What do clues like a “for Sale” sign or kids toys in the yard tell you?
- 2. Open your ears;** listen for God’s whispered cues--expect Him to highlight truths you have hidden in your heart and apply them to what is around you. Practise silence as you listen to the Spirit; listen to each other to hear the Spirit.
- 3. Pray together.** Seek to consciously follow and reinforce prayers lifted by others on the prayer team.
- 4. Pray with Scripture.** You can be confident of praying the will of God when you are praying His Word. God has breathed life into it and loves to bless it. He loves to hear His Word. Pray it over and over again.
- 5. Pray with relevance.** Pray with sensitivity to the people and places you are actually encountering. Don’t try to feel equally for every person and place you pass. Extend your empathy unevenly, perhaps praying for only a few of the families or children you may meet.
- 6. Pray physically.** God’s Spirit may prompt you with ideas about gestures with prophetic significance--it is best to be obedient even though you may at first feel self-conscious.

WHAT TO PRAY . . . based upon Luke 11:2-4

- 1. Pray for God’s glory.** Pray that God would work so that He would be honored, adored, lifted up, revealed and praised by name among the people.
- 2. Pray for God’s kingdom.** Pray with expectance for the coming of some measure of heaven’s liberating dominion amidst the families here upon the earth.
- 3. Pray for reconciliation** between God and man, and man and man.
- 4. Pray for God to release and to lead.** Pray that God would lead people, families, neighborhoods into the light of His truth, rescuing them from darkness and destruction.

SCRIPTURES FOR PRAYER WALKING

"Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious! Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you. All the earth bows down to you, they sing praise to your name'" (Psalm 66:1-4).

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory" (Isaiah 6:3).

"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you" (Psalm 67:1-3).

"A voice of one calling: 'In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken'" (Isaiah 40:3-5).

"Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the LORD: 'The LORD looked down from his sanctuary on high, from heaven he viewed the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners and released those condemned to death'" (Psalm 102:18-20).

"Rather, as it is written: 'Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand'" (Romans 15:21).

"Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, O LORD my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths of the grave" (Psalm 86:11-13).

"Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation" (Luke 11:2-4).

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:1-4).

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Luke 10:2).

Releasing the Lost into the Kingdom of God

"And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

(2 Cor. 4:3,4)



- ◇ Pray that the person's heart be prepared, so that it will be "good soil" for the seed (Mk. 4:8).
- ◇ Pray that Satan will not be able to steal the seeds of truth (see Mk. 4:15, and that nothing else will be able to destroy the seeds--Mk. 4:16-19).
- ◇ Pray that the Word becomes revelation through the lifting of the veil (2 Cor. 4:3,4. An excellent prayer to use is Ephesians 1:17: "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.")
- ◇ Pray that the root of pride in them be broken (2 Cor. 10:3-5).
- ◇ Pray that the person come to true repentance (2 Pet. 3:9 and 2 Tim. 2:25,26: "God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil having been held captive by him to do his will.")

"For though we live in the world, we do not war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ" (2 Cor. 10:3-5).

God's Weapons

- ◇ **All forms of prayer.** Supplication, agreement with other Christians), travail, praying in the Spirit, binding and loosing—any biblical form of prayer. (Ephesians 6:18)
- ◇ **Praise.** Always praise God for the salvation of the one(s) for whom you are praying. (Psalm 149:5-9)
- ◇ **The Word of God.** Speaking Scriptures that apply to your situation releases great power against the enemy. (Ephesians 6:17b)
- ◇ **The name of Jesus.** Praying in the name of Jesus is a powerful weapon against demonic powers and strongholds. (Luke 10:17)

In Daily Prayer

1. Ask God to help you identify and then destroy the strongholds which protect the person's belief system (includes calculative reasoning; wisdom or logic; accumulated wisdom and information learned over time; what one really believes—the person's mindset. Also includes philosophies, religions, humanism, atheism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, racism, intellectualism, Judaism, materialism, roots of rejection, perversions, alcoholism, other addictions that cause a person to think a certain way). "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I am destroying you, stronghold of _____.
2. Demolish "every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God" or the root of pride (involves a desire to rule our own lives, decide for ourselves right and wrong and basically be our own god).
3. Take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ (refers to spontaneous thoughts and temptations Satan uses to assault the unbelievers, as well as the schemes and plans he uses to keep them in darkness). Ask God to shield the unbeliever from Satan's thoughts and temptations.

Ten Prayers for Revival

Ten specific prayers for revival and spiritual awakening



- 1. Ask God to bring deep conviction of sin, spiritual brokenness, a holy fear of God and genuine repentance among His people.** There will be no revival without these elements and only God can produce them in His people. After all we cannot program or work up genuine brokenness and repentance. (2 Corinthians 7:10)
- 2. Pray for deep cleansing, genuine repentance, and spiritual power to engulf pastors and Christian leaders.** Revival and spiritual awakening are extremely unlikely without a mighty move of God in pastors and Christian leaders. Renewed pastors are absolutely crucial to a move of God in our day! (Ephesians 6:14-20)
- 3. Pray for God to bestow spiritual hunger in His people and draw them to fervent intercession.** God has to grant people the genuine faith and the fervent desire for prayer. With all our promotion and programming, we cannot “produce a genuine prayer movement. (Philippians 2:13)
- 4. Pray that God will bring loving unity in our churches and a deep harmony between our churches.** Many churches need healing among members and many churches need to stop competing jealously with other churches. (John 13:35)
- 5. Pray for God to fill His people with a passion to see people saved.** (Only God can give a genuine burden for souls.) Until God’s people intensely pray for the lost and do aggressive soul winning revival will tarry. Be sure you are constantly praying for many lost people by name. (Romans 9:1-3)
- 6. Pray for God to give His people a passion for missions and starting churches.** Great revivals produce an explosion of mission projects, new ministries and new church starts. Only God can grant a genuine passion for missions. (Matthew 28:19)
- 7. Pray that God will call thousands into ministry, missions and Christian service.** Many churches are dying for lack of soul winners, teachers and church workers. Furthermore, we can start only as many churches as we have church planters to start them. (Matthew 9:37)
- 8. Pray that God will pour out His Spirit like a mighty purifying flood.** Ask God to purify our “motives as we pray for revival. After all it is possible to pray for revival for selfish or ambitious reasons. Our motives must be solely for: (a) the glory of God, and (b) the increase of the kingdom of God. We must not pray for revival just to solve our own problems or make our church successful in the eyes of men. (James 4:2)
- 9. Pray for a mighty move of conviction and salvation upon communities of cultural influence.** Some key examples are Hollywood actors and producers, government officials, educators, teachers, and college professors, news and media people, talk shows hosts, comedians, homosexual activists groups, and the music industry. (1 Timothy 2:1-2) Provide specific lists for your congregation.
- 10. Specifically pray for God to pour out His Spirit in a fashion even greater than He did in America in 1858 and Wales in 1904.** (Ten percent of Wales’ population was saved in five months!) Ask God for a modern day of Pentecost in the United States and Canada. (Mark 11:22-24; John 14:13-14.)

Seven Specific Prayers for National Election

Without getting into Politics
Based on 1 Timothy 2:1-4



1. Pray that people will seriously seek God in how they vote.
2. Pray that people will not put economics or politics above the godly and biblical foundations upon which America was founded.
3. Pray for God's Spirit to fill the voting booths and guide people as they vote.
4. Pray that huge numbers of godly people will turn out to vote.
5. Pray for people to follow God's guidance not just political parties.
6. Pray that God will give us godly leaders of integrity who will govern in wisdom and righteousness.
7. Pray for God to have mercy on America and stay His hand of judgment.