

EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD
PRAYER WALK GUIDE



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WHY PRAYER WALK

The book of Acts tells us that when Jesus sent his disciples to proclaim the gospel, he commanded them to wait. So, they gathered and devoted themselves to prayer (Acts 1:3-14).

This was critical! First, he wanted them to carry out the mission not on their own power, but by the power of the Holy Spirit. Second, he didn't want their own agenda to guide them.

As we sense God challenging us to see the gospel proclaimed in *every neighborhood*, we have the same conviction. We are to start with prayer because we cannot bring about revival—only God can.

We hope God raises up thousands of people to pray for thousands of neighborhoods. We hope stories like those recorded in Acts happen in new ways in neighborhoods, renewing not only the neighborhood, but our entire nation.

This guide is designed with everyone in mind, whether you've never prayed before, or whether you've been praying for neighborhoods for years.

We want you to learn how to pray in ways that shape you deeply and unleash the power of God's Spirit in your life and the neighborhoods. We want you to connect with God's heart for this mission field that is ripe for harvest.

We hope this guide will help you become a lifelong prayer-walker.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Prayer-walking is like an adventure in the wilderness. Thankfully, Jesus has given us the Holy Spirit to guide us, and you have this written guide. The purpose of this prayer guide is to give you some idea of what to expect, what to do, and perhaps the most overlooked—but most critical—part, what to do *after* you finish your prayer walk.

It assumes your prayer-walking in a group because two are better than one, so grab a friend or an entire group to do this with you! Jesus sent out his disciples in pairs, and the pairs often added people along the way.

In terms of how this guide is laid out, the first section will give you some step-by-step suggestions on how to *prepare* for your prayer walk. The second section will give you ideas on how to spend your time *during* your actual prayer walk in the neighborhood and finally, the last section will help you *debrief* your experience. Each of the three sections also contain steps which give you a suggestion of when to do that step. Use the recommendations that help you and feel most natural, while also paying attention to nudges of the Holy Spirit within you. We hope this guide continues to help you grow in prayer-walking your second, third, and tenth time.

PREPARE

1. PREPARE FOR THE JOURNEY AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE YOUR PRAYER WALK

READ ACTS 8:26-31

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place.

27 And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship
28 and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

29 And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot."

30 So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

CHOOSE A NEIGHBORHOOD TO PRAYER WALK

Don't know which neighborhood to prayer walk? Pray that God would put a particular neighborhood on your heart. Write the name of the neighborhood.

My Prayer Walk Neighborhood: _____

EXPLORE THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S FACEBOOK PAGE

Once you've chosen a neighborhood spend time exploring their Facebook. Write down what you find out:

2. PREPARE A TEAM

**AT LEAST ONE DAY BEFORE YOUR
PRAYER WALK**

READ LUKE 10:1

1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go.

PRAY FOR A TEAM

Spend time in listening prayer, asking God who you should invite to join your prayer walk. Be still and silent for a few minutes. Write down any names that come to mind.

CONTACT YOUR TEAM

When you feel as though God has given you names of people to invite, go ahead and contact them! We also suggest posting on social media to invite others. Here's an example of what you can say:

“I'm excited to be a part of reaching every neighborhood , and I'm planning on prayer-walking [NEIGHBORHOOD NAME]! Would anyone want to join me?”

INVITE FRIENDS TO PRAY FOR YOU.

- Is there anyone you can ask to pray for you while you're on your prayer walk? Contact them, tell them the time you'll be in a certain neighborhood, and ask them to pray during that time.
- Is there anyone you invited to prayer walk with you that couldn't? Ask if they'll pray for you instead.

3. PREPARE YOUR HEART

THE DAY BEFORE OR THE DAY OF YOUR PRAYER
WALK BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE
NEIGHBORHOOD GATHER YOUR TEAM
TOGETHER.

Meet together to pray. This is a time to share
your research about the neighborhood or
anything you feel God spoke to you.

PRAY THROUGH PSALM 24

1 The earth is the Lord's and the fullness
thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

2 for he has founded it upon the seas and
established it upon the rivers.

3 Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And
who shall stand in his holy place?

4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who
does not lift up his soul to what is false and
does not swear deceitfully.

5 He will receive blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of his
salvation.

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah

7 Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O
ancient doors, that the King of glory may come
in.

8 Who is this King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty
in battle!

9 Lift up your heads, O gates!

And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King
of glory may come in.

10 Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory! Selah

*Verses 1-2: Spend time worshipping God and
thanking him for who he is.*

*Verses 3-6: Confess ways you relate with the
author of the Psalm in these verses.*

*Verses 7-10: Intercede on behalf of the
neighborhood you are going to prayer walk.*

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- For divine appointments with people
- That God will direct and guide your steps
- For open eyes to see the spiritual needs of the neighborhood

GATHER ESSENTIALS

Pack your Bible, a notebook, water bottle, or anything else you need. Make sure you have the neighborhood address and directions on your phone to get there! Time for your Prayer Walk!

ON THE WALK

4. ASK GOD TO REVEAL

FIRST STEP OF YOUR PRAYER WALK WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

READ ACTS 4:24-31

24And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, 25who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, ““Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain?

26The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed’—

27for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,

28to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.

29And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness,

30while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

31And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

PRAISE

Sing or listen to a few songs with your team that help you praise God and prepare your hearts.

ASK GOD WHAT HE'S ALREADY DOING THERE

Do some listening prayer, asking God questions such as,

- “Lord, what are YOU praying for this neighborhood?”
- “Who are you moving in here right now?”
- “What are the barriers to your work here?”

Spend time listening and write down anything you hear or feel.

5. ASK GOD TO RENEW

SECOND STEP OF YOUR PRAYER WALK IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

READ ACTS 2:37-41

37Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

38And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

40And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.”

41So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

PRAY FOR RENEWAL OF YOUR OWN FAITH

Pray for God to move deeply in your own heart. Ask him to renew your own faith of what he can do and what he wants to do in that neighborhood.

PRAY OPPOSITES

Did God reveal any barriers to you in Step 4? Pray that the opposite would happen for each barrier. Write down your prayer here:

6. ASK GOD FOR REVIVAL

THIRD STEP OF YOUR PRAYER WALK IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

READ ACTS 10:44-48

44 While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.

45 And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.

46 For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, 47 “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

LEARN WHAT REVIVAL LOOKS LIKE

Ask God to show you what revival would look like in this neighborhood . Write down anything you see or feel.

PRAY FOR CHRISTIANS

Pray that Christians already in this neighborhood would be bold, have faith, and be courageous. .

PRAY FOR PEOPLE IN POWER

Pray for HOA president and board members

TAKE A STEP OF FAITH

Ask God to lead you to particular people in the neighborhood . Talk with them and ask them if you can pray for them on the spot. You may consider also getting their contact information. Write down who you met and prayed for, and what happened.

AFTER THE WALK

7. SHARE WHAT HAPPENED

IMMEDIATELY AFTER YOUR PRAYER WALK
IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

READ ACTS 14:27

27And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

DEBRIEF SILENTLY

When your team gathers back together after your prayer walk, take some time to individually reflect on what you experienced. Write down what happened, how you felt, and how you experienced God.

SHARE TOGETHER

After some time has passed, begin sharing what happened together with your group. You can lead the discussion by asking some or all of the following questions:

- What did you notice? What stood out to you?
- Did anything interesting or unusual happen?
 - Do you have any cool stories to share?
- Describe what you felt while prayer-walking in the neighborhood
- Do you feel like God spoke anything to you or showed you anything such as scripture or a picture?

8. SHARE PRAISES

AFTER YOUR PRAYER WALK IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

READ LUKE 10:20-24

20Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

21In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

22All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

23Then turning to the disciples he said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see!

24For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

THANK AND PRAISE GOD

Spend some time thanking God together for how He led you during the prayer walk. Thank Him for any scriptures, words, images, or senses he gave you, for any people you met, or for anything else you experienced. You can also praise God together by doing some or all of the following:

- Sing or listen to a worship song to give God praise.
- Be still and silent for a moment together to honor God for what He did.
- One by one say one sentence of thanks to God for anything that comes to mind or anything you wrote down that happened:
“Thank you God for...”.

SHARE WITH OTHERS

Is there a message that you'd want to leave for anyone who might prayer walk this neighborhood next? Write it down here:

9. SHARE THE VISION

AFTER YOUR PRAYER WALK IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

READ THESSALONIANS 1:7-8

7so that you became an example to all the
believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.
8For not only has the word of the Lord
sounded forth from you in Macedonia
and Achaia, but your faith in God has
gone forth everywhere, so that we need
not say anything.

GET THE WORD OUT

- Discuss if there's anyway you can encourage others to do these prayer walks.
- Sharing about the walk on social media! Take a photo with your team in the neighborhood, tell the story of what happened in your post. PLEASE USE #prayerdriven
- Tell others about your experience in person! Share about it at church or in another Christian community you're part of.
- Use the are below to write down anything God is continuing to reveal.

**10. DECIDE
WHAT'S
NEXT**

NOW WHAT IS GOD TELLING YOU?

READ MATTHEW 9:36-38

36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

TAKE NEXT STEPS

- Prayer Walk my neighborhood weekly
- Prayer Walk a specific area of this Neighborhood
- Host an outreach opportunity in this neighborhood
*If God is leading you to host an outreach,
email outreach@fully-alive.church
to get more information on
how we can partner with you.*



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