

PRAYER WALKING*

TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

"Seek the peace of the city... and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace, you will have peace" (Jeremiah 29:7 NIV).

PRAYER WALKING is simply praying in the very places we expect God to bring His answers. It is asking God to give "Insight Onsite!"

As you pray, you will find that God Opens Your Eyes and Prepares Your Heart to see the city from His perspective. Your sorrow may deepen for the plight of the city while your hope grows for what God desires and is able to do through your prayers.

You may discover a new appreciation for people as God sees them and so become more interested in their welfare.

Prayer walking is "Ordinary believers stepping into the streets to pray effectively for their neighbors. With eyes wide open to real needs and with ears open to the promptings of God's Spirit, intercession becomes an adventure" (Graham Kenrick, Prayerwalking).

Guidelines for Prayer Walking

1. Ask God to guide, direct, lead and impress you with His Agenda for your neighbourhood.
2. Invite the Presence of God to be made known wherever you walk.
3. Expect God to help you see the true spiritual needs and battles that need to be won for people who need breakthrough.
4. Be sensitive to the thoughts and ideas God may be speaking to your heart. Engage your senses, what do you hear, see, and smell?
5. Make use of Scripture to formulate some of your prayers.
6. Allow structures, spaces and buildings to direct some of your prayers (e.g., playgrounds, schools, businesses, centres)

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples" (John 15:7-8, NW).

PRAYER WALKING SCRIPTURES

PEACE FOR THE CITY: "Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper" (Jeremiah 29:7, NIV).

OPEN HEARTS: "One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message" (Acts 16:14, NW).

OPEN DOORS: "And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should" (Colossians 4:3-4, NIV).

AUTHORITIES: "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, NIV).

TURNED HEARTS: "And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous — to make ready a people prepared for the Lord" (Luke 1 :1 7, NIV).

REMOVED OBSTACLES: "And it will be said: 'Build up, build up, prepare the road! Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people'" (Isaiah 57: 14, NIV).

SPIRIT'S MINISTRY: "To prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up" (Ephesians 4:12, NIV).

PROSPERITY: "When the righteous prosper, the city rejoices; when the wicked perish, there are shouts of joy. Through the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, but by the mouth of the wicked it is destroyed" Proverbs 1 1:10-11, NW).

SALVATION: "I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me" Acts 26:17-18, NW).

HEALING: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14, NIV).

KINGDOM ADVANCED: From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it" (Matthew 11:12)

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