

# Prayerwalking Made Simple

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**T**he first time I prayerwalked I did so with a very experienced prayerwalker. He had written one of the first and most comprehensive works on the subject. I remember feeling awkward as we walked, talked and communed together with Christ. Praying without closing your eyes and bowing your head—not something that was on my radar screen. But as the time progressed I began to sense that there was something special about this practical approach to prayer. I finally relaxed and began to focus on God and His prayer agenda for that season of prayer.

*Soon the intercession became spontaneous and conversational. It was thrilling to be walking with Christ in a community, interceding for people and seeing the community from God's perspective. I actually began to see ordinary things like bicycles, apartments, for sale signs, and houses in light of the people associated with them. The Holy Spirit began to direct my prayers for the people of this community and their specific needs. I thought, what a joy to be with my Lord, walking, talking, listening and interceding on behalf of His Kingdom purposes in people's lives. By the end of the afternoon I was hooked on Prayerwalking.*

*There are many excellent works on the subject of Prayerwalking. My goal in writing this booklet is not to provide an extensive work on the subject. Rather, the purpose of Prayerwalking Made Simple is to provide a practical tool that can be used to equip the saints in the basics of Prayerwalking.*

*This booklet serves as a resource for each participant as they prayerwalk. It provides specific Bible-based prayer prompts for intercessors to use as they walk and pray. It also provides practical tips for effective on-site intercession and helpful hints for prayerwalkers as they encounter people they can pray for and share Christ with.*

*When Paul was walking in Athens (see Acts 17:16) his spirit was troubled because of what he saw—a city full of idols. I am convinced that as Paul walked in fellowship with God through a life of unceasing prayer, the Holy Spirit used this particular occasion to illumine his heart to the vast lostness of Athens. In turn, he was moved to action as he reasoned and conversed with Jews, God-fearers and philosophers concerning Jesus the Christ. The result—some joined Paul and believed (see 17:34).*

*I pray that Christ will use this tool to equip believers to walk with Jesus in unceasing prayer toward His Kingdom in their world.*

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## Prayerwalking: A Biblical Perspective

In John 15:4 Jesus commands his followers to “abide” in Him. This means to commune, fellowship, and walk in unbroken fellowship with Him. Paul exhorts believers toward the same principle in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 where he says, “Pray without ceasing” (NASB). Micah 6:8 also points to this when it says, “He has told you, O man, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God” (NASB). These passages teach two very important biblical truths concerning a believer’s prayer life—focus on God and stay in touch! In other words, keep your relationship with your heavenly Father primary, healthy, consistent and unbroken.

Prayer is more than just an activity, it is at the heart of our relationship with Christ. Biblical prayer needs to be something we “are” before it is something we “do.” The “being” is a prerequisite to the “doing” when it comes to prayer. The practical method of prayerwalking provides an “avenue” or a “venue” for believers to live out the biblical command to walk with Christ through unceasing prayer in their world.

In 1 Timothy 2: 1-4 Paul exhorts believers to pray specific, need-based, intercessory prayers on behalf of “all men.” The ultimate purpose for this kind of strategic, comprehensive praying—God “desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth” (*see vs. 4*). Thus, this passage points out another biblical principle concerning prayer and prayerwalking. The focus of our intercession is God’s kingdom work in people’s lives. People matter to God. He created them and He desires to redeem them in Christ (*see John 3:16*). When believers walk in their world and pray, they join His activity as they intercede toward God’s redemptive purposes in people.

*He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

Micah 6:8

## What is Prayerwalking?

### **Prayerwalking is a lifestyle of unceasing prayer.**

It is centered in a relationship with Jesus Christ and provides an avenue for on-site prayer toward the Kingdom. It is ongoing and flexible because it is not dependent on a program or process. It is personal and adaptable to any situation or context because it is based on unbroken communion and fellowship with an all knowing, all powerful and ever-present God, not on restricting rules and geographical boundaries. Wherever a believer goes, he or she can walk with Christ in unceasing prayer for people (*see 1 Thess. 5:17; 1 Tim. 2:1-4*). Prayerwalking is therefore walking with God in unbroken fellowship.<sup>1</sup>

### **Prayerwalking is walking while praying.**

It is a prayer method or approach. It is not the only way to pray but one way to pray. Thus it can involve all types of walking and all types of traveling from one point to another. That is why some people prayerwalk and others prayer drive. Some prayer snow mobile and others prayer bicycle. Some practice prayer flying and others practice prayer in-line skating. Prayerwalking is therefore a term that is often used to describe field-based prayer. Steve Hawthorne calls it “on-site prayer”<sup>2</sup> while others call it “intercession on location”<sup>3</sup> or “prayer in motion.”<sup>4</sup>

### **Prayerwalking is intentional prayer toward the Great Commission.**

It is focused on specific people in specific locations, neighborhoods, cities and nations. It is deliberate intercession on behalf of people who have spiritual needs. It is purposeful or purpose-driven prayer that is evangelistic in its focus. Prayerwalking leads to the fulfillment of God’s redemptive work in people’s lives (*see Matt. 6:9-10*).

### **Prayerwalking is spiritual warfare prayer.**

When a believer prays toward God’s redemptive work, he or she is storming the gates of hell through offensive prayer. The devil begins to tremble, the darkness is penetrated, and the Holy Spirit is unleashed in people, families and communities (*see Acts 4:23-33*). Spiritual strongholds of sin and bondage in people’s lives come down as believers intercede for their salvation, spiritual health and spiritual needs (*see 2 Cor. 10:4*). Truly, the gates of hell cannot prevail against the church as it is on the offensive through intentional prayer toward the Great Commission (*see Matt. 16:18*).

### **Prayerwalking is vision-oriented prayer.**

It involves prayer that is on-site and visual. Prayerwalkers pray with their eyes open. What they see as they walk in their world becomes specific prayer prompts or points for their prayers. Jesus saw the multitudes and then directed His followers to pray for the Father to send laborers into His harvest fields (*see Matt. 9:35-38*).

As you are in your respective ministry fields, praying and walking, you will see the multitudes and pray with a view toward God's purposes in people's lives. On-site prayer helps us gain a proper God-sized perspective on people and their individual struggles and situations. It also helps us see the reality of people in their lostness—the hopeless, helpless, destitute, bound and blinded condition of those separated from Christ. This motivates us to pray passionately and effectively toward people's spiritual needs.

*Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. Matthew 9:36*

## **Prayerwalking: Its Purpose**

The ultimate purpose of prayerwalking is intimacy with God through relationship. In John 17:24 Jesus prayed that his followers would be with Him where He is, that they may behold (experience) His glory (powerful presence). His desire is fellowship, intimacy, and communion with His followers—as they join Him in their world.

Therefore, prayerwalking allows us to walk with Christ in unceasing fellowship in our world. As that happens we are right in the midst of where Christ is working to bring about His redemptive purposes in people's lives. There is no better place to be—with Christ experiencing His powerful presence in and through our lives. That is how our world is impacted with the Gospel.

Lewis Drummond correctly asserts, “Presence and prayer, prayer and presence—exemplifying and shining forth and communicating Jesus Christ in a life of dedication, love, commitment and prayer.”<sup>5</sup> This is the product of purposeful prayer that takes us into a lost world. When we are both praying and present, we are therefore available for Christ to live out His witness to the world in and through our surrendered lives.

Believers who are prayerwalking are therefore on mission with Christ through prayer. They join His evangelistic mission in a lost and dying world because they are where He is—and Christ is always working in the Great Commission (*see Luke 19:10*).

This allows believers to practice strategic prayer that is focused on Christ and His mission. Strategic prayer prepares the soil of people's hearts for the seed of God's Word to be sown through a Gospel witness (*see Mark 4:1-20*). Strategic prayer also allows for the effective, bold and timely proclamation of God's word. It paves the way for witnessing encounters to take place. Strategic prayer is focused on the lost, witnessing believers, evangelistic opportunities/events and personal spiritual preparation.

In Acts 4:23-33 believers were united in prayer toward the effective and bold preaching of the resurrected Christ. Then, in a demonstration of answered prayer, God unleashed His power upon the community despite the presence of intense persecution. This also resulted in God's grace being poured out in their midst. Prayerwalking unleashes God's life-changing grace upon families and communities as strategic prayer is practiced.

The key to this type of strategic prayer is God's Holy Spirit. Spirit-inspired praying produces Spirit-inspired witnessing and living (*see Acts 13:1-4*). When this happens, prayerwalking accomplishes its purpose—allowing believers to join Christ in His redemptive work.

*Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.*

John 17:24

# Basic Prayer Foundations

Biblical prayer is the most effective type of prayer. As you prayerwalk be sure to keep Bible-centered intercession at the heart of your prayer efforts. Below are seven basic prayer foundations that are essential for effective intercession.

## **Practice Sanctified Prayer.**

This has to do with one's position in prayer. The initial position as a priest in Christ's Kingdom comes at the new birth through the blood of Christ. Christians are enabled to come before God on behalf of others because of what Christ has accomplished in them on the cross. This makes prayer a privilege and an honor. It is an humbling thing to think that God desires to communicate and fellowship with us through prayer. Our continual position of effective prayer is maintained and strengthened as our relationship with Christ through prayer is kept pure and clean through confession and holy living. Key texts that demonstrate our priestly position in prayer include I Peter 2:1-10, Revelation 1:4-6, and Hebrews 10 19-25. Key texts that show the importance for believers to live a set apart (sanctified) life in Christ for effective prayer are Psalm 51:10-13, James 5:16, and 1 John 3:21-22.

## **Practice Steadfast Prayer.**

This relates to persistence and perseverance in prayer. Believers are often tempted to give up on difficult situations or are easily discouraged when they have prayed for a while and have seen no outward results. Many have prayed for decades finally to see their answer come. It has often been said that those prayers that take those long voyages come back heavy laden with precious cargo. To "pray through" something is to practice steadfast prayer (*see 2 Chron. 7:1ff*). Key texts that demonstrate this essential element of biblical prayer are Colossians 4:2; Luke 18:1-8; Matthew 7:7-11; Psalm 130:1-8.

## **Practice Specific, Unified Prayer.**

This pertains to the way we are to pray as well as the need for believers to unify and focus in their prayer efforts. There is too much generality in prayer today. In order to see specific answers specific prayers need to be prayed. Every major move of God in History was preceded by a unified focused prayer effort. There is power in unified praying. Key texts that demonstrate this biblical element of prayer include Matthew 9:35-38; 20:29-34; John 17:9-26; Acts 4:23-33; 12:5-17.

## **Practice Sensitive Prayer.**

This has to do with a Christians need to listen to the Lord in prayer. It also deals with a believer's ability to exercise wisdom and discernment in prayer. Christians need to be still before the Lord and seek to know what they are being led to pray about. Without a willingness to be sensitive to Christ's direction in prayer, we will often miss God's will in prayer. Key passages that relate to this foundation of prayer are Isaiah 50:4-5; Psalm 46:10; Acts 8:26-40; 10:1ff.

## **Practice Spirit-Filled Prayer.**

This prayer essential relates to the New Testament teaching for Christians to pray in the power, control, and help of the Holy Spirit. When a believer prays in the Spirit He (the Spirit) focuses, fashions and filters his (the believer's) prayers. This kind of praying happens in the life of those who are walking in the Spirit and living transformed lives. Key texts include Ephesians 6:18-20, Jude 20, and Romans 8:1-17, 26-27.

## **Practice Surrendered Prayer.**

This pertains to a believer's willingness to submit to Christ's will in prayer. We often pray with preconceived ideas about what God is to do in answer to our prayers. Yet, often our thoughts and desires do not match God's sovereign purposes in a situation. The key to seeing God's redemptive work accomplished through prayer rests in a believer's ability to lay aside his/her personal will in exchange for Christ's. Key passages are John 12:28ff, John 17:1-4, Luke 22:39-46, and 2 Corinthians 12:1-10.

## **Practice Service-Centered Prayer.**

This essential prayer foundation has to do with our willingness to obey God's call through prayer. For some believers, the prayer closet can become a safe haven for reluctant witnesses. Prayer and service go hand in hand in the Christian life. Effective prayer for the redemption of others is accompanied with a willingness to witness to the same. Key verses are Psalm 126:4-6, Psalm 143:10-11, Romans 10:1-4, Acts 16:6-10, and 1 Tim. 2:1-8.

## Prayerwalking and Divine Encounters

As Christ sent the disciples out two by two, He expected them to engage and encounter people who needed to hear the Gospel (see Luke 10:16). He instructed them to pray and go with the intention of sharing the life-changing power of Christ. Prayerwalking teams need to be prepared to share a Gospel witness with those they encounter.

One team in Dallas, Texas was walking along a busy one way street. They were praying for the people in the cars that were speeding by them. All of a sudden, a car pulled over, and a man got out to retrieve something out of his trunk. He waved at the team and asked them what they were doing. They responded by saying, “We are praying for the community, can we pray for you?” The man walked up on the curb, and answered, “Sure, my mother-in-law has been talking to me about trusting Christ as my Savior. Please pray that I will know how to do this.” One of the students responded, “We can help you know how to receive Christ in your life.” The man answered with tears and a nod of the head, then he said, “Please show me how I can do that.” Ten minutes later, the man climbed back into his car, headed for his mother-in-law’s house to tell her he now was a follower of Christ.

In Acts 8:26-40 Philip was walking with the Lord, and was led by an angel to the Ethiopian eunuch. As Philip shared Christ with him, the eunuch received Christ and was baptized. This happened in an unlikely place—a desert road. But it was a divine encounter orchestrated by the Holy Spirit.

Divine encounters, like the ones just described do not always happen every time you are prayer-walking. But, remember that as you walk with Jesus, those opportunities can arise because you are on mission with Christ in His harvest fields.

In preparation for these encounters take tracts and various witnessing tools with you. Also, do not be afraid to stop and engage people in intentional and spontaneous conversation. Asking for prayer requests is an excellent way to begin personal encounters. Remember, you are on mission with Jesus. Let the Spirit direct your steps and your conversations.

## Preparing to Prayerwalk

**Prayerwalkers should prepare to prayerwalk in the following ways:**

### **Personal Spiritual Preparation.**

This is accomplished as you prepare your heart through prayer. Remember that prayerwalking is about walking with Jesus in your world. He desires to commune and fellowship with you and is the author/initiator of prayer. We prayerwalk in response to His invitation to pray in and for the world (see *Psalm 2:8*). Use the prayer prompts below to assist in your personal spiritual preparation. Remember the need to be a clean vessel for God’s Spirit to use. Unconfessed sin can hinder your prayers and therefore render your prayer and share efforts ineffective (see *Psalm 66:18; Psalm 51:10-13*).

- Pray in repentance and faith (Mark 1:15)
- Pray for God’s Spirit to search your heart (Psalm 139:24-25)
- Confess and forsake all known sin (1 John 1:9)
- Pray for a sensitivity to God’s work (John 17:24)
- Pray for open doors to share Jesus boldly (Col. 4:2; Acts 4:31)
- Pray for spiritual eyes to pray strategically (Eph. 1:18)

### **Strategic/Logistical Preparation.**

This involves intentional efforts to organize and prepare for your prayerwalk. It may be helpful to do some historical or demographical research on the area you will prayerwalk. The key is to do what you can to familiarize yourself with the area

*I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.*

Ephesians 1:18

**As you begin the prayerwalk experience give attention to the following details: Cover the prayerwalk in focused prayer.** Pray ahead of time for the Christian witnesses, the lost, and the event itself (see the prayer prompts section for specific direction in this). **Select a date, time and location for the prayerwalk.** Be sure to get this event on the church calendar if it is a church-wide event. Set time limits for the prayerwalk so the participants will know how to plan.

**Taking the Prayerwalk** you will prayerwalk. Ask some basic questions relating to the area and the people who live there. Some good questions to ask include: What kind of people live (explore ethnicity, religious patterns, etc) in the area? What are their ages, interests, socio-economic status? Is it a transient community, well established or traditional community? As you prepare for the actual prayerwalk decide whether or not you will target a specific area, how long the walk will be and set a time to return to a central location for a brief follow-up prayer and reporting time.

**Provide specific training for the participants.**

This can be accomplished days or weeks in advance or even the day of the prayerwalk. Use this booklet as a training piece and provide each participant with the booklet to use as they prayerwalk.

**Map out the area that is to be prayerwalked.**

If you know the names of those involved in the prayerwalk, it is helpful to make assignments and split the group up into teams ahead of time. Another way to make assignments is to map out where the teams will go—then allow the participants to break up into teams of two or three when you meet together to train and disperse. This allows participants to group themselves into teams. The key to this step is the facilitator needs to be prepared to give specific verbal directions or even assignments with maps to the teams as they are sent out.

**Meet together before the prayerwalk.**

This is the best time to pray together and discuss any helpful information that relates to the area being prayerwalked. Pray specifically for protection, divine appointments, boldness to share, and wisdom to know how to pray as you prayerwalk. This is an excellent time to share scripture with the group. It is also a good time to discuss how the teams can use the prayer prompts in this booklet as they walk and pray. In addition, this is an appropriate time to review practical tips relating to the prayerwalk. Be sure to provide evangelistic tracts and witnessing materials for the teams.

**Utilize both field teams and support teams.<sup>6</sup>**

There may be individuals who cannot prayerwalk in the community because of physical or other limitations. These individuals can stay behind and pray strategically for the field teams that are going out into the community. These teams can also be assigned to cover the church location and ministry/lay leaders in prayer. There may be occasion for different types of field teams to be used. Some may prayer drive, bicycle, etc.

**Agree on the time to return and share the results of the prayerwalk.**

Invite the teams to share ways the Holy Spirit led them to pray, what they saw, learned, and any spiritual challenges they encountered. Ask them to share divine encounters, witnessing opportunities and conversations.

**Close the reporting time with specific prayer.**

Pray off of the reports that were shared by the teams. Pray for specific people and strategic points of concern raised by the teams.

## **Practical Tips for Prayerwalkers**

As you prayerwalk remember the promises of God in Matthew 18:20 “For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst” (NASB). What you are involved in will make an eternal difference for God’s Kingdom. This is spiritual work that accomplishes spiritual results. You are penetrating the darkness—what a joy and blessing to join Christ as He sets people free from spiritual bondage.

**As you prayerwalk, journey, etc. in your world keep the following tips in mind:**

- As you walk, keep your eyes open and be observant. Ask God to let you see through His eyes and pray His agenda for people.
- Pray Bible verses and use scripture as a base for strategic prayer. Use the biblical prayer prompts in final sections of this booklet to guide your prayer efforts.

- Pray aloud as much as possible. Verbalizing your prayers helps you to focus on the object of prayer.
- Allow the Holy Spirit to lead your prayers. Pray for what you see and what you don't see—especially for the people behind the doors of homes.
- Pray together. Take turns praying short prayers about a certain subject or area of focus. Pray conversationally, as if you were talking to the Lord together. Use each other's prayers to prompt your prayers.
- Walk slowly to allow adequate time to observe and to cover the community in prayer. The key is intercession for people.
- Claim God's love and compassion for the people and ask God to remove their spiritual blinders and tear down all barriers that hinder belief in Jesus.
- Be careful not to stop and pray too often. Sometimes it is helpful to stop momentarily to pray for various homes of apartments that are close together. Be sensitive to the situation but try to keep moving if possible. If you do stop and pray it is best not to do things that draw attention to your team. Keep the focus on intercession to the Father on behalf of people.
- Be alert to how the Holy Spirit may be leading. Sometimes you may need to speak to someone along the way. Watch for open doors to witness. Also, be alert for opportunities to pray for people's spiritual, physical, and other needs.
- Picture taking is fine at appropriate locations and times. Be sensitive to those opportunities. Remember, the primary reason you are prayerwalking—to pray.
- Wear appropriate clothing. Coats, ties, dress clothes and dress shoes are hardly appropriate for most prayerwalks. Wear comfortable clothing relevant to contextual surroundings.
- If you are on an extended prayerwalk, take water bottles. Also, protect your skin from the sun by using sunscreen products.
- Be sure to carry contact information relating to the ministries of the local church you are representing. Opportunities usually arise for sharing this information with others as you are in the community.
- Keep your prayer focus on God and people. This is Biblical prayer. Try not to focus on inanimate objects such as buildings or homes.

*“For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.”*

Matthew 18:20

## Three Ways to Focus Your Prayers

**As you prayerwalk, focus on the following three areas of prayer:**

- Pray according to what you **know** about the people, community and area you are praying for.
- Pray according to what you **observe** or **see** as you are in the community or area praying.
- Pray according to the **inspiration** of God's Spirit. He will prompt you and give you spiritual insight as to how you need to pray as you pray scripture and are sensitive to His leadership in prayer.

## Biblical Prayer Prompts for Prayerwalkers

**Praying for Christians**

- Pray for believers to be renewed in the joy of God's salvation (Psalm 51:10-13)
- Pray for believers to live a Christ-like character before the world (John 17:11)
- Pray that Christians will experience the joy of Jesus in their lives (John 17: 13)
- Pray for divine protection from Satan (John 17:15)
- Pray that believers will live set apart and holy lives in Christ (John 17: 17)
- Pray for Christians to be united in mission and purpose (John 17: 20-21)
- Pray that believers will join Christ in His redemptive work (John 17: 24)

### **Additional Prayerwalking Scriptures**

All subsequent verses are from the New American Standard Bible (NASB).

*Ask of Me and I will surely give you the nations as Thine inheritance, And the very ends of the earth as Thy possession.* Psalm 2:8

*Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing.* Psalm 100:1-2

## **Praying for the Lost**

**H** **earts** Pray for Receptive Hearts (Luke 8:5-15)

**E** **yes and Ears** Pray for their Spiritual Eyes and Ears to be opened (Matt. 13:15; 2 Cor. 4:3-4)

**A** **ttitude** Pray for unbelievers to have and understand God's Attitude toward sin (John 16:8)

**R** **eleased** Pray for the lost to be Released from barriers and strongholds that hinder faith (2 Tim. 2:25-26)

**T** **ransforming** Pray for unbelievers to experience a Transforming life in Christ (Rom. 12:1-2)

**S** **ent** Pray for Christian witnesses to be Sent to share Christ with the lost (Matt 9:35-38)<sup>7</sup>

*The Lord reigns, let the peoples tremble; He is enthroned above the cherubim, let the earth shake!* Psalm 99:1

*Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there are any offensive ways within me, And lead me in the everlasting way.* Psalm 139:23-24

*Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.* Jeremiah 33:3

*Oh, that Thou wouldst rend the heavens and come down, That the mountains might quake at Thy presence—As the fire kindles the brushwood, as fire causes water to boil—To make Thy name known to Thine adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Thy presence!* Isaiah 64:1-2

*Behold, the Lord's hand is not to short That it cannot save; Neither is His ear so dull That it cannot hear.* Isaiah 59:1

*Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman keeps awake in vain.* Psalm 127:1

*Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying 'I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life'.* John 8:12

*Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die'.* John 11:25

*Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me'.* John 14:6

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.* Romans 1:16

*And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak the word of God with boldness.* Acts 4:31

***Behold, the Lord's hand is not to short That it cannot save; Neither is His ear so dull That it cannot hear***

***Isaiah 59:1***

## Final Considerations

### **Prayerwalking opportunities can be taken in the following contexts:**

- Prayerwalk alone as not a part of an organized effort. Anytime and anywhere you are walking, practice praying.
- Prayerwalk as families. Talk about it in advance and plan short, easy routes for small children.
- Prayerwalk through your work area. An office manager arrived early each Monday and prayed at each desk.
- Prayerwalk at school. Students may walk around their school and pray or walk the halls praying at classroom doors.
- Prayerwalk through a neighborhood and pray for the people who live there.
- Prayerwalk in or near places which are obvious strongholds of Satan where the Gospel has had little impact.
- Take a Prayerwalk (journey) in another neighborhood, community, city, state or nation. Prayer Journeys provide opportunities for believers to join Christ through intercessory prayer in other parts of their world. Visit [www.kybaptist.org](http://www.kybaptist.org), [IMB.org](http://IMB.org), and [NAMB.net](http://NAMB.net) or contact your local Baptist Association for information on Prayer Journey opportunities and initiatives outside your local ministry field.

## Sharing the Gospel With Others

### **God's Purpose**

God is a spiritual being who is both holy and loving. He loves everyone and desires a personal, spiritual relationship with each individual. *John 3:16*

### **Our Problem**

We are born into this world without a personal relationship with God because we are sinners. Our sin carries the penalty of spiritual separation from God, both in this life and throughout eternity, unless we are rescued. *Romans 3:23; 6:23*

### **God's Provision**

Because God loves us, He provides a way to forgive our sin and bring us into a personal relationship with Him. Jesus died for us and was later resurrected from the dead. *Romans 5:8; 4:25*

### **Our Response**

We must individually accept His forgiveness and establish a covenant relationship with Him through faith in what God has done through Jesus Christ. *Romans 10:9-10, 13; Ephesians 2:8-9, John 1:12*

### **Our Prayer To God**

The following words can be presented to God as a sincere expression of one's desire to establish a spiritual relationship with Him.

*Dear God, I believe that your son, Jesus, died on the cross and was raised from death. Because I am a sinner, I need your forgiveness. Please forgive me for all my sin and come into my life. Right now, I turn away from my sinful life and acknowledge Jesus as my Savior and Lord.*

*Thank you for forgiving me and giving to me the gift of eternal life. Thank you for the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in my life. Amen.*

## Suggested Prayer Resources

For additional prayer resources, strategies, and for prayer ministry development contact your associational prayer coordinator, visit [www.kybaptist.org](http://www.kybaptist.org) or call the Mission Service & Ministries office, Kentucky Baptist Convention at 1-502-489-3530.

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