

## THE POWER & POTENTIAL OF PRAYER WALKING

We spend a great deal of our prayers lifting up family, friends and others who have medical, financial and other needs - which is good and right. However, how much time do we spend praying for those we pass every day who do not know the love, forgiveness, peace and purpose that only comes from a relationship with Jesus?

More than likely, there will be a direct connection between our willingness to pray for those who don't know Christ and the effectiveness of **Here for You** in your area and around the state. So we need to ask ourselves a question - do those without a relationship with Christ matter as much to us as they do to God? If our response is yes, one of the ways we can demonstrate such is by integrating prayer into all we do.

So consider prayer walking your neighborhood, your office and other areas you frequent on a regular basis. Turn off the radio and pray for the homes in your neighborhood as you go to/from work or run your errands. When you're sitting at a stop light, pray for the people in the cars in front of, behind and beside you.

Praying for **Here for You** can also be a great teaching tool for your children as you take them to/from school, practices or lessons. Tell them we as asking God to help us get His truth inside every heart and every home and pray with them as you head out or return home (see Deuteronomy 6:5-7).

## WHAT CAN YOU PRAY FOR? HERE ARE A FEW THINGS TO GET YOU STARTED:

Ask God to allow us to get His truth inside every heart and every home.

Ask God to protect and nourish the seed that is planted in the hearts of people who view the spots. Ask the Holy Spirit to begin the process of drawing them to Jesus.

Ask God to provide an opportunity for you to extend an invitation to church, share your testimony or share the Gospel.

Ask God to create a desire within those you are praying for to check out the Gospel and local Louisiana Baptist churches.

Pray that our churches in the area will be ready to greet, minister and share with those who may attend.

# GENERAL PRAYER WALKING TIPS:

**PRAY FOR DIRECTION** – Prayer originates with God, so talk with him about how to get started, “Call to me and I will answer you . . .” (Jer. 33:3). Think of prayer walking as a way to get to know God better by taking a walk with Him.

**GET CLEANED UP** – Before you can pray for others, you need to be in a right relationship with God. Allow the Holy Spirit time to examine your heart, confess any known sin and accept God’s forgiveness. Then you will be a clean vessel ready for God’s use in prayer. “Search me, O God, and know my heart . . .” (Ps. 139:23-24). “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (1John 1:9).

**DRESS APPROPRIATELY** – The object of a prayer walk is not to draw undue attention to yourself, so in addition to putting on the whole armor of God as described in Ephesians 6:10-18, wear clothing appropriate for the season and location (culture) along with comfortable walking shoes.

**START WHERE YOU ARE** – Don’t worry about whether you do everything just right, or what other people may think of you, “. . . Do not fear the reproach of men . . .” (Isa. 51:7). Lean on the Holy Spirit. “In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness . . .” (Rom. 8:26-27). Take a brief walk around your neighborhood asking God to give you eyes to see your neighbors as he sees them. Pray silently for them as you walk by.

**THANK GOD THAT HE LOVES YOUR LOST NEIGHBORS AND PRAY THAT THEY WOULD BELIEVE IN JESUS** (John 3:16) – Ask Him to bring them out of darkness (Col. 1:13-14). Pray for them to be released from whatever hinders their faith (2 Timothy 2:25-26). Remember “[God] is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine...” (Eph. 3:20), so pray believing He will answer.

**INVOLVE OTHERS** – Invite a Christian friend at work to come to work early to walk by each desk and pray for fellow workers. Think about places you’d like to prayer walk and Christians you know in that setting who might walk and pray with you. Participate in organized prayer walks at your church or in your community.

*“to give light to those who sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death...”*

Luke 1:79, NLT



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