



JANUARY 2017 30 DAY PRAYER WALK

This is an invitation to audacity—to believe that the Gospel is transformative today and that God’s Spirit is at work in the uniqueness of our own individuality and that of our neighborhoods.

“One of the most formational practices that has become a part of my weekly rhythm is simply to walk and pray through my neighborhood. There is something deep and transformational that happens when we walk the streets of our community while conversing with God. I would like to invite you to make a 21 -day practice by walking and praying through your own neighborhood.”

Prayerwalking -Kirk Lauckner

Day One: 1/8 WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN.

Lord, would You please deepen my love for my neighborhood, this “place” I call home.

“The Word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood.” (John 1:14)

Day Two: 1/9 WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN.

Do I know the names of my neighbors?

Lord, help me to learn the names of those living by me.

Jesus said, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:36-40)

Day Three: 1/10 WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN.

Lord, thank You for the gift of a new day! May You surprise me as I walk these streets and enjoy this time with You. May a “divine appointment” happen today!

We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. (2 Corinthians 5:20)

Day Four:1/11 WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN.

When was the last time I was invited into my neighbors’ home? When was the last time I had a neighbor over for dinner?

Lord, would You give me the time and capacity to practice hospitality? Is there someone we could invite for dinner within the next month? I ask for a new heart focused on others. Help me to prioritize what matters most to You.

Day Five: 1/12 WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN.

“The number-one obstacle to neighboring well is time. Do you currently live at a pace that allows you to be present in your neighborhood?” Pray regarding what is stealing your time? What is hay, stone, and rubble, in my life Lord? What am I saying *yes* to that I should be saying *no*? Pray for God to reveal the distractions in your life. Show me Lord, not just how to walk in the good, but to lose my life for Your best. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33)

Day Six: 1/13 WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN.

What promises am I praying over for my neighborhood? While I am walking today bring to mind specific scripture that speaks to loving people, the neighborhood, and the expansion of the gospel. (2 Peter 3:9)

Day Seven: 1/14 WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN.

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“The Word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood.” (John 1:14 NLT)

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. (Colossians 2:6)

Day Eight: 1/15 WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN.

Lord, help me to see my neighborhood with Your eyes. May my heart break for those things that break Your heart. Help me to be observant through Your eyes and notice clues around the yard as to who my neighbors are. i.e.. families with children, elderly, handicapped?

He told them, “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)

Day Nine: 1/16 WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN.

Today while walking I will bring along a bag and pick up trash along the way.

Lord, thank you for Your creation; help me to steward and care for the beauty of the earth You have made. Grow me in my sensitivity to Your voice Holy Spirit as I walk. “Your servant is listening, Lord.”

Day Ten: 1/17 WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN.

Today I will give thanks! As I walk I will focus on the blessings that God has given me. Much like a river that is overflowing, I will allow “thanks” to well up inside my heart.

Lord, thank You my neighborhood, my home, food, and the daily comforts that I so often take for granted. Thank You!

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” (Colossians 2:6-7)

Day Eleven: 1/18 WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN.

Today as I walk I will pay attention to the buildings, the businesses, nonprofits, schools, and churches. What is already happening in my neighborhood and how may I join in and help these organizations? I will remember these places in prayer that I pass while walking or driving today. I will pray a blessing upon the homes and businesses, and organizations that I pass today.

Lord, please lead me as I consider how involved I should become in my neighborhood.

Day Twelve: 1/19 WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN.

Today I will pray at a park or playground. When was the last time I intentionally visited our community center?

Lord, I long to be a “known character,” one that is recognized, loved, and respected. Use me in this “place.” I will pray and look for someone to talk with today.

For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10)

Day Thirteen: 1/20 WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN.

Today I will pray for laborers to flow out of the neighborhood.

“When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask The Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.’” (Matthew 9:36-38) Help me to notice what I could do for someone in my neighborhood today. I am your worker in the field you have given me today. My neighborhood is my mission field. Open my eyes Lord to see as You see.

Day Fourteen: 1/21 WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN.

Today I will meditate on these four words: Soften, Center, Listen, and Respond. Lord, may you keep my heart Soft and open, Centered in Christ, Listening to your Holy Spirit, and Responding in love. Holy Spirit Guide me in showing Your love to those around me today. Who will I respond to today? Commit to being sensitive and obedient to Your voice Lord.

God reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18)

Day Fifteen: 1/22 WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN.

Today I will pray with someone at the school, park, or place of work. “For where two or three come together in My name, there I am with them.” (Matthew 18:20)

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13)

Day Sixteen: 1/23 WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN.

“The entire law is summed up in a single command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” (Galatians 5:14) What acts of kindness and love can and show today?

Day Seventeen: 1/24 WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN.

Who are the neighbors that God is moving and drawing me towards, nudging me to take that next-step from acquaintance or a wave “hello” , into “relationship”?

Lord, will You help me move towards friendship with my neighbors, going beyond simply knowing their names. List names or addresses of those I have met and will build upon the acquaintance to a relationship. Pray and take action towards them.

Day Eighteen: 1/25 WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN.

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:14-16) Teach me daily Holy Spirit how I can shine Your light in a specific and purposed way.

Day Nineteen: 1/26 WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN.

When was the last time we had a party at our house? Who could we invite? Who could help us? “Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them.” (Luke 5:29) Pray about having a get-together with neighbors next month.

Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. (1Peter 4:9 NLT)

Day Twenty: 1/27 WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN.

Today as I walk I will ask God to give me a picture of what our neighborhood could become. Lord, please increase the vision for my neighborhood. Help me to count the cost, and recognize my struggle with what is inconvenient to me. I surrender the controls I have had on my life to Your will and purpose and as Your ambassador.

Give me your heart and straighten my motivation, Lord. Stretch my heart and let it beat like Yours for the lost Lord.

Day Twenty-one: 1/28 WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN.

Today as I walk I will pray for insight on how I can “link” with other neighborhoods within my city. Expand my heart Lord to love those that don’t look like me, and those that are rude, and those that seem uninterested. Here am I. Use me Lord. Give me a new heart.

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. (Ezekiel 36:26)

CONTINUED PRAYER + ACT = PRACT

Declare safety and salvation over your neighborhood daily. Name the families and people you have made contact with this month. Make a list to hold them in prayer every time you drive by their houses, schools, and businesses.

“From one man He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.” (Acts 17:26-27)
Pray for the Lord to show you why you live in the neighborhood that you do. Consider that He chose for you and your neighbors lives to intersect so they can know Him. He has a purpose for you to live as a custodian of your neighborhood by caring and sharing Jesus.

PRACT

Make a plan of action to foster the relationships you have made this month. Pray over your plan for the wisdom of God and His love to love them with. Ask God how you can continually serve and be an influence in your neighborhood. Write down what you hear and write down days or times you will commit to God’s plan of using you right where you are. Won by One

Thank you for taking the time to WALK. PRAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN. Hopefully this will stimulate you to a lifetime practice of prayer for the “place” where you live. Continue lifting up your neighborhood and Cape Coral. God has people who live “Next Door to Everyone.” I can’t wait to see what God will do in your neighborhood! Love deeply and give your life away for the sake of the Kingdom!