

SPRING PRAYER WALKS 2024

MARCH

Zach and Karleigh Sizemore - 10AM 4 PM



207 Dogwood Street, Locust

30th

Adam and Wendi Reed - 10 AM

6987 Collinwood Lane, Locust (Villages @ Red Bridge)

Gene Needham - 10 AM

8438 Meadowcreek Village Dr., Locust

Judy Sands - 10 AM

418 Ellicott Lane, Locust (The Meadows)

Caleb and Meredith Cole - 10 AM

117 Tranquil Court, Locust (Whispering Hills)

Due to Rain, Dates and Times have changed.

If you are not able to attend any of the prayer walks and/or you would like to prayer walk in your neighborhood, scan the QR code below:



11:30 AM - Prayer walks conclude at Mission Church



What is prayer walking?

Prayer walking is a type of intercessory prayer that involves walking to or near a particular place while praying. As you prayer walk, your prayers extend beyond your own concerns, focusing directly on the needs of others and opening yourself to see them with God's eyes and heart.

Where do you find prayer walking in the Bible?

While the Bible does not mention prayer walking specifically, Jesus spent much time walking with his disciples teaching and praying.

- In Matthew 23, Jesus looks over the city of Jerusalem and is moved to pray for the city.
- In Acts 17, Paul is moved by the Spirit to preach the Gospel in Athens after walking through the idol filled city.
- The Old Testament prophet Jeremiah was told by God to pray for Babylon. "And seek the peace of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf; for in its peace, you will have peace." - Jeremiah 29:7

Source: CS Lewis Institute

Why are we prayer walking?

Prayer walks are a means of asking God to give you a heart for your neighborhood, city, and land. It gives you a concrete means of doing something for the well-being of your town as you ask the Holy Spirit to guide your prayers as you observe what is around you.

^{**}See back page for schedule of prayers walks around our community**

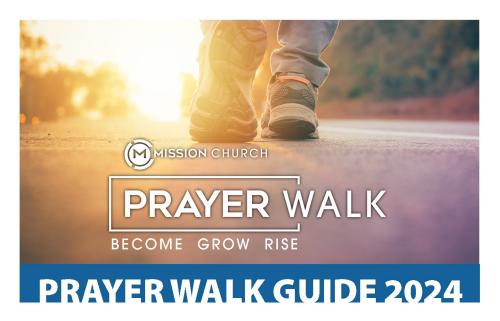


Mission's Vision: To equip people to **BECOME** believers, **GROW** as followers, and **RISE** as leaders.

To **BECOME** a believer is a process and that process cannot begin without prayer. Our willingness to walk our neighborhoods and pray shows God our seriousness in seeing people come to know Christ in our community.

Couple of thoughts to keep in mind:

- 1) We are only walking and praying. Our goal is NOT to knock on doors, or hand out any materials. If you happen to encounter someone and a conversation happens, offer to share an Easter invite card. You can also offer to pray with them, you might be surprised who says yes!
- **2)** Your walking time will last around 30 minutes or more depending on how much of the neighborhood you plan to walk. Dividing the neighborhood into sections and walking in pairs will allow for the entire neighborhood to be prayed over.
- **3)** Pay attention to your surroundings, what might you see that will guide your time of prayer (children's toys/playsets, children playing, unkept yard, for sale sign, etc.). Those clues can help you pray more specifically over a certain home.
- **4)** After concluding your prayer walk, return to the host's home to share about your experience and a time of group prayer.



FOCUS VERSE: 1 JOHN 5:14-15 (NLT)

v. 14. And we are confident that He hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases Him. v. 15. And since we know He hears us when we make our requests we also know that he will give us what we ask for.

As you begin your walk, you may pray something like the following...

"Heavenly Father, open my eyes that I may see with your eyes what is around me today. May I not only see houses, but homes where families live and play. May you guide my prayers for each home in ways that are close to your heart."

Listening to worship music on your phone/ear buds may help you focus if you are one who tends to get distracted easily.

Suggestions - Spotify, Pandora, or YouTube "Music for prayer and reflection" or "Worship music for prayer"

Some other possible prayers as you walk....

"Father, I pray over this home, that your Name be known, that your Spirit would draw them to Yourself, that it would be a home of peace and faith in You."

"Father, I pray for the children that live in this home, may they have opportunities to hear how much you love them, that they would have the opportunity to accept you as their Savior."

"I pray that the people in this home would have people around them who will speak about Jesus to them, will invite them to a church service, and will have an opportunity to trust in You."