

Community Prayer Walks

25 Feb - 2 Mar



BUV Community Prayer Walk Guide

What is prayer-walking?

One simple definition is: "Praying on-site with insight." The purpose of prayer-walking is to seek God's blessing, mercy, and transforming power - both for the community and for ourselves as God's servants in the community. Become more aware of what you see while you walk and pray by connecting prayer-walking with structured observation.

General guidelines for prayer walking:

Prepare

1. Team - Prior to your community prayer walk, you may want to gather a team or at least a partner to walk with you.
2. Pray - Be praying prior to your walk for the assigned time and community, neighbourhood and streets you have been allocated - pray that God will direct and guide your steps and for open eyes to see the needs of the community.
3. Intercession - Invite some people to pray for you while you are walking - advise them of when and where you'll be praying
4. Plan - Plan routes ahead of time to cover as much of the area as possible. Plan to walk for about half an hour. If anyone in your group is not comfortable with walking, they can prayer-drive around the neighbourhood instead.

Prayer Walk

1. On the day, meet at your assigned time and start with group prayer and praise.
2. Walk in groups of two or three.
3. Ask God to reveal specific things to you to pray - see Baptist Mission Australia Walk the World prayer guide for things to pray
4. Pray aloud in a quiet, conversational voice, if you feel comfortable doing so. Or pray silently, letting your prayer partner(s) know what you are praying about. Don't draw attention to yourselves.

5. If anyone asks what you are doing be prepared to respond: "We're praying God's blessing on this neighbourhood. Is there any special way we can pray for you?"
6. Although it is not the primary purpose of prayer-walking, be open to opportunities to interact with and bless people that may grow out of your experience. Watch for the ways God impresses you to display his love in practical acts of kindness to the people you are praying for.

Debrief

1. Afterwards, gather to share your prayers, observations and experiences. What did you learn about the neighbourhood? How was God manifest in this experience? What did God impress on you?
2. Praise and thank God for the experience you shared together
3. Determine next steps - will you do this on a regular basis?
4. Share your experience with others

Helpful Links:

- <https://waymakers.org/pray/prayerwalking/how-to/>
- <https://www.baptistmissionaustralia.org/globalinteraction/media/documents/Resources/Walk-the-World-Prayer-Guide-2023.pdf>