

# Neighborhood Prayer W.A.L.K.



## CONNECT WITH GOD & YOUR COMMUNITY THROUGH PRAYER

**Jesus called us to LOVE our neighbors.** But, how do we love them? One way to do this is to pray for them. God placed us in our home, with our exact neighbors, for a purpose. As a family, set aside a focused time of prayer specifically for those living in your neighborhood – whether you know them or not. A fun and engaging way to involve your kids in this is by going on a Neighborhood Prayer W.A.L.K.

Follow these W.A.L.K. guided steps to **W**orship God, **A**sk about others, **L**isten to God, and gain **K**nowledge about your community and neighbors.

**Going on a prayer walk is a powerful tool for connecting with God and your community.** By including your kids – and praying out loud – you are modeling compassion and respect to others. So, go enjoy nature and connect with God and your community, with your family!

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## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Starting a neighborhood prayer W.A.L.K. is a perfect activity to spread the love of God, engage with your community, and develop lasting relationships in Christ. This is something you can do individually or as a family, but it can also be done as a group – so, invite family and neighbors to join you!

## **HOW TO PRAYER W.A.L.K:**

**W - Worship!** Start by worshiping God by listening to a worship song, reciting Scripture, discussing a recent sermon, or reflecting on a time when God was working in your life. Worship is a great way to focus your mind and heart on Jesus.

**A - Ask!** Use this as an opportunity to ask God to bless and watch over the businesses, houses, churches, land, and people you pass along the way. Ask God to influence the hearts of those around you. If you are walking with others, ask about how you can pray for them and their families.

**L - Listen!** Listen to what God is saying to you along your walk. Take a few moments to be receptive, embrace the environment, and connect with God through your surroundings. If you are walking with others, listen to their prayer concerns and how God is working in their lives, and incorporate them into your own prayers.

**K - Know!** Know who you are praying for and introduce yourself to others. Take a moment to know the environment around you. Pray for any challenges the community may be facing, or celebrations and breakthroughs of those around you. By knowing those around you, you can better pray for your community.

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# PRAYER EXAMPLES

Use these prayer examples as a guide to help get you started. But, let the Holy Spirit lead you through your prayer.

*“Lord, thank you for this neighborhood and all of the people living here. As I (we) walk these streets, I (we) pray:*

- *for open hearts to hear from you and have an eagerness to get to know you more.”*
- *for health and safety over each family.”*
- *for restoration in families that are hurting right now.”*
- *for comfort for those that are currently experiencing violence, illness, or grief.”*
- *that the kids in these homes will turn towards You as they encounter challenges in this culture.”*
- *that the kids in these homes will know they are created by You and for a purpose.”*
- *that the parents in these homes would feel empowered and equipped to teach their children the truth of God’s Word.”*
- *for the safety and wisdom of the law enforcement overseeing this neighborhood.”*



*“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*

Matthew 22:39

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