

Prayerwalking



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VARIETY IN PRAYERWALKING

Prayerwalking is a fun and exciting adventure. One of the reasons for this is because of the variety of ways that you can prayerwalk. God never intended for prayer to be boring. When you prayerwalk, you can discover hundreds of ways to pray for your area, your church, and the people around you. You will gain insights and grow as an intercessor. This variety will sustain your prayer life and create excitement and enjoyment concerning prayer.

In this chapter, we will examine the various ways that you can prayerwalk. There are numerous ways that you can prayerwalk. God honors and blesses each of these ways. God will grant you insight and power for each of these ways. Consider practicing all the varieties of prayerwalking.

Prayerwalking Alone

The Holy Spirit will inspire you to do impromptu prayerwalks. You may not have others who can or will prayerwalk with you. The Holy Spirit will bless and guide your personal prayerwalking. Many believers do this as they exercise, whether it be walking or jogging.

When you prayerwalk alone, keep the following in mind:

- *Pray aloud.* There may be times when God wants you to be silent and listen to Him. Yet, pray out loud if it is possible. Praying aloud helps you to stay focused as you prayerwalk. When you are prayerwalking by yourself, your mind will have a tendency to stray from praying. You may find it hard to concentrate. Praying aloud will aid you in staying focused. A single person praying audibly in public may appear odd or strange to onlookers. A simple word of explanation will suffice in these situations. Be more concerned about what God thinks than what anyone else thinks.
- *Prayerwalk the same route with other believers.* Your solo prayerwalk may just be the beginning of prayerwalking an area. Once you prayerwalk a route by yourself, you might want to recruit other believers to prayerwalk that same route with you. You will be able to add power to that original prayerwalk with the agreement of other believers. You will be able to pray with added faith for the people, places, and situations along that route.

- *Avoid engaging evil powers by yourself.* When you prayerwalk alone, focus on pleading for the release of God's power and blessings on people, places, and situations. Pray for God's righteousness to be exalted and His kingdom to engulf the people and the area. Avoid confronting evil powers by yourself. There is a place for confronting and binding evil spirits through prayer. Yet, it is better to have other believers with you who can pray for you and support you in this type of situation.

Prayerwalking As A Family

Prayerwalking as a family can help your children understand prayer and move them toward becoming powerful intercessors. It can be the beginning of a lifetime of intercession. It will aid you in involving your children in prayer. They will have a part in advancing God's kingdom. It can provide you with new and fresh ways of praying as a family.

When you prayerwalk as a family, consider the following guidelines:

- *Pray for God to speak to and touch your children through family prayerwalks.* Ask God to make these prayerwalks a significant spiritual marker in their lives. Pray that this will create a heart for intercession in your children.
- *Choose areas that are of interests to your children.* Let your children help in planning the areas that you will pray.
- *Plan short and varied routes.* Don't let your prayerwalking as a family become too complicated or too long.
- *Talk with your children about what prayerwalking is and how to do it.* Talk to them about where you are going and the prayer topics for that route. You might even devise short and simple prayer guides to help your children. You might even consider helping them find verses of Scripture that they can use on the prayerwalk.
- *Mix fun with intercession.* Your children will not be able to focus on prayer for the entire prayerwalk. Be willing and ready to have

times of fun mixed in with the prayerwalking. Even when you are having fun, talk with God about the fun that you are having.

- *Pray specifically about your children's concern.* When you prayerwalk with your children, pray about those things that directly affect them. Pray about those things that bother them or make them fearful. Incorporate their interests in your prayerwalk.
- *Invite other family members or friends to prayerwalk with you.* At times, you might want to include extended family members in your prayerwalks. Your children need to see the most important people in their lives in the practice of praying.
- *Affirm that God hears and answers prayer.* After your prayerwalks, talk with your children about the truth that God hears and answers prayer. Share with them that God has heard your prayers and will answer them in His time and way. Use this as an opportunity to teach them about trusting Him and waiting on Him to answer.

Prayerwalking In Small Groups

Prayerwalking can be done in groups of two or three people. It is best to have teams of two to three people. Praying with one or two team members enables you to pray in agreement. God loves it when His people pray together in agreement (**Matthew 18:20**). God's power and blessing are released when His people put this truth into practice.

When prayerwalking in small groups, remember the following general principles:

- *Form prayer teams*-Usually prayer teams will come together spontaneously. Yet, there is good reason to be deliberate in forming teams. You must consider matters of safety, local sensitivities, and prayer maturity of the individuals.
- *Shuffle prayer teams.* It is wise to place experienced intercessors with those who are struggling in prayer. When you do this, you are giving the experienced intercessors

an opportunity to mentor and encourage the ones who are struggling. Prayer is contagious. Take advantage of this opportunity. There are times when a prayerwalk is designed so that prayer teams meet at certain points. When they meet, they rest and re-assign the prayer teams.

- *Develop a rhythm of prayer.* Allow each person to pray in the group. Take turns praying and be sensitive to what the others are praying. Seek the filling of the Spirit and allow Him to lead the praying of the team.

Prayerwalking In Large Groups

There are certain situations that are ideal for prayerwalking in large groups. A large group for prayerwalking is from seven to twenty-four. This type of prayerwalking is ideal for prayer rallies, evangelistic crusades, or protests and demonstrations. Some churches have left their sanctuaries and made a broad sweep of their communities with prayerwalking.

When you are planning or are involved with a large group for prayerwalking, consider the following:

- *Pray fervently for the Spirit's leadership.* Prayerwalking in a large group requires careful planning under the Spirit's direction.
- *Plan the routes well.* There are a variety of factors that you must consider when carrying out a large group prayerwalk. Think about how to negotiate the traffic lights and street signs. At what points will you stop and how long will you stop? Walk the route and estimate how much time will be needed to do the prayerwalk. You might consider dividing the large group up into teams of two and sending them out behind each other in one to two minute intervals.
- *Stay within the legal restrictions of your area.* Some places may have laws requiring advance permission to walk. They may have other laws concerning group functions. Make sure that you know

the requirements and restrictions and then adhere to them.

- *Prepare the way.* You might consider sending teams of experienced intercessors on the route before the group prayerwalk. These intercessors can cover the route with prayer and prepare the way for the large group.
- *Use prayer guides and music.* You can allow for spontaneous praying and singing. Yet, you might also consider having prayer guides and programs of music for the people to use in worship.

Where Do You Prayerwalk?

At a prayer conference, we were taking a break when a lady encountered me in the hallway. I had started talking about prayerwalking before the break. She said, "I want to see God's power released throughout this community. I want to prayerwalk. But where do you do this at?" Perhaps that is your question. In previous chapters, we have dealt with what you are to do when you prayerwalk. Now we need to turn our attention to where you should prayerwalk. In this chapter, I want to introduce you to the many places that you can direct God's power and blessing through prayer.

The following is a list of places where you can prayerwalk. This list is not exhaustive. But, its purpose is to open you to the possibilities of prayerwalking that are around you.

Churches

You can prayerwalk around your church or neighboring churches. This is crucial for revival and unity among all believers. Many years ago, I was preaching a series of services in a church. Coldness and deadness characterized the first two services on Sunday. I was struggling to preach and minister to the congregation. On Monday, I arrived at the church before anyone else. I began prayerwalking around the church. I prayed the Scripture, pled for God's blessings on the church, and praised God. After I did this, I

went into the sanctuary and prayed over every pew, pleading for the people who would be sitting there. I continued to do this each night through the week. I began noticing a difference each night in the atmosphere of the church. Through the week, there were numerous conversions. Believers repented and reconciled relationships. The Spirit of God granted refreshing in the midst of the congregation. Prayerwalking in and around churches can make a difference!

Schools

You can prayerwalk around the schools in your area. The schools are one of Satan's primary targets. You can protect the children in the schools from his devious and destructive plans. You can also plead for God's blessings on the school. You can pray that God's glory and righteousness would be revealed in the school. Prayerwalking at schools does make a difference. God began burdening a church concerning the schools in its area. The children of the church were scattered among the various schools in the area. They determined that they were going to make a difference with prayerwalking. They developed teams of prayerwalkers who would go to the schools and pray. Each Saturday, different teams were sent to the local schools. These team would alternate and prayerwalk at a different school each week. They decided to make this an ongoing ministry. As they did this, the schools began to change. There were less discipline problems. The atmosphere in the schools grew more conducive to learning. Students were surrendering their lives to Jesus Christ. The believing students were forming prayer meetings and were ministering to the unsaved students. Prayerwalking can release abundant blessings on schools and bring about genuine change.

Sites Of Past Sin

You can select and target sites of past sin. The reason for this is that sin has consequences. Those consequences do affect those who commit the sin. Yet, there will be ongoing consequences for those who follow. Just as a parents' sins affect their children and

grandchildren, the sin of one generation will impact the following generations. Sin in one generation can be passed on and multiplied in the next. Rampant sin in one generation started with sin in a previous generation. This past sin opened the door for demonic power. As this sin continues, it grants the demons more power to magnify and strengthen the effects on the following generations. In order to deal with this, you must select sites where the sin or sins were committed. Cry out for the Holy Spirit's guidance in this matter. Plead for discernment. A wise way of determining this is by asking the question, "Is there anything in the past which is prohibiting God's work in the present?" Prayerwalk around the site, acknowledging the sin to God. Confess it to Him, admitting that it is rebellion against Him and His Word. Plead for God to grant repentance to everyone who is committing the sin in the present. Pray that they will seek Him and receive forgiveness through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Sites Of Ongoing Sin

You might consider prayerwalking at places where sin is being openly committed in the present. Plead for God to put an end to the evil that is being carried out. Pray that God will grant repentance to all that are involved in the sinful activity. Ask God to bless and help those who are being affected by the consequences of this evil.

Workplaces

Believers can prayerwalk around their places of employment. Churches might consider sending prayerwalking teams to the various companies, businesses, and stores in its area. They can plead for God's blessing, good working conditions, and the work of the Spirit in these places.

Real Estate

God often grants real estate to families, churches, ministries, and missionaries that has been faithfully prayerwalked. Churches and believers should consider prayerwalking

around land and buildings that it can use for the purpose of ministry. Even a “For Sale” sign can prompt prayer. When you see a “For Sale” sign, plead that God will grant it to people that He will use in the area. Pray that it will be given to those who know Him and who will have significant impact on the area.

Overlook Points

You can pray at an elevated place over a city or area. Use this as an opportunity to zero in on particular parts of the city or area. You might consider having a map of the area so that you can identify and pray specifically for each part of the city.

Sites Of Harm Or Tragedy

Believers might want to gather at a site where tragedy or harm has taken place. The reason for doing this is to ask for God’s blessing on those who suffered and those who inflicted the harm. You can plead for God’s healing and help concerning the situation. In the case of crime, like murder, you can pray that this will not happen again and that justice will be carried out.

Courthouses And Government Offices

Believers often complain about the courts and the government. Yet, how often do believers pray for a change? Believers should prayerwalk around courthouses and government offices. There are a variety of requests that believers can make: efficient use of time and money, wisdom, strength, protection and deliverance from corruption, true and lasting justice, and meeting the spiritual needs of all who work in these places.

Future Church Plants

Prayerwalking prepares the way for church planting. It opens doors for the gospel, moves people to give and to support the church plant, and binds the power of the enemy. It is essential to starting and establishing a new work.

Segments Of The City

You might consider dividing your city or area up into segments that teams can prayerwalk on a regular basis. By doing this, you will be covering your city or area with regular intercession.

Non-Christian Places Of Worship

By using the phrase, “Non-Christian Places Of Worship,” I am referring to worship centers for false religions and cults. In the Bible, God commanded His people to dismantle places of counterfeit worship. He spoke of them as being offensive to Him (Numbers 33:52; 2 Kings 17:11, 18:4; Psalm 78:58; Jeremiah 19:5, 32:35). You can pray that God would bind and remove the evil forces that fuel the group or cult. You can ask for God to see them free from their bondage. You can plead for God to save those who are involved.

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Our Father

Father, I pray that the people in this area would surrender to Jesus and come to know You as their Father.

Father, reveal to the people in this area Your willingness to save and bless them.

Father, let the people in this area experience your abundant grace and goodness.

In Heaven

Father, I pray that the people in this area would know that You and You alone are the true God.

Father, I plead that the people in this area would know that You are the powerful God of time and eternity.

Father, I pray that the people here would turn away from their idols and sin to You, the living and mighty God.

Hallowed Be Your Name

Father, I pray that You will be praised and adored by the people in this area.

Father, I ask that the people in this area would reverence and love You with all their being.

Father, I plead that You will be explicitly exalted in this area as the only true God.

Your Kingdom Come

Father, I pray that the people in this area would hear the gospel and receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Father, I plead that Your kingdom would smash and destroy Satan's kingdom in this area.

Father, remove any obstacles to the spread of the gospel in this area.

Your Will Be Done

Father, I pray that the people in this area will know what Your will is.

Father, I ask that the people in this area would be submissive to Your will.

Father, I plead that the people in this area will do Your will as it is done in heaven.

Our Daily Bread

Father, I pray that You would supply the daily needs of the people in this area.

Father, I ask that the people in this area would know that You are the Source of all good and blessing.

Father, I plead that You would teach the people here to depend daily on You.

Forgive Our Debts

Father, I plead that the people in this area would experience the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ.

Father, I ask that a spirit of forgiveness would exist and reign in this area.

Father, I pray that there would be genuine reconciliation among the people in this area.

Do Not Lead Us

Father, set the people in this area free from the grip and power of sin.

Father, cause the people here to know and understand the consequences of sin.

Father, grant the people here a hatred of sin and a spirit of repentance toward You.

Deliver Us

Father, I plead that Satan and his demons would be bound and driven from this area.

Father, I ask that Your gospel and Your power will destroy Satan's schemes for this area.

Father, I pray that the people here will be delivered from Satan's kingdom and drawn in to Your kingdom through Jesus.

Kingdom, Power, And Glory

Father, let Your kingdom enter this area, expand with power, and conquer the people here.

Father, let Your life transforming power flood into this area.

Father, let Your glory be revealed and shine mightily in this area.

Prayerwalking Bible Study:

The Characteristics of A Prayerwalker Joshua 1:1-9

Prayerwalking Principle: There are certain characteristics that will enable you to be used of God in prayerwalking.

In **Joshua 1:3**, God gives Joshua a startling but sure promise. He declares to him, "Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses." God would give him every inch of Canaan that he had faith to receive. This startling but sure promise of God required certain characteristics of Joshua. If he were going to take this land, certain characteristics would have to be exhibited by him.

The same is true for you in your prayerwalking. God is ready to give. Yet, you must be ready to receive. There are certain characteristics that you must cultivate if you are going to be used of God in prayerwalking. **Joshua 1:1-9** reveals these characteristics.

Read the following verses and write out the characteristic that you feel these verses are revealing.

Joshua 1:1-5 _____

Joshua had to trust in the faithfulness of God. He had to believe that God was going to be faithful to His promises. In prayerwalking, you must trust in God's faithfulness. You must believe that He hears and answers your prayers. You must trust that He is the gracious God who saves, blesses, heals, and intervenes.

Joshua 1:6-7 _____

Joshua had to be courageous. He had to be willing to step out in faith and receive what God was promising. He could not shrink back in unbelief. Yet, it was necessary for Him to walk boldly into Canaan ready to accept God's promise of the land. In prayerwalking, you must be courageous. God will bless and answer those who step out in faith. You cannot shrink back in unbelief, but in courage receive what God wants to give.

Joshua 1:7-8 _____

Joshua was to fill his life with the Word of God. He was to read it, meditate on it, and obey it. He would only be able to take the land of Canaan if the Word of God was central in his life. In prayerwalking, you must be filled with God's Word. You must strive to know and obey His Word. By doing this, you will have wisdom and discernment. You will be more sensitive to the Holy Spirit. You will be more prepared to pray the Scriptures. Powerful prayerwalking is anchored in the Word of God. If you want to be used of God in prayerwalking, you too must be anchored in God's Word.

Joshua 1:9 _____

Joshua had to have the assurance that God was with him. God promised His presence. Joshua had to trust that God would be with him. In prayerwalking, you must believe that God is with you. You must trust that He is going before, is with you, and will come behind you.

These characteristics are essential for powerful prayerwalking:

- ***Trust in God's faithfulness***
- ***Courage to step out in faith***
- ***Meditating on and obeying the Word of God***
- ***Assurance of God's presence***

Plead today that the Holy Spirit would release and cultivate these characteristics in your life. Pray that He would do the same for the members of your church.

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