

# Taking Your Faith Into The Real World

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## **PRAYING THE PERSON OF JESUS**

At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. It is a time to focus on who He is and what He has done. Yet, it can also be a time to pray for people to understand who He is and His work.

The following prayer guide can help you pray for people to see and understand who Jesus Christ really is. You can use this in your quiet time or in your prayerwalking during the holiday season and throughout the year. The greatest need that any person has is to know Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior. This prayer guide can help you intercede for those who need Jesus.

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ will see and understand that salvation only comes through Jesus Christ (**Acts 4:12**).

Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_\_ will see that Jesus Christ is the only appointed and empowered Savior (Isaiah 61:1; Luke 4:18-21).

I pray that \_\_\_\_\_\_ will know with certainty that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, even God in human flesh (**John 1:1, 14**).

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_\_ will know that Jesus Christ is the only hope that he/she has for salvation from sin and damnation in hell forever (**John 3:16-18**).

I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ will know that Jesus Christ has come to give life and life more abundantly (**John 10:10**).

Father, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_\_ will see and understand that Jesus Christ is full of love and compassion for sinners (**Luke 15**).

Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ will know and rest completely in the truth that Jesus Christ has the power to save him/her and to change his/her life (**Matthew 8:1-4**).

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_\_ will see and understand that genuine and lasting peace and hope comes only through Jesus Christ (Matthew 11:28).

Father, I pray that \_\_\_\_\_\_ will know that You have sent Jesus into the world not to condemn sinners but to save them (John 3:17).

Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_\_ will know that Jesus' death on the Cross is sufficient to deal with his/her sin and lostness. Cause \_\_\_\_\_\_ to trust in and rely solely on Jesus and His death and resurrection (John 3:14-15).

I plead that \_\_\_\_\_\_ will understand in his/her mind and believe in his/her heart that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead (**Romans 10:9-10**). I pray that \_\_\_\_\_\_ would know that Jesus Christ is fully human and has offered the perfect sacrifice for sin (**1 John 4:2**; **Hebrews 9**).

Father, I ask that \_\_\_\_\_\_ will know that Jesus Christ is the only Mediator between God and man (**1 Timothy 2:15**).

### **Fast-Food Evangelism**

Have you ever thought of your time in a fast-food restaurant as an opportunity to bless others and share Christ? We may not have long in a fast-food restaurant but we can make a difference. Consider the following opportunities when you find yourself in this setting:

- Pray for the people behind the counter as you wait in line;
- Pray for those around you as you are waiting in line or in the drive-thru;
- Ask God to bless them and to meet their spiritual needs;
- Be polite with those you encounter;
- Use the name of the person who waits on you;
- Be polite and gracious;
- Thank them for their service and bless them

   You might consider something like "God bless you in Jesus' name";
- If you have time, ask those who serve you how you can pray for them;
- As you eat, pray arrow prayers for all those around you;
- Leave a tract with a generous tip;
- Round up the total of your order and give it to the one who serves you.
- Pray over the restaurant asking for God to work powerfully there in the lives of those who work and frequent it;
- Consider doing a "restaurant blitz." Your church or small group might consider doing a "restaurant blitz." This is a ministry strategy in which believers seek to minister to a particular restaurant. As a group, decide on a local fast food restaurant that can be visited by one or more of your group members daily for at least thirty days.

Discuss different practical ways that God's love can be shown to the workers during your blitz.

## **Prayerwalking Bible Study**

#### Prayerwalking And Patience Joshua 6

**Prayerwalking Principle:** You must exercise faith and patience as you prayerwalk.

After a prayerwalk, the various teams were sharing their reports of what had happened. One team member got up and said, "Nothing spectacular happened. We really didn't see or experience anything. I'm not sure if prayerwalking is for us." Not every prayerwalk is going to be spectacular or hold amazing and incredible answers to prayer. Prayerwalking is for the long haul. It is a spiritual discipline that requires patience and faith.

How would you respond to someone who says, "We've prayerwalked. Nothing happened. It didn't do any good. There's no use in doing it."

You must exercise faith and patience when you prayerwalk. You must trust God even when your circumstances and situations say otherwise.

**Joshua 6** records the incredible account of the fall of Jericho. This chapter presents the principle of patience for prayerwalking.

What does God promise Joshua in **Joshua** 6:2?

What instructions does God give to Joshua? Read **Joshua 6:3-5**.

What did Joshua and the people do? Read **Joshua 6:6-15.** 

What was the result of their obedience? Read **Joshua 6:20-21**.

Joshua and the people of Israel received what God had promised. They had to do a great deal of walking. However, God honored their faith and obedience by giving them the city of Jericho.

There will be times when you will have to prayerwalk a route numerous times before you see any results. You will have to exercise faith and patience as you cover your city, your town, or your area. You may see immediate results and answers from your prayerwalking. Sometimes you will see the walls fall only after repeated prayerwalks. You may never see the

results. Yet, be assured that God is faithful. He will bless and honor your prayerwalking in faith and patience. The crucial issue is prayerwalking with faith and patience over the long haul.

What does 1 Corinthians 15:58 declare? How does this apply to prayerwalking?

Ask God to grant you the faith and patience to prayerwalk over the long haul. Plead that you will be steadfast, immovable, and always abounding in prayer for your city, town, or area. By faith, claim that He is working even though you may not see it. Praise Him and thank Him for the blessings that He is granting through your prayerwalking.

#### The 79 Prayer

The "79" Prayer is based on **Psalm 7:9**. The Word of God declares there, "Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the just; for the righteous God tests the hearts and minds." This prayer model is built around the three phrases of this verse. You can use the "79" prayer for a community or city as you prayerwalk.

**End**-*"Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end"* 

-Praise God for His righteousness and justice.

-Praise God for His ability to bring an end to wickedness.

-Praise God for His power and forgiveness that can deal with wickedness.

-Pray that crime would be eradicated in the area.

-Pray that true justice would be administered in the area.

-Pray that any obstacles to true justice would be removed.

-Ask Him to destroy the evil of the area and that righteousness would reign in its place.

#### Establish-"But establish the righteous"

-Praise God for His love for the righteous and His desire to bless them.

-Praise God for His desire and ability to sustain the righteous.

-Praise God for His compassion and love for His people.

-Plead that God would empower believers in the area to be salt and light.

-Pray that the believers would show the people of the area the love and compassion of Jesus Christ.

-Ask God to enable righteous men and women to gain and hold office in the government of the area.

-Pray that many will be converted in the area and that their holiness of life would change the whole community or city.

**Examine**-*"For the righteous God tests the hearts and minds"* 

-Praise God for His ability to see all and know all.

-Praise God for the fact that nothing is hidden before Him.

-Praise God for His ability to bring wickedness to light and to justice.

-Pray that God would reveal and clean up the corruption of the area.

-Plead that God would cause the schemes and plans of criminals to fail; pray for their capture and imprisonment. -Ask God to convict the believers about holiness; pray that any obstacles to living holy and godly lives would be revealed and conquered.

-Pray that He would purify the motives of the government officials in the area; plead for integrity and character.

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