

Reaching Your Community Through Prayerwalking

What is Prayerwalking?

1 Timothy 2:1-8.

1 First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, 2 for kings and all those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. 3 This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8 Therefore, I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument.

What is Prayerwalking?

“Prayerwalking is simply praying in the very places where you expect God to answer your prayers.”
(What Would Jesus Pray”, by Waymakers)

It is a type of intercessory prayer where you pray in the very place in which you seek God to work.

The concept of Prayerwalking brings the person who is praying into direct contact with the community where they are praying.

Prayerwalking brings us into close contact with the people in the community for whom we are passionately praying.

Definition:

In the book, Prayerwalking, written by Steve Hawthorne and Graham Kendrick, the activity of Prayerwalking is defined as praying on-site with insight. The walking is incidental. It is only a vehicle which enables us to pray in close proximity of those in the community who need our prayer. It is on-site intercession.

Prayerwalking is not new. All of us have done it in the past and continue to do it in the present. **The terminology may be new to you.** Prayerwalking is so simple that the only teaching you need on the subject is that which would keep it from getting complicated.

Prayerwalking is praying on-site.

- Prayerwalking is not devotional walks with God. It's not about you growing closer to God,

although many times it causes us to feel closer to Him.

- Prayerwalking is praying on behalf of other people. It gives you an opportunity to focus on their needs and lift those needs to the Lord as you see them or pass by their home or workplace. Walking by - brings their needs to your mind so you can talk to God about them.
- Prayerwalking is not just getting in close proximity to those for whom you pray so you can get clarity for what you should be praying. It does however - enable your heart to identify with what you are praying for - so you can put your heart in the line of fire with all the spiritual dynamics that need to happen.
- Prayerwalking helps sensitize you to the issues. The sounds, sights, and smells help to engage our spirit in intercession.

Prayerwalking is praying with insight.

- It is responsive insight. What you pray for - is in front of you.
- It is researched insight. It is praying with knowledge of the history of the areas or community in which you are praying. You may already know about the struggles and situations in the neighborhood or workplace. This insight helps you to pray.
- It is revealed insight. We need to pray and ask God to reveal to us what needs should we prayed for - as you pray. We need to let the Holy Spirit direct us as we pray.

Prayerwalking is being on the scene without making a scene.

- You do not have to make a scene.
- We don't wish to call attention to ourselves.
- It is God who will respond to our prayers and receive the glory to himself.
- It does not require you to be the center of activity. Do it quietly.

In the same way ...



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Prayerwalking is being in the public square without being in the public eye.

- The only time you should make a scene or be noticed in public is when you really have clear guidance from the Lord.
- Prayerwalking is something we do behind the scenes so God will receive glory.

Prayerwalking really balances 3 things:

- Worship, which exalts God; and give's Him glory for what you see
- Warfare, in which we help stand against evil in that place; and
- Welcome, which builds Christ's reception among the people. You may meet some folks while prayerwalking – and wish to have a spiritual encounter with them. Or, perhaps just a nice “hello” and “have a good day.” People are usually happy to know you are praying for them.

Three General Types of Prayerwalking

- Home-zone Prayerwalking. Walking around your neighborhood. A most effective way of praying for your neighbors and perhaps meeting them. God will give you insight on how to pray for them as you walk. Be watching for God to work in their lives.
- City-wide prayer walking. This is usually organized and participated in by several churches. It may be around significant sites in

the city or a comprehensive walk – or perhaps at a special city-day, parade or event or happening downtown.

- Specialized Prayerwalking. This may be a Prayerwalking journey to another town or area. It may be a Prayerwalking expedition where you walk all the way to or through an area.

You could go on ...

- After church prayer walks
- Fellowship group prayer walks
- Beach front prayer walks
- Camping prayer walks
- Any time, any place, with friends, or by yourself.
- Gives a new expression to “pray without ceasing.”

Practical Prayerwalking:

1. Pray with a partner
2. Pray with a purpose – God's desire
3. Pray with God's Word – pray God's promises more than problems
4. Pray with God's Spirit
5. Listen and watch for God

Conclusion:

Focus on God and not the technique. God will work and answer prayers when we are concerned for their eternity.

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