

Dover Connections Project Prayer Team

WHY ARE WE HERE?

Philippians 4:4-8

2 Chronicles 7:14

James 5:13-16

Matthew 6:5-8

HOW WILL PRAYING HELP US TO “DO SOMETHING NEW” TO CONNECT PEOPLE TO CHRIST IN OUR COMMUNITIES?

- 1) It helps us to become unselfish.**
- 2) It helps us to become sensitive to the needs and interests of others.**
- 3) It helps remind us that God is in control.**
- 4) It helps us to remember that this new task does not depend on us.**
- 5) It helps remind us that we are called not to success but to obedience.**

HOW CAN WE BE ENCOURAGERS?

To others on our team....

To members of our church....

To those in our communities....

THE PROCESS OF PRAYER: **A C T S**

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

GOING BEYOND THE PRAYER ROOM

Taking Prayer into our Communities.....(how would prayer-walking impact me, our church, and our neighborhood?)

What are the **NEEDS** of those around us?

What are their **INTERESTS**?

How do we **ACCESS** what God would have us do?

Does **HE** have **concern** for our neighbors?

How will we **DISCOVER** His will for our Church?

Do we really **WANT** to make **CONNECTIONS**?

What are we willing to **SACRIFICE** to serve Him?

*My **FIRST** prayer must be for God to **CHANGE** my heart.*

Prayer-walk Training Guide

adapted from *Prayer Walking: A Journey of Faith* by Dan R. Crawford and Calvin Miller. AMG Publishers, Chattanooga, TN, 2002.

Prayer Journey: Going somewhere - around the corner or around the world - for the primary purpose of intercessory prayer on location.

Prayer-walk: a method of intercessory prayer that involves walking while praying at the location of the Prayer Journey. Prayer-walking may also include riding, jogging, boating, biking, flying, riding on a train, etc.

A brief history of prayer-walking beginning in multiple locations in multiple forms in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

The biblical basis for prayer-walking: The term prayer-walking does not appear in the Bible. It is a strategy for the principle of unceasing, intercessory prayer. Strategies do not need chapter and verse references; principles do. Closing your eyes during prayer is also a strategy without biblical reference. Further, the Bible speaks often of unceasing prayer - – *Luke 18:1; Luke 21:36; Acts 1:14; Eph. 6:18; Col. 1:3; 1 Thes. 5:17*. Prayer-walking is a way of practicing intercessory prayer without ceasing.

Prayer-walking then is . . . INTERCESSION

Intercession is a Biblical priority (1 Tim. 2: 1-8). Of the prayers in the Bible where we know what the answer is, 78% are prayers of *intercession* (for others), while 22% are prayers of petition (for self). Prayer-walking is a method of the biblical priority of intercession. Prayers of *intercession* are prayed to the Father, in the name of the Son, in and with the Holy Spirit, sometimes with the accompaniment of angels.

ON LOCATION

Just as Jesus prayed *on location* (Jn. 11:1-46) and sent His disciples to pray on location (Luke 10:1-3), so should we. Is praying on location more effective than praying at home? Not necessarily, but often our *location* is in enemy territory (Rev. 12: 10-11). Prayer-walkers are on the scene without making a scene.

WITH INFORMATION

When we go to a new location, especially outside of our comfort zone and/or across a cultural barrier, our eyes and ears provide us with new *information*. When one prays in a Prayer Room, he/she is limited to what God reveals to them in their heart/mind. Prayer-walking adds the five senses as means of God's revelation.

IN COOPERATION

As we pray we do so *in cooperation* with each other (Amos 3:3; Acts 12:5-16), with non-present prayer partners, with those who serve at that location, and with God. Matthew 18: 19-20 offers us a wonderful, often misused prayer promise. The promise is understood and implemented only in light of the prerequisite.

AGAINST OPPOSITION

Satan is the great adversary and will likely cause *opposition* both from within as well as from without. We have been given instructions about our reaction (Jas. 4:7); our weapons (2 Cor. 10: 3-5) and our equipping (Eph. 6: 10-20). We are not to talk to Satan. We are to talk with God. Don't press the enemy; praise the victor.

FOR GLORIFICATION

The purpose of our prayer-walking is that God might be glorified among the nations (Ps. 46:10; Ps. 108: 3-5). To participate for any other reason calls for a reevaluation of motives. For those who seek to glorify God in their prayer-walking, there are wonderful biblical promises – Joshua 3:5; Isaiah 41:13; Habakkuk 1:5.

Practical Suggestions for Intercessory Prayer Walking

- Spiritual
- Physical
- Relational
- Practical

A final question . . . or three

- Does prayer-walking work? Those who walk by faith will always be open to affirmative answers. Those who insist on walking by sight will always be skeptical. In the final analysis, the measurements that determine prayer's effectiveness are mostly subjective, and the result open to scrutiny.
- What if we don't prayer-walk?
- Will it make any difference if I prayer-walk? Time and experiences will tell.

A prayer for prayer-walkers

May God be glorified, against your opposition, in the midst of your cooperation, with your new information, on your location, through your intercession. Amen.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

- *Blessings and Prompts for Prayerwalkers* from WayMakers 512.419.7729, 800.264.5214 or www.waymakers.org
- *Prayerwalking Made Simple* from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina 919.467.5100 or www.northcarolinabaptists.org
- *I Danced in Africa, a Prayer Walking Mission*, by Elizabeth Marshall, available at www.XulonPress.com
- *Follow Me, Becoming a Lifestyle Prayerwalker*, by Randy Sprinkle, New Hope Publishers, Birmingham, Alabama
- *Prayer Journeys, a Leader's How-To-Manual*, available at www.calebproject.org
- *Prayerwalking, a Journey of Faith*, by Dan R. Crawford and Calvin Miller, AMG Publishers
- *Prayerwalking, Praying On Site with Insight*, by Steve Hawthorne and Graham Kendrick, available at www.waymakers.org or www.charismahouse.com