

Prayer Walking

What is Prayer Walking?

- Prayer walking is the act of taking one's prayers beyond church walls and into the community. "As we put feet to our prayers, we're beginning to pray with huge kingdom-sized hope for entire cities." (Waymakers.org)
- The act of Prayer Walking is commonly done in a small two-by-two groups. Occasionally, it is done by a large group of people, but never to make a scene, because we want all focus to be on serving through prayer and loving our neighbors.
- Matthew 18:20: "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

What is the purpose?

- Prayer walking is about interceding on behalf of others. It is a time for believers to focus their prayers on their neighboring community and away from themselves. During these walks, the main goal is for intercessors to be made of aware of needs that surround them.
 - For example, one might see an unkept home while walking. This might prompt prayer for the health of the home owner.
 - Another example, one might see children playing and this might encourage the intercessor to pray for the safety of those children as they grow.
- Ephesians 6:18: "Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert in this with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints."

Prayer Focus for School Partners:

- 1. For every child to feel accepted and experience hope for the future. For every child to know that he or she has great value and purpose. (Jeremiah 29:11; Psalm 139)
- 2. For the protection of the staff and students from violence. For a culture of kindness and respect to thrive with no bullying. (Psalm 91; Galatians 5:22-26)
- 3. For the principals and teachers to walk in wisdom, integrity, grace and truth. For each teacher to see every child as God sees them. For the staff and students to experience the love of God personally. (Ephesians 3:14-21)
- 4. For the staff and community partners to be able to respond to the needs of students and their families with wisdom and respect. (Matthew 25: 40)
- For healing of children and families whose homes and hearts experience the impact of poverty and trauma. For the protection of children from physical harm and emotional scars. Pray for healing of marriages and wisdom for parenting. (James 1:27)
- 6. For healthy environments for students to learn and be prepared for their future. For every child to be able to read on grade level by third grade. (Ephesians 1:18)
- For wisdom, integrity, and discernment for the Superintendent and School Board. (1 Timothy 2:1-2)