

Prayerwalk Training Guide

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Prayer Journey

Going somewhere — around the corner or around the world — for the primary purpose of intercessory prayer on location.

Prayerwalk

A method of intercessory prayer that involves walking while praying at the location of the prayer journey. Prayerwalking may also include riding, jogging, boating, biking, flying, riding on a train, etc.

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

The biblical basis for prayerwalking

The term prayerwalking 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; Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 1:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:17. Prayerwalking is a way of practicing intercessory prayer without ceasing.

Prayerwalking then is . . . intercession

Intercession is a biblical priority (1 Timothy 2:1-8). Of the prayers in the Bible where we know what the answer is, 78 percent are prayers of intercession (for others), while 22 percent are prayers of petition (for self). Prayerwalking 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 (John 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 (Revelation 12:10-11). Prayerwalkers are on the scene without making a scene.

With information

When we go to a new location, especially outside of our comfort zone or across a cultural barrier, our eyes and ears provide us with new information. When we pray in a prayer room, we are limited to what God reveals to us in our hearts and minds. Prayerwalking adds the five senses as a 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 (James 4:7), our weapons (2 Corinthians 10:3-5) and our equipping (Ephesians 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 prayerwalking is that God might be glorified among the nations (Psalm 46:10; Psalm 108:3-5). To participate for any other reason calls for a reevaluation of motives. For those who seek to glorify God in their prayerwalking, there are wonderful biblical promises — Joshua 3:5; Isaiah 41:13; Habakkuk 1:5.

Practical suggestions for intercessory prayerwalking

- Spiritual • Physical • Relational • Practical

A final question ... or three

- **Does prayerwalking 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 prayerwalk?**
- **Will it make any difference if I prayerwalk?** Time and experiences will tell.

A prayer for prayerwalkers

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 waymakers.org
- *Prayerwalking Made Simple* from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (919) 467-5100 or northcarolinabaptists.org
- *I Danced in Africa, a Prayer Walking Mission*, by Elizabeth Marshall, available at XulonPress.com
- *Follow Me, Becoming a Lifestyle Prayerwalker*, by Randy Sprinkle, New Hope Publishers, Birmingham, Ala.
- *Prayer Journeys, a Leader's How-To Manual*, available at calebproject.org
- *Prayer Walking, a Journey of Faith*, by Dan R. Crawford and Calvin Miller, AMG Publishers
- *Prayer-walking: Praying On Site With Insight*, by Steve Hawthorne and Graham Kendrick, available at waymakers.org or charismahouse.com