

## **Scripture and Practical Tips for Prayer Walking**

Prayer walking is really a practice of praying “on location.” It provides opportunity for the prayer to intercede for a particular need in a particular location with added passion and clarity. Certainly people can pray to God anywhere, about practically anything— but there’s nothing like heightening the senses: sight, sound, smells, touch, and even understanding— like prayer walking. In doing some research, I did not find any direct Scriptures on prayer walking, only that as people in biblical times traveled mainly on foot, it would seem logical that prayer walking took place (1Thessalonians 5:17).

### **We are encouraging people in our church family to prayer walk. A few suggestions:**

- Your own neighborhood
- Around your child’s school (or students— try prayer walking around your own school)
- At your workplace (bring a family member or friend)
- Throughout the neighborhoods surrounding our campuses!

### **Just a few thoughts as you pray:**

-For our Heavenly Father to draw people to Jesus. “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him” (John 6:44).

-For God to awaken spiritual hunger in the community. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied” (Matthew 5:6).

-For the men in the community to wake up to their need of God in their lives. “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” (Romans 12:2).

-For yourselves. “Always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15).

-To ask the Lord to direct your prayers and petitions. “Praying at all times in the Spirit” (Ephesians 6:18)

-“That the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored” (2 Thessalonians 3:1).

-To “Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving” (Colossians 4:2).

-For the powers of darkness in our neighborhood to flee. “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7).

-Thanking God for His powerful Word, “the Sword of the Spirit” (Ephesians 6:17).

**Note:** If you encounter people, tell them you're with Island Christian Church and you are praying God's blessings over the neighborhood. If appropriate, ask them, "Is there anything we can pray for you?" Offer them a “Stop and Think” gospel presentation card, which you can pick up at ICC’s Information Centers.

**Other Scriptures to carry with you and read as you walk:**

Matthew 5:16--let your light shine before others, so that[a] they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Colossians 4:3-4 At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison - that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

Ephesians 6:10-14 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

2 Corinthians 10:4

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. 5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, 6 being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

Thank you again for your service to the Lord and His church! We will be praying for you!