

MLEPC Neighborhood Prayer Walk

Join us in the drive thru at church at 10am on Oct 24. We will return to the church at 11:45am for a wrap-up and closing prayer. We will divide into groups of 2-4, and each group will be assigned a neighborhood near our church. Families are welcome! You can either walk or drive to the neighborhoods to pray, so those with mobility issues will still be able to participate.

If you are unable to join us at church on Oct 24, please feel free to pray on your own. You can pray at home, or you could consider walking through your neighborhood or driving to a neighborhood or school near the church. Send an email to Pat Gaudio if you have any questions – we'd also love to hear if you are participating! Pat's email is t4two98@hotmail.com.

2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV

...if then my people, who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sin and I will heal their land.

Pray for discernment -

Seek the gift of seeing the community through Christ's "lens" and discern what God is already doing there; ask God to show you how you can pray with greater insight for people, events and places in the community.

Pray for blessings -

Pray for community, homes, businesses, schools, churches and people you encounter; pray for God's intervention in each life, so that each one can be fruitful in God's kingdom; pray for God's will to be done in this community as it is in heaven.

Matt 6: 9-10 NIV

This is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Pray for empathy -

Ask God to help you see and feel what residents live with every day; offer intercession for those things that express brokenness and grieves God's spirit; give thanks to God for the blessings and gifts that exist in the community.

Pray from Scripture -

Prayers based directly on God's word can be especially powerful.

Pray in God's power -

Allow a time of silence for God's spirit to speak to you and/or through you.

Romans 8:26 NIV

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

Pray with confidence in the power of Jesus name.

John 14:12-14 NIV

Very, truly, I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And, I will do whatever you ask in my name so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name I will do it.

Like the disciples sent out by Christ, we are empowered to push back the darkness. What would it look like for God's kingdom to come in this neighborhood as it is in heaven? Pray with boldness and authority that God would pour out His Spirit on these places, destroy the work of the enemy, and release those who have been captive to the darkness that they may be free in Christ.

Luke 10:17-18 NIV

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you."

As you return to the church, spend time praising God for the ways He has promised to answer these prayers.

If you are asked what you are doing by people passing by:

Simply explain, we are praying God's blessing on the neighborhood. You could then ask, "Are there any specific ways we can pray for you or others?"

Attitudes of prayer walking

1. We walk before the throne in an attitude of worship.
2. We prayer walk amidst the evil powers with prayers of warfare
3. We prayer walk throughout the community of people with prayers of blessings.
4. We can pray blessings of peace upon families, businesses, schools, churches, senior living facilities, parks, etc.