

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

Walk as children of light

~Ephesians 5:8-9

International Weekend of Prayer & Fasting for Victims of Sexual Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation

Prayer Walk Guide

What is a Prayer Walk: *“Prayer walking is the practice of praying on location, a type of intercessory prayer that involves walking to or near a particular place while praying.”* ~ Got Questions Ministries

Guidelines:

1. The object of the walk is to make intercessory prayer for the places and people in the community impacted by sex trafficking and the commercial sex industry.
2. As you walk, know that you are bringing Light into the darkness: "Christ IN YOU, the hope of Glory". With every step on the sidewalk, know that you are bringing the light of Christ who dwells in you, into that area of darkness. Just the act of walking and bringing the Light is an enormous spiritual act, which will reap rewards unknown to you in the spiritual kingdom.
3. Consider that as Christ has taken up residence in your heart and life there is "tabernacle-ing" with us. As you walk, pray as if you are carrying the tabernacle as in the days of old. "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, Heaven AND EARTH are filled with your Glory. Hosanna in the Highest".
4. You may wish to be silent for a time, to listen to what God wants to reveal to you. If you are part of a group, keep casual conversation among group members to a minimum. Avoid chit-chat. Stay centered on Christ and a spirit of prayer.
5. If you are part of a group, you may walk in pairs or follow along individually. You may be led to stand, walk, or stop. Be obedient to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Don't be overly concerned about staying with others, unless the area is dangerous and it is preferred to stay in small groups. This is a time of solidarity with the Lord.
6. Be discreet. As a group we want to avoid making a spectacle and/or creating possible confrontations with the public or persons from the commercial sex industry. So, for instance, do not prayer directly outside of a sexually oriented business, but across the street from it.

And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.

~Matthew 6:5

7. Use your senses to take in your surroundings. What do you see, hear and smell? What do these observations prompt you to pray about?
8. You may find yourself praying aloud. If so, please be mindful of the person near you who may wish to pray silently and be distracted by your words.
9. You may be led to sing a hymn or song aloud as you walk. Again, be mindful of others and separate yourself a distance away from those who may lose their concentration by your singing.
10. If you are part of a group, it is important to reassemble as a group to share with the Body what you may have felt or heard from the Holy Spirit, as well as the emotions you may be experiencing. Pick a time and place to assemble so that you can debrief and close the walk in group prayer.
11. Make your prayers as specific as possible. For instance:

- **Pray that the hearts of those involved in the sex industry in any capacity will be captured by God's immense love for them. Pray that God will make true love apparent to them and remove blinders of lust, greed, shame, desperation, and hopelessness.**

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities or powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height or depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

~Romans 8:38-39

I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

~John 12:46

- **Pray against the strongholds of the enemy. Pray that God will destroy the business structure that supports the sex trade industry.**

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

~Ephesians 6:12

- **Pray for workers to enter the harvest.**

Then he said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

~Matt. 9:37-38

- **Pray for God to make a way for us to share the gospel.**

Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I also am in chains, that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.

~Colossians 4:2-5

- **Pray for fearlessness and love.**

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

~ 1 John 4:18

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

~ Psalms 34:7

- **Pray for everyone with thankfulness.**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

~ 1 Timothy 2:1-3

- **Pray in confession of sin.**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

~ 1 John 1:8-9

- **Pray for spiritual awakening.**

If 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 will forgive their sin and heal their land.

~ 2 Chronicles 7:14

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