

Prayer Walking Training



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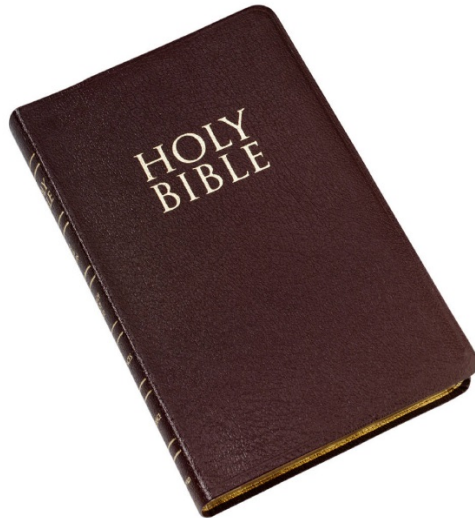
These materials are drawn up in preparation for a prayer walking mission trip to the Yavapai Baptist Association from September 4-9, 2013. Much of the material is adapted from the North American Mission Board and International Mission Board.

For I am the LORD your God, Who upholds your right hand, Who says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.' Isaiah 41:13 (NASB)

Biblical Foundations

Prayer walking is not a Biblical term; its first use appeared in the 1960's

But it still has a Biblical Foundation



Prayer walking is a form of *'praying without ceasing'*

(Referencing 1 Thessalonians 5:17 KJV)

Consider Ephesians 6:18 over the next couple of weeks.

Use it as a guide for this mission trip.

Notice the verse has two verbal ideas.

Praying

Watching

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

The Power of Location

In John 11:41-42 Jesus waited to get on location and pray for Lazarus

In Luke 10, Jesus sends the disciples to pray on location

Advantages of being on site

“Prayer walking adds the five senses as a means of God’s revelation.”
– NAMB

You make an emotional connection with the place.

You see needs and issues to pray about. (Also hear, smell, feel)

Physical expression of your commitment



The Power of Connection

Cooperation with local Christian workers

Concern for the lost you previously were unaware of

Unity among believers

Remember the small group promise of Matthew 19:19-20

“Again, I assure you: If two of you on earth agree about any matter that you pray for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there among them.”

The Nature of Spiritual Warfare

“Satan is the great adversary and will likely cause opposition both from within as well as from without.” – NAMB

When this opposition occurs we will respond based on James 4:7.

Therefore, submit to God. But resist the Devil, and he will flee from you.

We will remember to fight with spiritual weapons 2 Corinthians 10:3-5.
For though we live in the body, we do not wage war in an unspiritual way, since the weapons of our warfare are not worldly, but are powerful through God for the demolition of strongholds. We demolish arguments and every high-minded thing that is raised up against the knowledge of God, taking every thought captive to obey Christ.

We will prepare for the battle according Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by His vast strength. Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the tactics of the Devil. For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens. This is why you must take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand. Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist, righteousness like armor on your chest, and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace. In every situation take the shield of faith, and with it you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is God’s word. 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.

Things we will not do

We will not talk to Satan nor will we address any aspect of Satan's kingdom.

“Don't press the enemy; praise the victor.” – NAMB

We will not draw undue attention to ourselves.

“Prayer walkers are on the scene without making a scene.”
– NAMB

We will not get emotionally out of control or allow the minor issues to become major ones.

By controlling our emotions we can take away many of the devil's weapons.

We will not be prideful, arrogant, disrespectful, or display any behavior the community will perceive as negative.

We will rely on God to keep our attitudes and behaviors in submission to Him.

“The purpose of our prayerwalking is that God might be glorified among the nations. To participate for any other reason calls for a reevaluation of motives.” – NAMB

God, be exalted above the heavens, and let Your glory be over the whole earth.

Psalm 108:6 (HCSB)