

PRAYER-WALK YOUR HIGH STREET

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.'
[Romans 15:13]

*'Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you...
Pray to the Lord for it' Jeremiah 29:7*

As our nation moves out of lockdown, we as God's children have a dynamic ministry to perform: Praying for, taking spiritual authority over, and speaking blessings over, our local area - in particular the heart of our community, the high street!

The economic and social impact of COVID-19 may be huge and this is a crucial time for Christians to be seeking God's will and blessing for our villages, towns and cities. During Jesus' three years of ministry, He prayerfully walked the streets of Israel's towns and cities, meeting people as He went, releasing abundance, identifying sinful behaviour and ministering healing to the broken. In Matthew 16:19, He said, 'I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Why is this important? Because we are Jesus' body - and the way He extended His Kingdom then is the same way He will extend it now, through us, His hands and feet, continuing to do what He did then. He promised us in John 14:12: 'I am telling you the truth: those who believe in me will do what I do—yes, they will do even greater things, because I am going to the Father.'

So what does it look like to 'prayer walk' your high street?

PLAN AHEAD

Who will be going?

Go on your own, in socially distanced pairs or a larger group that separates for the walk itself.

How will you organise it?

Prepare ahead of time by getting together online as a group to pray and set a time to finish. Then, after the prayer walk, meet again online to feedback what you learnt and what the Holy Spirit showed you.

WHEN YOU MEET

Be blessed

First receive God's blessing - ask the Holy Spirit to come and lead your prayers.

Be protected

Put on the full armour of God (Ephesians 6:11-18).

Be thankful

For the blessings that this high street has given so many and for those who worked hard to provide services over the years.

AS YOU WALK:

Be expectant

Listen to the Holy Spirit as you walk in your local high street.

Be repentant

Ask God to forgive us for anything in the high street that offends His perfect will and ask for things to change.

Be a blessing

Bless the buildings, businesses, staff and owners of the businesses, the council services and any other community hubs with healing and restoration.

Be creative

As led by the Holy Spirit, pray for new initiatives to be birthed, dying initiatives to be revived or remodelled within God's will.

Be good news

Take care of others by staying socially distanced – stay safe! – be friendly and notice the people around you – might God be highlighting someone to you to pray for as you go along?

WHEN YOU FINISH:

Be grateful

Share together what you observed and what the Holy Spirit showed you, and share more widely to your church

Finish

With the Lord's Prayer – Your kingdom come...

More Prayer Walking Resources:

Web links:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/prayer-walkinghttps://neighbourhoodprayer.net/content/pages/documents/1374217706.pdf>

Books:

The Grace Outpouring – Roy Godwin

The way of Blessing – Roy Godwin

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