

OCTOBER MONTH OF PRAYER

Love your
neighbor
by lifting
them up

PRAYER GUIDE

One of the most loving things you can do for your neighbor is pray over them. During the month of October, we're setting aside dedicated time to prayer walk our neighborhoods and ask God to bring repentance, renewal, radical devotion, and revival.

What is prayer walking?

Prayer walking is an easy way to have a profound impact on your neighborhood. Simply gather with your Home Group or friends and family and begin walking around your neighborhood, praying over the houses you pass. You can even begin knocking on doors and asking your neighbors if there is anything specific in their lives that you can pray for.

Prayer Guide Week 1

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray against forces that seek to destroy the Church of Jesus Christ.
- Ask God to forgive where our nation has failed to follow His commands.
- Ask the Lord to humble us and heal our land as we seek His face.
- Pray with expectancy that the Lord's kingdom would come.

REPENTANCE DANIEL 9:3–19

To begin our Month of Prayer, we are going to ask God to forgive our sins and the sins of our country and show us mercy. In this week's passage, Daniel asks God for the forgiveness of Israel using the word "we." Although there is no evidence that Daniel is guilty of the sins of Israel, that doesn't stop him from repenting on behalf of the nation with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. As you walk this week, ask God to forgive the sins of our nation. Be specific. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you what to seek forgiveness for concerning our nation.

Prayer Guide Week 2

PRAYER POINTS

- Thank God for the opportunity to pursue renewal in your community.
- Ask God to make us a people who look like Jesus.
- Pray that God would take our hearts, our minds, our eyes, our mouths, our hands, and our feet as a dedication to Him.
- Ask God to give us a passion for His presence, His Word, and His people.

RENEWAL EPHESIANS 5:1–17

This week, we are going to ask God to bring renewal to our church.

Renewal usually precedes revival. In short, renewal is simply when the church is the way God intends it to be. It involves an awakening to and reprioritization of the Lord's will for His people.

We see the idea of renewal in Ephesians 5:1–17. In this passage, Paul admonishes believers to wake up and rise from the deadness of their former ways. There's a call to imitate God, to understand and pursue His will. As you pray this week, ask the Holy Spirit to awaken the church—God's children—that she might be the way God intends her to be: consumed with the Lord's will and His kingdom come.

Prayer Guide Week 3

PRAYER POINTS

- Ask the Lord to reveal places where your own faith has become stagnant.
- Ask the Spirit to reveal where fear or complacency have prevented you from faithfully following Jesus.
- Pray that as individuals and as a church, we would be filled with courage and endurance to faithfully follow Jesus in making disciples.
- Ask for specific opportunities or assignments to step into what God is doing in our homes, in our communities, and around the world.

RADICAL DEVOTION ISAIAH 6:1–8 ROMANS 12:9–13

We have a tremendous capacity to live radically when we have been provoked by something great. We want a war to fight, an adventure to join, an epic story to be a part of, and we will give everything when we find it. One of the primary reasons Christians can be frustrated, disappointed, or bored is that we haven't accepted the invitation to follow Jesus and are settling for loose affiliation and event participation. We need a fresh encounter with God to be provoked by His holiness that creates a hunger for His glory. This week, we are praying that the Lord would stir us up to be biblically faithful, spiritually alive, and joyfully sent followers of Jesus in our community, actively participating in what God is doing in the world.

Prayer Guide Week 4

PRAYER POINTS

- Ask the Holy Spirit to convict us of sin.
- Ask God to increase our evangelistic fervor and lead our neighbors to conversion.
- Pray for increased affection for Christ and joy in the Lord.
- Ask God to transform both yourself and your community.

REVIVAL ACTS 2:1–47

From the time the followers of Christ gathered to wait in Jerusalem for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit until today, revival has come when God's people pray fervently and without ceasing.

