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## **iNeighborhood Prayerwalking**

“Church Lady, may I speak with you for a moment?” I’ll never forget this particular conversation that took place one day as I was prayer walking on the street where I live. Regularly I walk through the neighborhood praying for my neighbors, many known only by their house or the color of their car, or an occasional balloon burst that announces a special event. But I still walk and pray that God continue to shine his mercy and grace into the lives and homes of those in this neighborhood. I pray that they will know Jesus their Savior and I pray for opportunities to share the Good News. As I walk, I pray for peace in their lives, for health, and wonderful children and grandchildren. I pray...and every once in a while, someone comes to ask me to pray for them by name or by need. And I do so with the complete confidence that God hears and answers.

Prayer walking is wonderful way to lift up the concerns of a community before the Lord. It is a very visible way to be the church in those places where God so desperately wants to be. It is an excellent way to pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to change lives and turn hearts to him. It becomes a way to know your neighbor.

You don’t need a large area for prayer walking. Begin with you street, block, or cul-de-sac. Stand at your front door and prayer the compass points: the neighbor to your north, south, east and west.

As you continue your prayerwalking, neighbors will recognize you and the pattern that you are creating...it may be just the open door opportunity that God provides for you to speak with your neighbor. You may want to carry a small notepad with you, for just those moments so that you may collect their prayer needs.

A prayer that you may want to use as you begin the journey:

Lord, I realize that I am powerless to do anything of significance without You. Direct my footsteps and open my eyes to the needs of those in this neighborhood. Hear the prayers offered on behalf of all Your children, shine the light of your grace and love in the community, and fill the lives and homes of all who dwell here with Your peace. In Your mighty name – Jesus Christ I pray. Amen.

God bless you in your prayer walking.