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PLANNING
YOUR
HARDEST
PRAYER WALK



Planning Your Walk

Before the Walk

- **Invite other local churches to participate with you in planning and in the Walk**
- Call your mayor's office or local police department to fill them in on your plans.
- Make a courtesy call to any local businesses or government buildings if they will be a focus of your walk.
- Determine how you will publicize your walk: flyers, facebook, church bulletin inserts, etc.
- Be spiritually prepared – pray ahead of time for the task.
- Based on your demographic research, determine what locations, groups, buildings God is leading you to pray for.
- Map out route(s) of similar lengths so the groups will finish near the same time. Choose routes with kids in mind if they will be joining you.
- Choose leaders for each team and communicate what locations and needs are represented on each route.
- **Invite churches from your CGGC Region to join your Walk.**

The Day of the Walk

- Wear comfortable shoes and clothing.
- Bring water, sun screen, etc. as weather dictates.
- Introduce team leaders and divide into teams – based on pre-mapped routes (supply maps or route instructions).
- Take time for people to be introduced to each other – there is power in prayer together.
- Supply individuals with prayer guides (pocket-size cards) as a prayer focus.
- Pray as a team before you walk.
- Sub-groups of 2 or 3 will probably emerge as you walk, depending on walk ways and sidewalks.
- As you walk, pray with eyes open, sensitive to what might prompt prayer.
- Leaders can serve as “tour guides,” pointing out areas of need or ministries, stopping the group to pray at designated areas.
- Smile and greet those you meet. If it seems appropriate, ask, “Is there anything we can pray about for you?”
- Listen and reinforce the prayers of others in your group.
- Re-convene with other teams at a designated time and place.

Debrief Together After the Walk

- What did you see? Needs? Ministries? Surprises? For Sale signs? Closed businesses?
- What was difficult? Did you feel any spiritual resistance?
- What opportunities presented? To smile, greet, pray with someone?
- What did you hear from God? What is he prompting you to do?
- Praise and worship together in expectation of his answers.

Things to Consider While Planning Your Walk

Locations where you may want to walk

- Government buildings
- Churches or locations for possible new church starts
- High places – mountains or tall buildings – where you can get a perspective of the area
- Neighborhoods and homes
- Helping agencies, food bank, city mission
- Schools, colleges
- Hospitals
- Business areas
- Shopping areas, malls, places where people meet
- Sites of other religions, false religions, sect groups, or cults
- Places of long-term persistent need

Do research on your location

Prayer walking with no information becomes difficult as the walk continues

- Demographic information of racial and ethnic population
- Socioeconomic circumstances and needs
- Religious presence, as well as needs
- Names of those who minister in the area
- Major physical and material needs
- Possibilities of future ministry
- What spiritual activity is already underway as well as opposition to it