

Praying for your neighbourhood

What to pray, how to pray – getting started

Undertaking to pray for our communities can be a huge and daunting task. Here are a few suggestions for getting started.

What to pray for

- That unbelievers will become Christians
- Blessing on your local churches - that remarkable unity would be achieved
- For those who are in authority, all who shape the life of the local community. Ask them what their prayer requests are. Pray God's blessing on them
- Pray that Satan's strongholds will be broken, creating a new awareness of God's presence and an opening for the gospel
- Pray that God will transform society; that our prayers will bring measurable benefits such as a reduction in crime, abuse, dishonesty and selfishness and an increase in integrity, truth, compassion and righteousness

Ways to pray

- "The first step of prayer evangelism is to develop a strategy to ensure intercession is being done for everybody within a given area" (Ed Silvoso)
- Pray during Sunday services, and during quiet times by yourself
- Prayer walk your neighbourhood
- "Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know" (The Message)
- Keep a list of the names or addresses of those for whom you specially want to pray
- Join a prayer triplet to pray for your church fellowship and your community
- Involve the leadership of your church
- Join with other Christians in your area, perhaps holding a united prayer conference
- Use polling lists to pray for your area
- Organise a prayer concert
- When you believe the time is right, give a "praying for you" card to someone you are praying for, or put them through doors on your prayer walk