

TRANSFORMING SCOTLAND STEP BY STEP

Many individuals, churches and Christian organisations across Scotland are joining together to fill each island, city, town and village with prayer. Hundreds of people just like you are taking prayer to the streets. To Prayer Walk our whole nation is achievable, and every Christian can play a vital part. Simply walk round your neighbourhood, workplace, or wherever you choose and pray in God's blessings. Steve Hawthorne and Graham Kendrick in the book '*Prayerwalking*' describes this kind of praying as, 'Ordinary believers stepping out into the streets to pray effectively for their neighbours. With eyes wide open to real needs and with ears open to the prompting's of God's Spirit, intercession becomes an adventure.'

Our aim is to make every place in Scotland a 'prayed over' place. Can you imagine your community as a prayer-saturated community? Please register online at www.prayforscotland.org.uk and tell us which areas you are praying for. Some churches and organisations are adopting larger areas to pray over. Pray for Scotland would be delighted to draw along side you at anytime to encourage you in all aspects of prayer. Contact us on our web site.

To sign-up to prayer walk your community and for more information visit www.prayforscotland.org.uk

HERE ARE FOUR BASIC PRAYER POINTS TO GET YOU STARTED

Pray blessings over your community, schools, government, businesses, families etc., in your community.

'Through the blessing of the upright a city is exalted.' (Proverbs 11v11)

Pray God's covering of peace and protection for the lives and homes in your area.

'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.' (Numbers 6v24-26)

Pray for God's Glory to unite the churches.

'That all of them may be one, just as you are in me and I am in you ...I have given them the glory you gave me, that they may be one as we are one.' (John 17v21-22)

Believe the the good news of Christ will impact your region.

'The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.' (Acts 13v49)



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TAKING IT to the streets



IMPACTING YOUR COMMUNITY

Prayer Walking – This is right up your street!

Prayer walking is just what it sounds like — simply walking and talking to God. Prayer walkers don't make a big thing about what they're doing. In fact, it is praying on scene without making one. Prayer walking opens up doors of opportunity to see and hear the prompting's of the Holy Spirit. Encountering your community enlarges your heart for the people and enlarges your heart for mission and evangelism. If we don't walk our streets and pray for our neighbours then who will? Our streets are walked mostly by people who live in spiritual darkness how wonderful to walk these same streets and pray in light and life.

As we prayer walk we are able at the prompting's of the Holy Spirit to pray into all kinds of situations – marriages, families, parents, children, divorce and separation, violence and abuse, young people, schools and education, employment, drug and alcohol abuse, crime and law and order, homelessness, single parent families, stress, poverty, loneliness, the elderly, health to name but a few – no shortage of powerful prayer opportunities – yes you can pray for all these in churches and from your own home but how more real it is to see these situations face to face with real people.

As you prayer walk your street sometime people will ask you what you are doing and in telling them, opens up opportunity for praying with people and being able to be the hands and feet and tongue of Jesus to them.

If you would like to read more about Prayer Walking then go to www.prayforscotland.org.uk and there will be more material available to you.

Lighthouses of Prayer

What is a Lighthouse ? A Lighthouse is a person, family or small group committed to pray for, care for and share Christ with family members, friends, classmates, coworkers and neighbours, especially those who do not know Him. Praying, caring, sharing Christians impact the lives of those in their circle of influence. Prayer moves God's hand in their lives (James 5:16). Caring demonstrates God's love in practical ways (Romans 12:21). Sharing exposes them to the power of the Gospel (Romans 1:16).

Who can be a lighthouse? Every believer has what it takes to be a Lighthouse. Christ who is the Light of the world dwells in each of us. Lighting our world is simply a matter of letting Christ shine through us. As it is the nature of a light bulb to give light, so it's the nature of a Christian to shine. Every true Christian, having access to God's throne through Jesus Christ, can pray. Every believer, having been touched by God's loving care, can care. Every child of God, having been touched by God's grace, can share the good news.

How should I pray? Think of the word **BLESS** to remember five important ways to pray for your neighbours:

- B** Body – health, protection, strength
- L** Labour – work, income, security
- E** Emotional – joy, peace, comfort, inner quiet
- S** Social – love, marriage, family, friends
- S** Spiritual – salvation, faith, grace

Pray especially for God to free those who are in bondage to the evil one giving them light to see, ears to hear, open minds and responsive hearts. "2Corinthians Ch 4v4"

Praying the Word of God in the Community



When prayer walking you will notice many problems in your community but it is always good to focus on the promises of God and pray them into each situation. Ask the Holy

Spirit to bring the scripture to your mind that meets the need of the situation you are seeing. The Bible reminds us that the entrance of God's word brings light. As you read your bible underline any promises so that you will be able to pray them into particular needs you meet.

Psalm 23 is a wonderful scripture to use when out prayer walking. Every verse is a mandate for a changed life. God has used it to bring healing and wholeness and hope into our own lives so from our experience of the goodness of God we are able then to pray that same blessing into the lives of those we see as we walk. The Lord's Prayer is another scripture we can use. Remember the Word of God is powerful.... Keep using it.

IF YOU DON'T PRAY FOR YOUR NEIGHBOUR - WHO WILL?

A Prayer of Blessing

Father, I commit to pray for the people in my street. You told us to love our neighbours as ourselves, and one of the ways I can demonstrate my love for my neighbour is by praying for them.

I want to pray your blessing down on them and for them to know you as I know you and for them to know Jesus as their Saviour and Lord.

Help me to be a good neighbour - I want to have your eyes as I look at my neighbour and to have your heart as I pray for them.

In Jesus name - Amen