

The Art of Neighboring

Neighborhood Prayer Walk

"God marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek God, and perhaps reach out and find God, though God is not far from any of us." — Acts 17:26–27

Take a walk around your neighborhood. Pay attention to the people, homes, businesses, schools, parks, and places you pass every day. Ask God to help you notice your neighbors and see your neighborhood with love.

- **Pray for the people you see.**

- As you walk, notice the people around you.
- **Pray:** *God, bless each person I encounter today. Help me to see them not as strangers, but as people made in Your image, who are deeply loved by You. [If you know someone's name, pray for them by name.]*
- **Reflect:** Who did you notice?

- **Pray for your neighborhood's needs.**

- Pay attention to what you see! Are there places that need care? People who may be isolated? Families who may be struggling?
- **Pray:** *God, help me notice what my neighborhood needs. Give me eyes to see what I might normally overlook. Give me the courage to respond with love, mercy, and compassion.*
- **Reflect:** What did you notice?

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- **Pray for connection.**

- Ask God to help you move from neighbors who are strangers, to neighbors who are acquaintances, to neighbors you share life with.
- **Pray:** *God, help me become a good neighbor. Give me opportunities to introduce myself, learn names, listen to stories, offer help, share life, and build relationships.*
- **Reflect:** Is there someone you might reach out to?

- **End your prayer with gratitude.**

- Before you finish your walk, stop and look around. What is beautiful about your neighborhood? Where did you notice God's goodness?
- **Pray:** *God, thank You for this place and the people who call it home. Help me love my neighbors. Remind me that Your presence is already here.*
- **Reflect:** What is one thing you can do this week to love your neighborhood?