

## **Lakewood Neighborhood Prayer Walk Information and Instruction Sheet**

**THEME VERSES:** “I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—<sup>2</sup>for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” - 1 Timothy 2:1-2

**PURPOSE:** To have 200 plus people that are Lakewood members and regular attendees to pray for a minimum of 8 blocks in and near where they live.

**WHAT WILL BE COVERED:** All neighborhood streets where we have people from Lakewood living. We will also be praying for every government service, emergency services, schools, parks, non-profits and business in the cities of Brainerd and Baxter.

**START:** Thursday, May 2 (National Day of Prayer)

**WHEN:** Complete your neighborhood by Memorial Day (May 27), we are encouraging you to join others from church or believers in your neighbor if possible. If you have time, do it multiple times. Morning, Afternoon, Evening, Anytime is a good time to pray.

### **KEEP IT SIMPLE. . . .**

We understand that some people of mobility issues, so we encourage those that are in situations like that to just drive. You are welcome to ride bikes, bring the kids (strollers), walk your dog, etc. The key is to take a moment at each home, park or area to pause and pray.

### **1-2-3 HOW SHOULD I PRAY?**

1) Before you go begin praying for others, it is important to get you own heart and mind in the right place. So please take a few minutes to pray something like this. “Dear Lord, please help me to see my neighborhood the way you see my neighborhood. Please help me to love others as you love me. Lord help me to see what needs I can meet to help people around me see your love for them.” Feel free to personalize it, but the key is prepare yourself or your group. If you really want to ramp up the prayer, ask God to have people out and about while your our praying. Remember to not view this as a task to get done, but an opportunity to bring the light to Christ to your neighborhood by your intentional commitment to pray.

2) Be friendly and approachable (Say hello, wave, etc). Sure it can seem a bit intimidating, but you live in this neighborhood, it is not as though you don’t belong there. If someone is wondering what you are doing, let them know.

## **Lakewood Church has committed to praying for every neighborhood and home in the Brainerd/ Baxter area.**

a) It is our desire to communicate that I (prayer walker) and Lakewood cares about this neighborhood and the people that live here by praying for God's blessing, favor and protection over this area.

b) We want to also communicate that God loves this neighborhood and we want others to know that God loves them.

c) If you meet someone, ask them if they want prayer. If they do, ask for request, if they don't have one, pray a quick prayer of "blessing" (Numbers 6:24-26 & Psalm 72:17) either way. This type of prayer is a way to open doors to God's kindness and love. We want to communicate that God is for them and desires to know them. This is not a time for theological debates.

If they are interested, feel free to give them a green "How to Start a Relationship with God" card.

3) Briefly pause at each home or location and pray as specially as you can. Look around, if there are bikes, toys around that may mean a family lives there. Be a good observer as use that as way to lead you in your brief prayer.

### **Ideas For Prayer Focus. . .**

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would open their eyes to see their need for Jesus.
- Pray for strong marriages and the children. (Proverbs 20:7 & John 10:10)
- Pray for people to enter their lives that can show them God's love for them. It could be you.
- Pray for true peace (1 Thessalonians 3:16, 1 Corinthians 2:14)
- Pray for God's provision in their life (Proverbs 11:11)
- Pray for the spiritual oppression they have because of their separation from God. Pray that they will see Jesus' great love for them. (Psalm 103:2-6 & Revelation 21:5)
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would soften their heart toward spiritual things.

### **WHAT DO I DO WHEN I AM DONE. . .**

Beginning on Sunday, May 12 we will have maps of area in our Missions Corner and we would like you come over and highlight the area that you completed. We will also have maps and location with some areas that we don't have people living in the area to pray for those. Pick one up, they will have instructions on what to do.

Watch the Church Bulletin for additional information.

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