

What Else Can We Pray For?

- Pray for school officials, leaders, teachers, support staff, bus drivers and safety officers by name.
- Pray for teachers:
 - To be bold as they invest in young lives and hearts.
 - To be salt and light.
 - To walk in the Spirit.
 - To show justice, love and mercy.
- Pray for Christ-followers to show and tell the Gospel in the school.
- Pray that God would use local churches to minister and reflect His glory to the city and to the schools.
- Ask the Lord for His Kingdom to come and consume the campus, and to transform lives for His glory.

What Do I Do on a Prayer Walk?

- Meet with your family or small group at your local school campus.
- Walk around the school or inside the school (with permission).
- Pray as you walk, using this Westwood Prayer Walking Guide.
- Gather and pray with your family or small group to conclude your prayer walk.



Invest in people who will **IMPACT** their world for Jesus

Prayer Walking Guide: Schools

"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5:16

"Pray without ceasing" 1 Thessalonians 5:17

What is Prayer Walking?

Prayer walking is a way to **walk with Christ** and continually **pray for the world** around you. The Apostle Paul tells Timothy to pray for "all men" because God "desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:1-4). People matter to God and He desires for all to know Him through His Son, Jesus Christ. When believers walk in their world and pray, they join God in His pursuit of drawing people to Himself.

Prayer walking is **a discipline** of continually walking with God, seeking to maintain fellowship with Him, and demonstrating your complete dependence upon Him. (Gen. 5:24, Gen. 6:9; Lev. 26:12; Micah 6:8; 2 Cor 6:16)

Prayer walking is praying towards **the Great Commission**. It is an evangelism tool that asks the Lord to work in a particular time, in a particular place, and in a particular people. (Matt 28:18-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 10:2, Acts 1:8)

Prayer walking is **spiritual warfare**. To seek the Lord on behalf of others is to unleash the Holy Spirit to work in the lives of people, families and communities. The gates of hell cannot prevail against the church as it intentionally prays toward the Great Commission. (Matt 16:18; Acts 4:23-33; 2 Cor 10:4, Eph 6:10-20)

How can we pray for schools?

- **Pray for God's hand on the school**

Ask the Lord for His presence to rest on the campus, the classrooms, and the hearts of all who gather there.

- Isaiah 26:8—*Yes, LORD, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.*

- **Pray for revival**

Ask the Lord to send His Spirit to move in the hearts of the students, the teachers, and the administrators of the school.

- Psalm 85:6,7—*Will you not revive us again, that our people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.*

- **Pray for school leaders to lead with wisdom, courage, and truth**

Lift up those making decisions that they would lead in such a way that is for the good of the city (Jer 29:7).

- James 3:17—*But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.*

- **Pray for physical and spiritual protection**

Ask the Lord to protect the campus from selfish and sinful actions from those who would seek to do harm. Pray for God's mercy to shield and defend the school from the enemy.

- Psalm 18:2—*The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer. My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

- **Pray for teachers to be skillful in their teaching**

Ask the Lord to equip and enable teachers to teach with clarity, passion, and effectiveness.

- Colossians 3:17—*And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

- **Pray for teachers to display the fruit of the Spirit to the students and to one another.**

Ask God to empty His people of themselves, and fill them with the Spirit so that He might work through them.

- Galatians 5:22-23—*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

- **Pray for teachers to be strong, steadfast, and wise.**

Lift up teachers and leaders, and ask God to use them as they work hard, for an audience of One.

- 1 Corinthians 15:58—*Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*

- **Pray for students to be teachable, humble, and eager to learn**

Ask the Lord to give students a humble, teachable heart that seeks to grow in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and men (Lk 2:52).

- Proverbs 9:9—*Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.*

- **Pray for students to be kind and loving to one another.**

Ask the Lord to break down relationship barriers amongst the students, and they would love one another, the way Jesus loves us.

- John 15:12-13—*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

- **Pray for God to raise up students and leaders who will live on mission.**

Ask the Lord to raise up Kingdom-minded harvest laborers, who will love and lead others well.

- Luke 10:2—*And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

—Romans 12:12