



**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind.
Love your neighbor as yourself. *Luke 10:27 NLT***

PREPARE

Humble yourself before God. He goes before you. Ask God to lead you. Trust his guidance.

"The Lord looks out over the whole earth. He gives strength to those who commit their lives completely to him." 2 Chronicles 16:9 NIRV

SCRIPTURE

Select a verse to pray as you walk your neighborhood. (examples)

The Lord himself will go ahead of you. He will be with you. He will never leave you. He'll never desert you. So don't be afraid. Don't lose hope. Deuteronomy 31:8 NIRV

I keep my eyes always on the Lord.

He is at my right hand.

So I will always be secure.

So my heart is glad. Joy is on my tongue.

My body also will be secure. Psalm 16:8-9 NIRV

COMMUNITY

Write notes of encouragement ahead of time and leave them where neighbors can find them.

Encourage them to share their prayer needs; include your phone number or email address. You can include a Scripture to encourage them and bring hope.

GO

Ask God to help you see your neighborhood the way he does. If you see someone as you walk, ask how they are doing and if there are things you can pray for them. Take a bold step of faith and even pray with them right there (from six feet away, of course). If they have a need you can meet, help how you can.

SPECIFIC THINGS TO PRAY:

Needs – Pray for those who are lonely, sick, or elderly. Pray for those experiencing depression, fear & anxiety, anger, or grief. Pray for those struggling with their finances, those with no work, those with too much work, those who are now working from home, those who are stressed. Pray for those who need food, medical supplies, safety. For those in broken relationships and quarantined.

People – elderly, first responders, health care workers, single parents, community leaders, business owners, unemployed, educators, those with special needs and their families

Spiritual – Pray for those far from God to seek Him, see His love, desire to hear about God, to cast their anxieties on Him. Pray they would put their hope and trust in God, read the Bible, and listen and respond to gospel message. Pray for Christians to trust God, pray more, read the Bible, share their hope, to serve others, to worship God, and to be generous.

Neighborhood Schools – Pray for educators, students, parents, support staff. Pray for wisdom and health as well as creativity and ease of e-learning.

WAYS TO PRAY WITH YOUR CHILDREN (and also fun for adults too!)

Play a simple game of “I Spy” – what do you notice? See the examples below and make your own list, too

- The birds singing: praise God for the good things he is doing in and for your neighbors.
- A bench or chairs: pray for meaningful conversations for those who sit in the chairs—conversations with God and one another.
- Bicycles: pray for the safety and health of those who ride.
- Siren: pray for health and protection for the EMTs, police, firemen and the families of first responders.
- “For Sale” sign: pray for those saying good-bye to this home and for those who will make this their new home. Pray they will trust Jesus as Savior and live with him forever.
- Flowers: pray that you and your family will be the sweet fragrance of Christ to your neighbors as you love them, serve them, and pray for them.
- Toys: pray that neighbors will add playfulness and joy during this season of change and uncertainty
- Someone like me: what ever you and your family need, others likely do as well. Pray for others as you would want them to pray for you.

STAY

Can’t get out? Go on Google maps, find your area, zoom in, and do a virtual walk of your neighborhood or a neighborhood that God lays on your heart.

At all times, pray by the power of the Spirit. Pray all kinds of prayers.

Be watchful, so that you can pray. Ephesians 6:18 NIRV