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**to grow in Christ and help others do the same.**

**Praying Through Your Neighborhood**



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# Introduction

Do you know your neighbors?

Whether you live in a large city or a small town, you probably have neighbors. Maybe they live alongside you in a neighborhood. Or maybe you share a wall with your neighbors in a condo or apartment complex. Your neighbors may even live a few miles down the road with acres of land in between your houses.

Once a man asked Jesus about who He would consider a neighbor. Jesus answered with a story about a man who showed compassion to someone else in need, even when it was inconvenient and uncomfortable ([Luke 10:25-37](#)).

Sometimes building relationships with neighbors can feel inconvenient and uncomfortable, but it doesn't have to be.

We created this resource to help you begin a prayer journey with the Lord about your neighbors and community. Discover His heart for those who live nearby and how the location of where you live is full of purpose.

In this eBook we will:

- Provide you with 30 days of prayers you can pray for your neighbors and community. Use these and the included Scriptures to join God's heart for those who live in your area.
- Equip you with how to turn those strolls around the block into an opportunity for prayer walking your neighborhood.
- Encourage your awareness as you create a neighborhood prayer map. Use this map as a way to record who you're meeting and praying for in the community and how God is already at work.

We pray this eBook will prepare your heart to share God's love with your neighbors and enlarge your vision for the discipleship opportunities next door.

The Navigators





## 30 Days of Prayer for Your Neighbors

One of the best first steps of wanting to understand God's heart for someone and even a group of people is prayer. James 5:16 says, "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." Imagine 30 days of focused prayer for your neighbors. What will God show you and what opportunities will He provide?

Embark on this journey with Him and even consider using these prayers alongside the tool "How To Have a Prayer Walk in Your Neighborhood" on page 8.

Day 1

"The Word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood" John 1:14 (MSG).

**Prayer:** Lord, deepen my love for my neighborhood, this place I call home.

Day 2

"I have summoned you by name; you are mine" Isaiah 43:1 (NIV).

**Prayer:** Lord, help me to learn the names of those living by me.

Day 3

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" Galatians 6:10 (NIV).

**Prayer:** Lord, thank you for the gift of a new day! Guide me and show me an opportunity to connect with those who live closeby today.

Day 4

"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it" Hebrews 13:2 (NIV).

**Prayer:** Lord, would you give me the time and capacity to practice hospitality? Who could I invite for dinner within the next month?

Day 5

"Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil" Ephesians 5:15-16 (NIV).

**Prayer:** Lord, help me be faithfully present in my neighborhood. May I intentionally say "yes" and "no" to the right things so I have more time for my neighbors.

Day 6

"The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life" John 6:63 (NIV).

**Prayer:** Lord, bring to mind the specific Scriptures you want me to pray for my neighbors. Words that speak to loving people and the expansion of the gospel.

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Day 7

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins” 1 Peter 4:8 (NIV).

**Prayer:** Lord, help me identify neighbors who also care deeply for our community and invite them to pray with me.

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Day 8

“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves” Romans 12:10 (NIV).

**Prayer:** Lord, deepen my love for my neighbors.

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Day 9

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD” Isaiah 55:8 (NIV).

**Prayer:** Lord, help me to see my neighbors with your eyes. May my heart break for those things that break your heart.

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Day 10

“When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place...” Psalm 8:3 (NIV).

**Prayer:** Lord, thank you for your creation; help me to steward and care for the beauty of the earth you have made. Show me where I can create beauty in my community.

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Day 11

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness” Colossians 2:6-7 (ESV).

**Prayer:** Lord, thank you for my neighbors, this community, my home, and all that you provide.

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Day 12

“But Jesus replied, ‘My Father is always working, and so am I’” John 5:17 (NLT).

**Prayer:** Lord, show me where you are already at work in my neighborhood. Lead me as I consider how to join what you’re doing.

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Day 13

“Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these’” Matthew 19:14 (NIV).

**Prayer:** Lord, I pray for the children who live in this area. Pursue their hearts and bring people into their lives who speak your truth and love over them. Protect them from the evil one. Give each of them adults in their lives who are trustworthy and have their best interest at heart.

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Day 14

“Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask The Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field’” Matthew 9:37-38 (NIV).

**Prayer:** Lord, would you connect those of us in the neighborhood who have a relationship with you and can be influencers in our community. Show us ways we can work together to share the love of Christ in our area.

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Day 15

“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus” Philippians 4:19 (NIV).

**Prayer:** Lord, is there a way I could serve my neighbors today? Make me aware of a need I could meet.

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Day 16

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh” Ezekiel 36:26 (NIV).

**Prayer:** Lord, as I pray for my neighbors, keep my heart soft and open, centered in Christ, listening to your Holy Spirit, and responding in love.

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Day 17

“For where two or three come together in My name, there I am with them” Matthew 18:20 (ESV).

**Prayer:** Lord, could you show me who in this neighborhood I could invite to pray with me for this community?

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Day 18

“For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’” Galatians 5:14 (ESV).

**Prayer:** Lord, what’s one way I long to be cared for that I could extend to one of my neighbors?

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Day 19

“Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, ‘This is the way; walk in it’” Isaiah 30:21 (NIV).

**Prayer:** Lord, who are the neighbors you’re leading me to pursue a deeper relationship with? Make me aware of those opportunities.

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Day 20

“In the same way let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven” Matthew 5:16 (NIV).

**Prayer:** Lord, may your light shine brightly in this neighborhood. Show me what it looks like to be a light here. Give me courage to take the next step.

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Day 21

“Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them” Luke 5:29 (NIV).

**Prayer:** Lord, is there an opportunity to host a gathering for my neighbors? Give me ideas for who to invite to the party and who to ask to help me with the preparations.

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Day 22

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law” Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV).

**Prayer:** Lord, grow the fruit of your Spirit in my life and in this neighborhood.

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Day 23

“Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will send you out to fish for people.’ At once they left their nets and followed him” Mark 1:17-18 (NIV).

**Prayer:** Lord, show me how to be someone who is approachable. Are there ideas for how I can spend time outside my home so I could naturally see and possibly interact with those who live nearby?

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Day 24

“If people can’t see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed” Proverbs 29:18 (MSG).

**Prayer:** Lord, give me a picture of how you see this neighborhood and what it could become.

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Day 25

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will” Romans 12:2 (NIV).

**Prayer:** Lord, give me insight on how this neighborhood could partner with other neighborhoods. How do you want to transform this community?

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Day 26

“I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD” Psalm 27:13-14 (NIV).

**Prayer:** Lord, where do I need to slow down to create more room for those who live closeby? Teach me your ways and your pace.

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Day 27

“From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us” Acts 17:26-27 (NIV).

**Prayer:** Lord, thank you for bringing each person to live here in this community in this season. May each person here be drawn to seek and know you.

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Day 28

“...may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ ...” Ephesians 3:18 (NIV).

**Prayer:** Lord, thank you for deeply loving my neighbors.

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Day 29

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God” 1 John 4:7 (NIV).

**Prayer:** Lord, transform this neighborhood to be a place where others feel welcomed and loved.

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Day 30

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” Romans 15:13 (NIV).

**Prayer:** Lord, as I consider the stories represented in my neighborhood, I pray those here would know you are with them. May they experience the hope, joy, and peace you offer.

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# How To Have a Prayer Walk in Your Neighborhood

One way to focus your prayer time for your neighborhood is through prayer walking. You can prayer walk individually or invite a friend to join you. You may even want to use the “30 Days of Prayer for Your Neighbors” resource provided above to guide your conversations with Jesus. Here are three steps to center your neighborhood walks into times of prayer.

## 1. Ask God to Reveal

Read [Acts 4:24-31](#).

Include singing or listening to a few songs that help you praise God. Ask God what He’s already doing in this place. Do some listening prayer, asking God questions and writing down anything you hear or feel.

- Lord, what are you praying for this place?
- What are the barriers to your work here?

## 2. Ask God to Renew

Read [Acts 2:37-41](#).

- Pray for God to move deeply in your heart. Ask Him to renew your faith of what He can do and what He wants to do in your neighborhood.
- Pray opposites. Did God reveal any barriers to you when you asked Him to reveal insights? Pray that the opposite would happen for each barrier.
- Pray over historic or symbolic spots in your community. Pray that God would renew those places.

## 3. Ask God for Revival

- Pray and listen. Ask God to show you what revival would look like in your neighborhood. Write down anything you see or feel.
- Pray that the Christians already in the neighborhood would be bold, have faith, and be courageous. If there are any Christian groups or churches nearby, pray for these as well.
- Pray for those leaders who may live in your neighborhood. Pray for them to know God’s love and to make decisions that influence your community according to His Word.
- Take a step of faith. Ask God to lead you to specific neighbors. Talk with them and ask them if you can pray for them.

*Adapted from EveryCampus Prayer Walk Guide.*





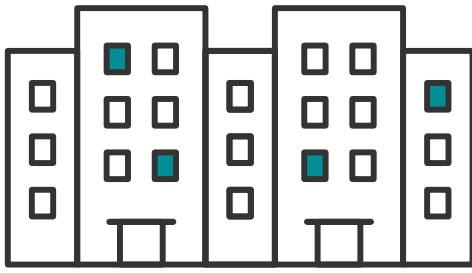
## Create a Neighborhood Prayer Map

This is an example of what your neighborhood prayer map could look like. Start praying over your neighborhood and that God would open up the door to knowing who your neighbors are and how you can encourage them.

Make little notes about them so you can pray for them intentionally.

### Sample Map

A sample map for a neighborhood prayer map. It features a central illustration of two apartment buildings. To the left of the buildings, the text reads: "Apt 204", "Sally", "joe", "dog (rex)". To the right of the buildings, there is a vertical dashed line representing a street. Below the street, there are five house icons. From left to right, the first house is labeled "molly", the second is labeled "me", and the fourth is labeled "the smiths". The third house from the left has a teal circle on its roof. The house labeled "the smiths" has a teal circle on its roof and a teal door.



# My Neighborhood Prayer Map

## Conclusion

God uniquely created and purposed you to share His love with those in your community. We hope this prayer resource has grown you closer to the Lord and to those living in your neighborhood.

“You who answer prayer, to you all people will come” Psalm 65:2 (NIV).

May God encourage your faith through answered prayers for your neighbors—drawing them closer to His heart.







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## Share God's Love With Your Neighbors

God has placed you in your neighborhood for a reason, and as Christians we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-39). Read this resource for seven simple ways we can share God's love with our neighbors.

[navlink.org/neighbors](http://navlink.org/neighbors)



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