

# Southwest *Church of the Nazarene*

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## PRAYER WALKING (part 2)

The best way to “love your neighbor?” Pray for them. Loving someone is wanting the best for them, God’s best, which includes having a personal relationship with Him through Christ Jesus. Can you imagine having every neighbor of yours loving Christ with all their heart and living each day for His praise and glory? This would be an amazing world. This is God’s heart. But how can this happen? We must pray for this.

Last week I introduced Prayer Walking. The idea of walking through your neighborhood and praying for the homes and families living near you. What better way to “love your neighbor”? Listen to what Paul wrote to Timothy...

*1 Timothy 2:1-6 (NIV)*

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all people.”

Here are some ways to pray for your neighbors as you are walking each week. Feel free to copy this

along with any scriptures to look over or think about during your walk. Each of the following prayer points comes from this passage.

- **Concerning Christ:** Proclaim Christ to be the Savior and Mediator for all. Name him Lord of the neighborhood and of the lives you see.
- **Concerning leaders:** Pray for people responsible in any position of authority – for teachers, police, administrators, and parents – that they would be protected and led by God’s Hand in all they do to help us have a better society.
- **Concerning peace:** That godliness and holiness from God’s people would increase bringing peace and hope to the community.
- **Concerning truth:** Pray that the community would openly declare the God of the Bible as the one true God. Pray that their minds would cease to be blinded by Satan, so that they could come to a knowledge of the truth.
- **Concerning the gospel:** Praise God for his heart’s desire that all people be saved. Ask that the Lord would open doors for each person to come to know Him, this year. Name specific people.

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## Prayer Walking (part 2 – *continued*)

- **Concerning the blessing of God:**  
Thanksgivings are to be made on behalf of all people. Give God the explicit praise he deserves for the goodness he constantly bestows on the homes you pass by. Ask to see the city with his eyes, that you might sense what is good and pleasing in his sight as well as what things grieve him deeply.
- **Concerning the homes:** Ask for healing in relationships, that there be no wrath or dissension among these families. Ask that God would stir them to become men and women and children after His own heart. That their lives will be filled with His holiness and peace.

*\*Some parts excerpted from Prayerwalking by Steve Hawthorne and Graham Kendrick (Creation House, 1993).*

So, are you ready to take a walk? If you are, know that you will not walk alone... for the Lord will be with you!

Walking with our Lord,

Pastor Scott & Cindy

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## Did You Know?

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries have been busy across the globe, feeding the hungry, helping those in need, training, and doing projects to help areas badly affected by COVID-19. There have been 176 new projects addressing the pandemic currently. Last year emergency relief helped “more than 60,000 people...through nine new major disaster response projects in eight countries.” (*Global Update: Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, 2020*)

Once again, thank you for your continued support to our Faith Promise and World Evangelism Fund which helps fund our missionaries as well as many great ministries efforts!

## The Life That Counts

The Life that counts must toil and fight;  
Must hate the wrong and love the right;  
Must stand for truth by day and night;  
This is the life that counts.

The life that counts must aim to rise  
Above the earth to sunlit skies;  
Must fix its gaze on Paradise –  
That is the life that counts.

The life that counts must helpful be;  
In darkest night make melody;  
Must wait the dawn on bended knee –  
This is the life that counts.

The life that counts must helpful be;  
The cares and needs of others see;  
Must seek the slave of sin to free –  
That is the life that counts.

- A.W.S.



## PRAISE:

- Praise the Lord for His Word which guides and gives us strength through difficult days!
- Praise the Lord for a great service last week with Dave Metcalf preaching and the “young” praise team! Wonderful job!
- Praise the Lord for the many viewers who watch our service through the week on our Facebook page! We can have 300-400 views each week for the services! Praise the Lord for helping us as a church to navigate this pandemic and all its regulations... and still smile!

***John 17:15***

**(Jesus) My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. NIV**

## PRAYER:

- City and Country – for people to turn to the Lord, for peace and healing for every heart.
- Church Family – to continue seeking the Lord for His blessing on our service each week and His guidance for the days ahead ...that we would be One – praying.
- Schools and Children – pray for the teachers and kids for the school year amidst the pandemic concerns.

## Announcements:

***R!OT Youth Meetings*** - starting Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 5-7pm. We will be outside the entire time. Please wear clothes that can get wet. Also bring a lawn chair and a friend!

***Wednesday Prayer*** – 6:30pm each week in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome. Bring your cares and concerns to the Lord and pray for one another!

**Please check out the next page for an opportunity to support our church!**

# CHURCH WEEK

SUPPORTING CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS

July 1, 2020

Christian Leaders,

Christian values are at the center of our communities. By following the example and teachings of Jesus, churches truly make a difference. Now more than ever, it is critical to support these organizations. As Paul wrote to the Corinthians:

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV)

In that spirit, Rural King is honored to host Church Week August 2, 2020 through August 15, 2020. Through this program, our customers can support their local Christian churches, schools, and radio stations.

#### To receive donations:

1. **Christian organizations registered as 501(c)3 can register to receive donations at [www.ruralking.com/churchweek](http://www.ruralking.com/churchweek) beginning July 1, 2020.**
2. **Once registered, organizations should communicate their involvement in this program to their congregations.**
3. **During Church Week, customers can choose a registered organization to donate to and begin uploading their receipts. All receipts must be uploaded to [www.ruralking.com/churchweek](http://www.ruralking.com/churchweek) by September 1, 2020.**
4. **Receipts must be dated between August 2, 2020 between August 15, 2020 to qualify.**
5. **Rural King will donate 10% of each valid Rural King receipt's total after sales tax to the registered organization chosen by the customer.**
6. **All donations will be provided by September 15, 2020 by your local Rural King.**

Christian organizations do so much to bless our local communities. Now is the time for all of us to bless them.

If you have any questions, please email [churchweek@ruralking.com](mailto:churchweek@ruralking.com).

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