

## PRAYER WALK GUIDE

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Modeled by Paul in Acts 17:16-28, prayer walks are vital to encountering God on a new campus and learning what he's doing there. Prayer walks help you explore, learn, and interact with people on campus while deepening relationships. Gather some of your friends to prayer walk the campus you feel God is calling you to adopt and take the following steps:

### STEP 1: Prepare the "Ground" with Prayer

- Pray the Lord sends workers to this campus. (Luke 10:2)
- Pray for open doors for the Word, and for creative ways for the Gospel to be proclaimed. Pray God gives opportunities for spreading the Gospel during this Prayer Walk. (Col 4:3)
- Pray for God to reveal or raise up "people of peace" on different corners of this campus. Pray you can meet and connect deeply with them. (Luke 10:6)
- Pray for each person you see. Pray that those you encounter would see Jesus, that barriers they have (sin, people, hardness of heart, etc.) would be removed. (2 Cor 4:3-4)

### STEP 2: Walk, Observe, and Interact

- Walk through the campus and carefully observe things that may be overlooked.
- Stop to talk with people. Be friendly. Ask thoughtful questions to learn more about the people and the campus. Notice if God answers your prayers of bringing "people of peace."
  - Here are a few helpful conversation starters:
    - "Hi, I'm just visiting (*name of campus*) today and I'm trying to learn more about the campus. Can I ask you a couple questions?"
    - "What's one thing that I should know about (*campus*)? Is there something interesting or unique that's not on the website that I should know?"
    - "I'm part of a Christian group called InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and we're exploring starting a group here. We want to give every student a chance to experience community and grow on their spiritual journey. Do you know if there are any groups like that here?"
    - "We're trying to get connected with students who are followers of Jesus who want to help their friends encounter God too. Do you know anyone like that?"

**STEP 3: Re-Gather, Reflect, and Talk About What You Saw**

- What was this experience like for you? When did you sense God's presence?

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- What do you think God sees when he looks at this place or this community on campus?

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- What do you want to learn more about, or who do you want to meet in the future?

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- What do you feel God is inviting you to do?

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**STEP 4: Clarify and Summarize**

- In one or two sentences write down what you want to see God do on this campus:

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