

Religious and Spiritual Sites Prayer Walk

[Country] is a spiritually charged place – powers of darkness and demonic forces have had claim and authority in this country for generations. It is important to be aware of the spiritual climate and to take that into consideration through various experiences you may have here. These things can manifest in different ways - emotions, atypical thoughts and temptations, headaches and sicknesses, nightmares and visions, etc.

Preparation Prayers

When entering [place you want to prayer walk], come in with the mindset of entering into a spiritual battle:

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” (Ephesians 6:12)

Bring a partner or a team. Praying with and for one another allows us to be more aware of the spiritual warfare around us and to fight it in the name of Jesus! Read through Ephesians 6:10-18 and pray through and equip each piece of the armor of God.

Pray also for:

- Yourself and for those we will encounter today.
- That the Lord would give you His heart of love and compassion for the people here and that you would see the spiritual reality for what it really is. That you would love the lost as He does.

“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” (Matthew 9:36)

- Spiritual protection against the enemy. That we would have confidence in knowing we are children of God and to not be fearful.

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.” (Ephesians 6:11)

Prayers in the Temples

As we are walking today, please be vocal with one another about how you are feeling and what you are experiencing. After each location, write down any words, emotions, experiences, or prayers that stick out to you.

Also pray for:

- Salvation for those you see. Most people you are seeing today do not know Jesus. They may live and die without ever hearing the good news. Consider your hope in Christ and try to imagine what the local person puts their hope in (1 Chronicles 16:25-26; Psalm 96; Psalm 115 3-9; 1 John 5:20).

*For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.*

*For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens. (1 Chronicles 16:25-26)*

- Ask God to open the eyes of [your people group / location] to see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ. (Titus 1:2, 2 Cor 4:4).
- Pray for [your people group / location] to have a dissatisfaction with [predominant religion / spiritual practices], seeing that they cannot do enough good to cover their sins (1 John 2:2).
- Pray for [your people group / location] people to know the confidence and hope they can have in Christ, in which they no longer have to fear death. (Romans 3:21-25).

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Cor 4:4)

He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:2)

- For energy and good health.
- That you would have a greater understanding of [your people group / location] culture.

To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. (1 Cor. 9:22-23)

- Ask God to grow local believers in maturity and boldness to share. (Acts 4:23-31)

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. (Acts 4:29-31)

- Pray through Psalm 115 and ask God to destroy every idol, bondage, or false god and to receive the worship he is due.
- God's Kingdom to come in victory over places of darkness.
- Ask God to tear down spiritual strongholds and to right injustices that oppress the people.

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ (2 Cor 10:4-5).

End of Temple Tour

At the end of the temple tour, pray over one another that anything of the enemy or of darkness would go away in Jesus name. Then pray for:

- One of the best ways to engage in spiritual warfare is to worship the one true God! Psalm 22:3 says that God "inhabits the praises of his people". Worship God however you see fit and bring in His presence. Listen to songs, declare the promises of God, pray together and thank God for who he is and what he has done (Psalm 23:4, Psalm 110:1, Deut 20:3-4, 2 chronicles 20:21).
- Rejoice that you are a child of the light against which darkness cannot stand. Rejoice that God's kingdom is coming swiftly.
- Read Revelation 21 and pray that God would hasten the day of his return where he will make all things new! Pray that there would be many [your people group / location] brothers and sisters represented around the throne of God!

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God

himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

As you wrap up:

- Where did you experience the Holy Spirit? What did he say to you?
- Where (if at all) did you encounter spiritual warfare? Check yourself - are there any lies, fears, anxieties, doubts that you are currently experiencing? Pray in Jesus' name for these things to leave. Ask for prayer from others in your team.
- What impressions, emotions, words, promises of God, images, etc. stuck out to you while you were walking these spiritual sites?
- How can you take action or obey the things you heard from God? What is something you can do or change going forward?