

## Prayer Walking Your Church

*Spend the afternoon prayer walking your church—covering every ministry, every SS class, each leader, and every aspect of church life. This can be done as a large group but may work best in small groups, giving each group the outline below in a different order so that the groups can spread out throughout the church to pray for the various needs.*

- Begin this time of prayer by spending time **praising** God in the sanctuary—focusing on who He is.
- While still in the sanctuary, lead in a time of **confession**, asking God to forgive and heal the church. Include a time of personal, silent confession prayer time, inviting each person to ask God to seek their heart, convict of sin, confess, ask for forgiveness, and invite God to replace that sin with more of Him.
- Pray on the platform for the sermons, music, children’s messages, etc.—the **worship service**, that God’s Word will accomplish all He desires each Sabbath, opening the hearts of people to be convicted, challenged, encouraged, and affirmed by the message.
- Pray in the pastor’s office/study (if there isn’t one, choose a spot that best represents the pastor), and pray specifically for the **pastor and his family** by name.
- Pray in each SS class, lifting up **each teacher and each student** by name and asking God to use this time to draw each person closer to Him, to open their hearts to understand His Word, and to grow the class.
- Pray in the fellowship hall for the **social activities and connections** of the church, asking God to grow friendships and enable every member to feel accepted and like they belong and are a part of the church.
- Pray in the lobby for the **visitors** who attend church, that they will feel welcomed, learn more about God, and want to return.
- Pray outside the front doors for the **community**, that God would draw those who are seeking Him to the church, also praying for the church’s outreach ministries, inviting God to give wisdom, discernment, and ideas for connecting with people in the community.
- Pray in the room where the church board meets for the church board and leadership of the church by name, asking God to give each member wisdom and a heart for Him and others, so that the board and leaders focus most of their energies on ministry and not maintenance.
- Choose spots to pray for **each ministry of the church**—community services, women’s ministries, personal ministries, etc.—and pray specifically for those leaders, and committee members, asking God to give them wisdom, ideas, and a heart for Him and people.
- Return to the sanctuary and end the time of prayer with a season of **thanksgiving and praise**, thanking God for the ways He is working in and through the church.