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Campus Prayer Walk

Someone said that "the best strategy without prayer is like the fastest car without gas." Prayer for schools and the ministry that takes place on campus is essential if schools are to be impacted with the message of the gospel. Campus prayer walks provide a strategic opportunity to enhance the effectiveness of our praying.

A campus prayer walk is as simple as going to a local school and walking around the campus as you pray for the school—the workers and students. It is not always possible to go completely around a school because of fences and other barriers, but as much as possible walk around the entire campus.

Prayer walks can be done in a variety of ways. There are two basic approaches:

(1) **Informal**: This can be one person or several people who want to visit a campus and walk around the campus and pray; (2) **Formal**: This is an organized prayer walk that involves a group of people who want to go to a campus and walk around the campus and pray.

Informal prayer walk

Suggested guidelines to follow for informal prayer walks:

- 1. Go before or after school hours to do the prayer walk.
- 2. Pray for administrators, teachers, staff members and students.
- 3. Pray that God would raise up laborers on that campus to share the message of Jesus Christ.
- 4. Pray that students hearts would be open to the gospel
- 5. Pray that God's peace and safety would surround the campus.

- Use the campus prayer guide and scripture prayers that are available at the end of this document and on either www.hisstory.org or
 www.prayerzonepartners.com
- Remember your focus is to prayer for the campus, not to call attention to yourself
- 8. Feel free to incorporate some of the elements from a more formal prayer walk into the informal prayer walk.

Formal Prayer Walk

The following material is designed to help you plan a more formal organized prayer walk.

Preparation for a formal Prayer Walk

- 1. Make sure the prayer walk is on the church's master calendar. Also determine the start time.
- 2. Publicize the prayer walk in church bulletins, newsletters, announcements etc
- 3. Select in advance a prayer leader for each of the "prayer stations". The following stations are recommended: (1) Administration; (2) Teachers; (3) Support staff; (4) Christian Students; (5) Non-Christian students. If you have a large group you may want to have a placard made for each of the "prayer stations."
- 4. Have several individuals take a trial walk around the campus at least two weeks before the prayer walk on the same day of the week that the prayer walk will take place and the approximate time of the scheduled walk.
- 5. Notify the principal of the school at least a month in advance. Let the principal know that it will NOT be done during schools hours and is being done as a show of support of public schools from the church.

- 6. If you are expecting a large group, notify the mayor, police or some other local authority to explain what you are doing. That in show of support for all the schools in the area you are doing a prayer walk on (date & time)
- 7. Get participants to sign up in advance for the prayer walk (don't limit it to those who sign up, but this will help you in your planning)
- Personalize, prepare and duplicate the prayer guide for all the participants. The church may want to list all the schools on the prayer guide that are represented in the local church.
- 9. Remind participants to be prepared for inclement weather.

Program for a formal Prayer Walk

The prayer walk will consist of the following elements:

- 1. Brief instructions on the prayer walk and handing out the prayer guide.
- 2. The leaders of the different "prayer stations" will then lead in prayer for the specific group for which they have been assigned.

Administration: Include the School Board, Superintendent, principal of the school, assistant principals, and counselors

Teachers: Pray for all the teachers on the campus

Support Staff: Teacher aides, cooks, nurse, bus drivers, coaches, janitors **Christian Students**: Strength to live for God on campus, the Bible club, witnessing opportunities

Non-Christian students: That God would open their hearts to the gospel.

- A slow walk around the campus with participants using the prayer guide.
 Also, participants may want to walk behind one of the prayer station banners
- 4. A closing group prayer for all the schools in the area.

You may want to provide each participate in the prayer walk a prayer guide. An outline of this prayer guide is included in this material. It is available in an electronic format (Microsoft Word 2003) to make it easier for you to personalize

the prayer guide. Feel free to add artwork or other materials to the prayer guide. You can download the prayer guide at www.hisstory.org/prayerguide or email: info@hisstory.org and request it in an electronic format.

Campus Prayer Guide

Pray for the students

Students are in the most strategic position to reach the campus with the message of the gospel.

PRAY...

- for the salvation of students
- for the effective and wise ministry of campus missionaries
- for the safety of our schools
- for God's anointing on the campus clubs
- for the distribution of Gospel literature
- that everyone on campus may receive a clear presentation of the Gospel
- that Jesus will be glorified

Pray for the school(s).

School boards, principals, teachers and counselors are in key positions to influence the campus.

Pray....

- for the salvation of administrators, teachers and staff
- that God would give wisdom to the administrators, teachers, and counselors at your adopted school(s)
- for the school board and superintendent of the school district
- for campus staff, teacher assistants, cooks, bus drivers, and maintenance personnel
- that the Campus Bible Club will be used to reach the campus
- for Christian teachers, administrators, and local Christian Education Associations

It is suggested that you add the school name, principal's name, and other information to this prayer guide.

Scripture Based Prayers for the Campus

The following scripture based prayers are from the book, <u>Pray the Promises</u> and are used by permission. Your church has permission to duplicate these scripture prayers for use in the prayer walk. It is suggested that you provide these as part of the Campus Prayer Guide.

Lord, I know deliverance comes from You. May Your blessing be on this school and may You bring deliverance to this school. Psalms 3:8

Lord through my blessing a city is lifted up: I pray blessing on this school, its leaders and students, that Your name might be glorified. Proverbs 11:11

Lord, You said You would pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; and that You would pour out Your Spirit on my offspring, and Your blessing on my children. I ask that You would pour out Your Spirit on this school and the students. Isaiah 44:3

Lord, You said I can pray a blessing on the land and that past troubles will be forgotten and hidden from Your eyes. I pray a blessing on this land and school. Bring a cleansing of our past troubles and difficulties.

Isaiah 65:16

Lord, You said You would bless Your people and their surroundings. You will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing. I pray Your blessing on this school and all that surrounds it. Send down showers of blessing today. Ezekiel 34:26

It is from Your grace we have all received one blessing after another; send down those kind of blessings upon the administration, teachers, and students in this school. John 1:16

Lord, You tell me to not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing; even though there is a lot of evil in this school, I pray Your blessing on this school, even those students who insult Your name. 1 Peter 3:9

I am to bless those who curse me and pray for those who mistreat me. Because Christians are often misunderstood and persecuted at school, I pray blessing on those who have brought so much hurt to Your name and to Your people. Luke 6:28

Just as Israel said to Joseph, "Bring me your sons so I may bless them," I bring the sons and daughters at this school to You, God, so You may bless them. Genesis 48:9

Lord, bless this school; may Your face shine upon the students and teachers and be gracious to them; may You turn Your face toward this school and bring peace. Number 6:24-26

Lord, look down from heaven, Your holy dwelling place, and bless these students and this land. Deuteronomy 26:15

Lord, You said You would send a blessing on my barns and on everything I put my hand to. I ask that as I walk around this school property, that You would place Your blessing on it and all the people that come onto this property.

Deuteronomy 28:8

Just as the priests and the Levites blessed the people, and You heard them, I ask You to bless the Christian students and teachers on this campus so they may bless those who do not know You. 2 Chronicles 30:27

Lord, You bless the righteous; You surround them with Your favor as with a shield. I ask that You bless the Christians on this campus, surround them with Your favor. May Your favor and blessing flow from them to others that may not know You. Psalms 5:12

Save these students and bless them as Your inheritance. Psalms 28:9

God be gracious to this school and bless it and make Your face shine upon it.

May Your salvation be revealed to those who attend this school. Psalms 67:1-2

Lord, You said You will bless those who fear You regardless of who they are;

I pray that there will be a healthy fear of You on this campus. Psalms 115:13

My heart's desire and prayer to God is that the students on this campus might be saved. Romans 10:1

I pray for the Christian students on this campus that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored. 2 Thessalonians 3:1

I pray for the Christian students that when they open their mouths they will boldly and fearlessly proclaim the mystery of the gospel to the lost students on this campus. Ephesians 6:18,19

Lord, I know at times that Christian students may feel threatened on this campus, look upon those threats and give Your servants boldness to speak Your Word. Acts 4:30

God, You are Lord of the harvest, I ask You to send forth laborers unto the tremendous harvest field on this campus. Matthew 9:38

Lord, just as You separated Barnabas and Saul for the work You had called them to do, I ask that You separate Christians students and workers on this campus to do Your work. Acts 13:2, 3

Lord, I pray for all the Christians on this campus that they might know the immeasurable greatness of Your power that is at work in those who believe. Ephesians 1:16,19

Lord, help the Christians on this campus to not fall into the temptation of the enemy. Matthew 26:41

Lord, strengthen the Christians on this campus with power according to Your glorious might that they may endure and be patient and filled with joy. Eph 3:16 and Colossians 1:11