

Jericho Prayer Warriors: A Call to Spiritual Arms

The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the army, “Shout! For the Lord has given you the city! Joshua 6:16

MBA's response to the struggles of our city is to pray, and more specifically, to prayer-walk. The MBA churches will march for seven intentional weeks in a specific place at a particular time, claiming the above verse. **Walking onsite with insight will be called “The Jericho Prayer Walk,” and the MBA churches will become known as the “Jericho Prayer Warriors.”** You can purchase t-shirts with such a logo at the MBA office or online.

You can do the Jericho Prayer Walk alone or with a prayer partner. You can prayer-walk or prayer-drive. A church can set a strategy for a particular area, or it might choose to partner with another church and strengthen the focus in a specific part of town. You might choose to have an evangelistic event on the 8th week in the area where you have placed your prayer focus. The goal is to complete the first round of the Jericho Prayer Walk before Christmas.

John 20:19-20 says, “*On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.*”

The people who live in Montgomery are like the disciples 21 centuries ago. The doors of their heart are locked for fear of something... people, crime, life issues. During the Jericho Prayer Walk, the Jericho Prayer Warrior will be asking for the resurrected Christ to enter through those closed doors. The warrior will ask Jesus to announce peace to their family and to show them His hands and side. God willing, they will become overjoyed when discovering the Lord!

The following is an outline of what to expect when you participate in the Jericho Prayer Walk:

WEEK ONE: Walk the community, praying the resurrected Christ through the locked doors, and ministering to others who are on the streets through prayer.

WEEK TWO: Enter the community at the same time as last week, praying and ministering to the neighborhoods by asking them for prayer requests.

WEEK THREE: Same as week two. Almost always in this third week, people of peace will appear, wanting to join in your prayer walk and participate with you in reaching their community for Christ.

WEEK FOUR: Same as week three. Begin to talk with the people of peace about what God is saying regarding their community. Become their prayer partners.

WEEK FIVE: As you pray, walk a little slower and stay a little longer. Recall names and faces. Remember, you are never going to win someone to Christ that you do not love first. Figuratively, hold the cross high and love them to the kingdom.

WEEK SIX: Same as week five. If you are planning any evangelistic event following the prayer walk, begin announcing this to the community and become a bolder witness. Invite them to church and make sure they have heard the gospel.

WEEK SEVEN: As you prayer-walk the community, continue to give out flyers if you are having an event. Be sure that you invite them to come with you to church. Keep loving their community, bringing them back to faith, hope, and the love of God.

Begin immediately with this plan of onsite praying with insight. And keep going to other places that the Lord puts on your heart. Begin imagining what God can do through a large body of believers who take seriously the value of interceding in Jesus' name for their city. Then we will SHOUT, for the Lord has given us Montgomery!