

See Differently

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**NEIGHBOURHOOD
PRAYERWALK
GUIDE**

Today, God is inviting you to **See Differently** – to see your neighbourhood differently and to see yourself differently in your neighbourhood. Most importantly, He is inviting you to see how you can be a part of what He is doing in your neighbourhood!

God's Word always helps us to see differently, from God's perspective. So, we begin our prayerwalk with this prayer:

"We pray that the eyes of our hearts will be opened so that we can know the hope of our calling as His holy people."

EPHESIANS 1:18

Seeing with **the eyes of our hearts** means that we see with hope – the hope we have because of Jesus. When we see what is good, we celebrate. When we see what needs to change, we pray.

Knowing hope is really important – especially now, when people have been separated during the pandemic. Now is the perfect time to see and pray the hope of Jesus into our neighbourhoods.

Our calling as **His holy people** means that He has chosen YOU to live in this neighbourhood to share His love and His good news with your neighbours.

Before you step outside, take some time to ask yourself: **“What does God hope for my neighbourhood?”** Use the space below to express your thoughts and prayers.



Look over the list on the following pages called **GOD'S HOPE FOR MY NEIGHBOURHOOD**. These themes of hope will guide our prayerwalk. With each hope you will find a Bible verse and a short prayer to help you pray that hope for your neighbourhood.

Use the space provided throughout the guide to record your observations and prayers as you go. You can be creative - write, draw, or make a collage!

Now, let's begin our prayerwalk together seeking with the eyes of our hearts all that God hopes for us and our neighbours.

**GOD'S HOPE FOR MY
NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Beauty

*He has made everything
beautiful in its time.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:11



Look for something in nature that helps you remember how wonderful God is **OR** discover your own reminder of the beauty of Jesus.



Take a picture of yourself with your **BEAUTY** sign and the most beautiful tree, flower, or cloud you can find in your neighbourhood.

Beautiful Jesus,

Your goodness and glory make my neighbourhood bright and lovely. Thank you for such a variety of beautiful things and beautiful people. Open my eyes to see your beauty all around me.

Amen

How I see God making my neighbourhood
beautiful...

**GOD'S HOPE FOR MY
NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Safety

*My people will live in safety,
quietly at home.*

ISAIAH 32:18



Pray for those who keep your neighbourhood safe - crossing guards, police, fire department, construction workers, etc. Go to the places or intersections in your neighbourhood that need prayers for more safety.

- ☐ ☐ Take a picture of yourself with your **SAFETY** sign
- ☐ ☐ and someone who keeps your neighbourhood safe.

Almighty Father,

I thank you that I can trust you to keep me and my neighbours safe. I pray that you would keep all of us from doing anything that would make our neighbourhood unsafe. I ask you to bless all the people in my neighbourhood who work hard to keep us safe - make them strong and good, just as you are strong and good.

Amen

How I see God keeping my neighbourhood
safe...

**GOD'S HOPE FOR MY
NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Provision

For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, He will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:10



Thank God for how He provides daily everything you need. Pray for the stores and businesses in your neighbourhood. Don't forget places like your community garden or local food bank if you have one!



Take a picture of yourself and your **PROVISION** sign with someone who works at one of the stores, businesses, or community spaces in your neighbourhood.

Provider God,

Thank you that you give me and my neighbours food, clothing, and so much more. Bless all the people who work at the stores and businesses in my neighbourhood. If there are neighbours who do not have enough, help me to be generous and to share the good things you have given me.

Amen

How I see God providing for me and through me in my neighbourhood...

GOD'S HOPE FOR MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Wisdom

*God gives wisdom, knowledge,
and joy to those who please Him.*

ECCLESIASTES 2:26



God gives us so many ways and places to learn. Thank Him for the schools, libraries, and learning centres in your neighbourhood. Pray that they would teach truth and godly values. Pray for all of those who teach and help people learn.

- ☐ ☐ Take a picture of yourself with your **WISDOM** sign at a school, library, or learning centre.

Wise God,

Thank you for the privilege of being able to learn and discover new things everyday. Holy Spirit help us not just to be smart, but also to be wise. Bless all who teach, that they would be inspired to share with excellence and truth. Keep our schools safe.

Amen

How I see God making the people in my neighbourhood wise...

**GOD'S HOPE FOR MY
NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Faith

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals including the Lord's Supper, and to prayer.

ACTS 2:42



Pray for the churches in your neighbourhood – that they would be good examples of God's love. Be sure to include all the groups that meet in homes throughout your neighbourhood. Pray for unity among all the different churches in your neighbourhood.



Take a picture of yourself and your **FAITH** sign at as many churches in your neighbourhood as you can and put them in a collage as a symbol of their unity. OR write their names in the space provided as you pray for them.

Our Father,

You are the Lord of every church in my neighbourhood. Keep each church loving, true, and faithful to you. Bless those who lead the churches. Keep them good and kind. May there be unity among all of us and may we work together to love and serve our neighbours in the name of Jesus.

Amen

How I see God strengthening the faith of our
neighbourhood through the churches...

**GOD'S HOPE FOR MY
NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Friendship

'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these.

MARK 12:31



In the space provided, or on your **FRIENDSHIP** sign, write the names of as many neighbours as you can. Count how many you know by name. Pray God's blessing on each of them as you say their names. Then pray for those you don't know - by name, if you know their names. Ask God to give you an opportunity to get to know them better.

- ☐ ☐ Take a picture of yourself with your **FRIENDSHIP**
- ☐ ☐ sign together with one of your neighbours.

Loving God,

*Fill us with your love and care for our neighbours.
May we learn their names because you know each
of them by name. Bless them now and give me
opportunities to share your love with each of them.*

Amen

God sees each of my neighbours and knows them by name...

GOD'S HOPE FOR MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Compassion

Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help. Then your salvation will come like the dawn...

ISAIAH 58:7-8



Some people in our neighbourhood need special care and attention – those who live alone, those who are sick, those who ask for money when our cars stop at stoplights – they all need us to care in a special way. We begin by seeing them with Christ's love and as we pray for them, God will show us how best to show love and care.



We won't be taking a picture at this station, but take some extra time to pray for those who need special care and love in your neighbourhood.

Compassionate Jesus,

You always took time to care for those who were sick, lonely, and in need. Please give me the eyes to see people who need special care in my neighbourhood. Show me how I can care for them in your name, so that they will know that you love them and answer their prayers.

Amen

God helps me to see and care for those who
are alone and in need in my neighbourhood...

GOD'S HOPE FOR MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Joy

*Old men and old women shall again sit
in the streets, each one with his staff
in his hand because of great age. The
streets of the city shall be full of boys
and girls playing.'*

ZECHARIAH 8:4-5



Walk to a park, sports field, or recreation centre in your neighbourhood. Thank God for all the lovely places you have in your neighbourhood for people to gather and enjoy each other's company, for children to play, and for all to enjoy God's creation. Pray for joy and unity for everyone who visits there.



Take a picture of yourself with your **JOY** sign as you express your joy in a fun way - cartwheels, skipping, jumping, striking a pose, etc.

Holy Spirit,

Fill my neighbourhood with joy. May people really enjoy being together. Let the children in our neighbourhood have fun in our playgrounds and may everyone have good conversations as they meet in our parks. Please make us a fun neighbourhood where we create wonderful memories for everyone!

Amen

God helps me see how He is filling my
neighbourhood with joy for everyone...

**GOD'S HOPE FOR MY
NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Welcome

*Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me,
and anyone who welcomes me welcomes
the one who sent me.*

MATTHEW 10:40



Thank God that he has welcomed you into His family. Pray that you will always be a welcoming neighbour. Do you have new neighbours? Pray near their homes. Ask God to help you to welcome all your neighbours, but especially those who are new to your neighbourhood. Pray that God will help you to be hospitable.



Take a picture of yourself at your open front door with your **WELCOME** sign, praying that your door will always be open to the neighbours you have prayed for today.

Saviour,

Thank you for welcoming me into your eternal family. I pray that you will help me to always be kind and welcoming to my neighbours.

Amen

How I see God is calling me to be welcoming
to my neighbours...

MORE HOPES GOD HAS FOR MY NEIGHBOURHOOD



Are there any other hopes for your neighbourhood that God has revealed to you today? Use the space below to record your thoughts and prayers.

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REFLECT



Now that you have completed your prayerwalk, take some time at home to reflect on what you have seen and experienced. What are some of the main ways God has been inviting you to **See Differently**?

REFLECT



How is God inviting you to follow up from what you have seen today? Prayerfully express your thoughts.

A large, empty rectangular box intended for the user to write their reflections.

SHARE



Take some time to look over the photos you have taken on your prayerwalk. Do any moments stand out to you in particular? Share with a family member or friend.



We encourage you to share your photos and illustrations or written prayers with us by uploading them to:

[ThePeoplesChurch.Info/Prayerwalk](https://www.thepopleschurch.info/prayerwalk)



If you are sharing on social media, please use the hashtag **#SeeDifferently** and tag **@TPCToronto** in your posts!

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