

PRAY EVERY STREET

Suggested scriptures for prayer-walking Wakefield 2023

Using the Bible to shape our prayers can help us find the words to pray. **Romans 10:17** tells us that God's Word – particularly when we say it or pray it out loud - actually increases our faith: **"Faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of God."** The word of God is living and active and when we pray from the Bible, we pray the active word of God, which gives us confidence that we are praying in according with His will.

Specific Example:

Here is an example of how you might take a verse or passage of scripture and pray it through:

Let Your Kingdom Come!

In the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13), Jesus instructs His followers to pray:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

Of course, we can pray this whole prayer through, but we can also pray specifically for God's "Kingdom to come" here in Wakefield as we prayer-walk.

'Your Kingdom come' has been the heart-cry of the church for millennia. It is a simple invitation for God's Kingdom to be made manifest here on the earth.

God's kingdom means 'the King's domain' – where God's will (preference) actually happens.

What would it mean for God to answer this prayer?

Here are some of the signs or blessings we might expect when God's kingdom comes:

- **Freedom** - deliverance from captivity of any kind.
- **Righteousness and justice** - no inequality or oppression.
- **Peace** - resolved conflict, relationships restored and God's peace replacing anxiety.
- **Joy** - this is different from happiness. Happiness is about circumstances being good, whereas joy is a permanent, enduring gift regardless of circumstance.
- **God's presence** - an everyday nearness of the presence of God.
- **Healing** - emotional, physical and spiritual healing: 'shalom' wholeness.
- **Belonging** - that people have a sense of Christ-centred community and family.

So, as we prayer-walk, we can pray for God's Kingdom to come.

It could sound like:

**"Lord, let Your kingdom come here in this street, over these households, bring Your freedom to any who are captive, or held in bondage or addictions;
Lord bring Your kingdom here, bringing righteousness and justice in place of oppression or inequality...
Lord, let Your kingdom come! Bring peace in place of strife and conflict in homes and families, Lord bring peace in place of anxiety...
Lord, let Your kingdom come in this area - may it be an area filled with Your joy and filled with laughter, where hearts are filled with the love of God...
Lord, let Your kingdom come. Bring Your presence so all may know You are real and You are here..."**

Please use these scriptures as you see fit, as you pray over people, homes, streets and areas of the city. You may want to read these verses out loud as you prayer-walk. Remember, **“the Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon you”** as you go! Some key themes you may want to focus on could be:

1. Healing

For the hurting; for the broken-hearted; for those who mourn; for mental and emotional health and well-being. **3 John 2 “Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.”**

2. Salvation

For the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus to impact every person; freedom for the captives! **Psalms 86:5 “For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.”**

3. Rebuilding

For the Lord to ‘rebuild and restore Wakefield as a place for His glory; for Kingdom culture (God’s ways) to prevail throughout this city; for joy and rejoicing to resound!

2 Chronicles 7:14 “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

Below are scriptures for each of the 7 spheres of society. You will find prayers for these in more depth in the ‘7 Spheres of Society’ resource:



Pray for Churches

Matthew 5:14: “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.”



Pray for Families

Psalm 68:6: “God sets the lonely in families...”

Joshua 24:15: “But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”



Pray for Education

Isaiah 54:13: “All your sons will be taught by the Lord and great will be your children’s peace.”



Pray for Government

1 Timothy 2:1-2: “I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanks giving be made for all people, for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”



Pray for Business/trade

Jeremiah 29:7: “Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”



Pray for Media

Philippians 4:8: “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about such things.”



Pray for Arts, Entertainment and Sport

Colossians 3:23: “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters”