

#PRAYTEST

#PRAYTESTYourCity (i.e. #PRAYTESTHouston)

“PrayTest’s are simple and reproducible, yet powerful and effective.”

What?

- As we become increasingly aware of injustices against the black community, God has unified and mobilized His multi-ethnic body of believers into those communities where we are prayer-walking in solidarity with brothers and sisters of all ethnicities in search of healing, hope, and reconciliation in Christ Jesus.

Why?

- When one member of the body suffers, all the parts **share the suffering** (*1 Corinthians 12:26*).
- If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and **will heal their land.** (*2 Chronicles 7:14*)
- The Lord works righteousness and **justice** for all the **oppressed.** (*Psalms 103:6*)
- Therefore **confess** your sins **to each other** and pray for each other so that you may **be healed.** The **prayer** of a righteous person is powerful and **effective.**

Who?

- It takes one Christian Caucasian and one Christian African American with integrity & humility. These “people of peace” will assemble a multi-ethnic body of believers.
- We are praying **specifically** for African Americans and issues related to their needs, pain, hurt, wounds, sufferings, struggles and future.

Where?

- We assemble in black communities. Walks can include praying over schools, businesses, homes, apartments, police stations, etc... We recommend having a local resident connected to the community that can be a guide for parking, walking route & to describe the neighborhood's needs. We don't want to cause traffic/parking issues for the residents there.

When?

- Gatherings are recommended Mon-Fri evenings between 6:30-8:00pm or weekends between 10am-8:00pm. Daylight hours only (times may vary from state to state). Allow 1.5 hours for PRAYTEST.

How?

- Create the flyer. Utilize our flyer template & *insert city, date, day, time, location name, address & contact. (see a sample flyer)*
- Promote it publicly using available platforms. Hashtag #PRAYTEST & #PRAYTESTyour city
- Arrive on time, assemble in a prayer circle & thank everyone who came. Be encouraging in whatever brief opening words you may have to share. *(Practice COVID-19 safety according to the CDC Guidelines in your state, at your discretion).*
- Distribute "We Pray for" index cards *(see prayer points for index cards)* to specific attendees of your choosing. Consider people who can raise their voices. We do not use sound amplifiers in order to avoid elevating any one person on a platform, which microphones, speakers & bullhorns tend to do. They also prolong speeches, prayers and annoy residents. Keep it simple, speak loud!
- One at a time, your chosen prayer people will enter the center circle, pray less than 30 seconds and then drop their card on ground in the center of the circle.
- After the last person has prayed, give instructions on prayer walking through the neighborhood. It is recommended everyone stay together, but the walk instructions are up to you! Let the Holy Spirit lead you as you walk and pray in the community. Be courteous to people, greet

them, tell them encouraging words and radiate the light! We usually pray silently and continue walking as to finish on time. (See some of our videos for examples of our walks).

- Upon arrival back at your starting location, feel free to share thoughts as you close your time together. If the Lord puts anything else on your heart to do at this moment, be led of the Spirit. But remember to always release people at the advertised time!

Optional Resources:

- Posters, signs and banners are optional. A few suggested sings are Christians United for Justice, We Love You, We Support You, Jesus Loves You, God Loves Justice, #PRAYTEST, Black Lives Matter To Us, Praying for Your Community, Join the Movement, Praying for Healing, United in Christ, Your Community Matters to Us, etc....
- Sign up sheet for future PRAYTEST and volunteer follow-up.

“We Pray for” Index Cards (Write these prayers on your index cards)

1. We pray for: Police practices across the U.S. to improve in such a way that bad cops are forced out.
2. We pray for: Strength and peace for the families who have lost loved ones to social injustice.
3. We pray for: Your love & peace to rest on black communities across the city and when we walk today may they see you!
4. We pray for: Friendships to be formed between white, brown and black people that will uplift and encourage the black community.
5. We pray for: Laborers to mobilize into under-served communities as mentors to those who lack guidance. Raise up disciple makers!
6. We pray for: Healing in the hearts of those who’ve been victims of racism, police brutality and injustices.
7. We pray for: Leaders in 2020 that will emerge and unite us for the purpose of empowering the African American community.

8. We pray for: All enemies of black people to turn to Jesus and repent for their sins and be saved!
9. We pray for: Our local government & police force to be full of integrity and to represent the our city with the highest standard of excellence.
10. We pray for: Systemic racism to end and for your systems to begin Lord!
11. We pray for: Empathy & understanding from non-blacks for the entire black community across our nation.
12. We pray for: A new media to arise that will stop depicting black Americans with a negative image & stereotypes but rather start showing positive images instead.
13. We pray for: A movement to educate & enlighten all people about racism so that we can live in freedom rather than denial.
14. We pray for: The affluent churches in Houston to mobilize people & resources into under-served black communities like never before.
15. We pray for: The family and loved ones of members in the black community who've lost loved ones to senseless violence.
16. We pray for: Our hearts to exposed of any bias, racism, prejudices, hate and false judgement that is in our hearts today against blacks.
17. We pray for: You to forgive us of any sins committed against African Americans and that generational curses of racism be broken today.
18. We pray for: You to cast out of fear from our black brothers and sisters hearts and replace it with security, safety and freedom.
19. We pray for: You to allow us to speak up for the black community when they are wronged by the institutional systems in America.
20. We pray for: you to see the humility & repentance that we are showing during this season of racial division, and send us a revival.