

- **Pray for the US in a week.** Praying for the US in a week means praying for seven states per day for six days and eight states on the final day.
- **Take a virtual prayer walk across America.** Using a computer search engine, find images from across the US. You might choose to virtual prayerwalk by using images of the largest cities in the US or of rural America. Talk about what you see and what kinds of needs there might be. Have everyone in the group share a need and then lead in a sentence prayer for that need.

Can you think of other ways to pray across America? Let's take a look at some more ways.

Out-of-the-box ideas:

- **Have a prayer path event** using a huge map of the US. Have someone draw the US on the church parking lot or on a large canvas to use indoors. Set up prayer stations with Bibles and prayer requests. Allow everyone to move through the path at their own speed.
- **Prayerwalk across your town** by joining with other churches to literally walk across your town praying for your community and for the country.
- **Prayerwalk across your county** by joining with other churches. Lay out a plan so that

designated distance and together the teams literally walk across the county praying. Have a joint meeting at one of the churches to share experiences and to celebrate how God will answer those prayers.

- **Prayerwalk your state!** This would be an immense undertaking, but working with churches throughout the state, it would be possible to ask each church to cover a designated area with prayer. Imagine what might come of such prayer efforts!

As you can see, walking across America in prayer can be done in many, many ways. It begins in the home and can spread nationwide. With commitment and faith, walk Unhindered!

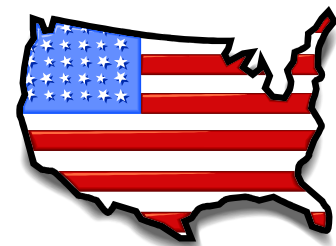


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Walk Across America Prayer Emphasis



*Suggestions for a prayer
 experience just for the USA*

Walk Across America. . .in prayer

Do you remember a commercial for the Yellow Pages of the telephone directory that said, "Let your fingers do the walking?" That little ad line is a good way to begin a prayerwalk across America. In this brochure you will find some basic suggestions that can be used in your home or church with family and friends. In just a few short minutes each day, it is possible to walk across America in prayer.

Materials needed:

A US map, place mat, drawing, puzzle, i.e., anything that has all 50 states on it.*

Optional materials:

Pencil or pen; paper; a computer or encyclopedia

Preparation

Place the US map somewhere in your house/church where it can be seen and used by every member. In your home you might place the map on a wall or the refrigerator. If you use a place mat, buy one for each family member and have your prayer time whenever you eat together. In your church, place the map in a high-traffic area where those who see it can touch a particular state and pray for it. As a family or group talk about the commitment that will be necessary to pray for the US.

Note: North American missions also include Puerto Rico

and Canada. This pamphlet focuses on the 50 states of the US. If you wish to include Puerto Rico and Canada, you will need to make adjustments to any figures that are based solely on the 50 states.



Determining prayer requests

Some ways to determine prayer needs in a particular state include:

- Visit the North American Mission Board's Web site, www.namb.net, to discover prayer requests from North American missionaries.
- Look at the daily newspaper or online paper for articles about current events happening in that state.
- As you choose a state to pray for, family members can look online and in encyclopedias or atlases to find information on a state. For example, Vermont is known for its maple syrup, among other things. Pray for the farmers who gather the syrup, that they will come to know Jesus as their Savior if they have not already done so.
- Visit the Web site of the Baptist state convention of that state or area. On those sites you will find information about what is going on in that state. Pray for the success of those events. Also, look for specific prayer requests that may be listed.

- Use the prayer calendar found in *Missions Mosaic* or other WMU® and denominational publications to pray for specific missionaries on their birthdays.

Prayer requests could be written on sticky notes on the map to remind each member of the family/group to pray for those requests whenever they pass the map.

Beginning the walk . . .

Once the map is up, what will be your prayer plan?

Here are some  suggestions:

- **Choose a state to pray for each week in the year.** Look up statistics on that state using the Internet or an encyclopedia. Adding Puerto Rico and Canada will give you 52 states and countries to pray for in a year. Make or draw some tiny footprints to place on the state to show which state is the subject of prayer. This activity could be done at the breakfast or dinner table or during family devotions
- **Pray for one section of the US each week of the month.** Divide the US into sections such as the South, the Northeast, the Midwest, and the West. On months with five weeks, alternate praying for Puerto Rico and Canada.