

## Deanery Prayer Walk

*“To pray the words ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ is to express a desire and a hope for the world to be a better place: a world where lives, relationships and communities are based on love, justice, freedom and peace that we find through faith in Jesus.” - The Bishop of Monmouth*

When the Lord was giving the promised land to Abraham, He said, “Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you.” - Genesis 13:17

How many of us are familiar with the land God has given us?

Walking wakes us up, body and spirit. Going for a walk can be beneficial in itself and going for a walk where we are intentionally praying is transformative.

Thy Kingdom Come is all about praying for people to come to know the amazing, life-transforming love of Jesus. We encourage everyone to choose 5 people they know, and pray for them throughout the 11 days and beyond!

You may want to consider starting your prayer walk with a prayer breakfast so people who can't join the walk can join in prayer and fellowship. Take time at this prayer breakfast to pray for your five people for you head off.

Walking between all the churches in your deanery and pausing to pray in each one is a deanery pilgrimage. Some people may simply want to be present in your church when the group arrives to offer hospitality to the walkers, some folks may decide to do a couple of legs, and some may want to walk the whole route.

The lovely thing about a deanery prayer walk is that you change conversation partners as you go along and sometimes you quite simply walk in companionable silence.

As we walk we have the opportunity to pray:

For our five that they will know the love of God for themselves.

That our own faith may be strengthened and deepened.

That the Holy Spirit will empower all of us to be more effective in our witness.

As we chat and observe we gain greater insights into how the churches bless us and how we can be a blessing to the communities they serve.