

PRAYING THE PRAYER VIGIL

Begin by asking God to clear your mind of all outside distractions. Place all of your thoughts and your spirit with the people and the event that you have come to ask God to bless.

Be silent a few seconds and begin to feel the presence of Jesus Christ. Pray as if you are talking to your best friend... because you are! Ask Jesus to bless, with His spirit, the buildings, the grounds, and all things used to bring those present to an awareness of Jesus Christ.

Pray for the lay director, by name by duty. They must walk in His Spirit for anything that they may be called upon to do.

Pray for the assistant lay directors, that they will be keenly aware of the needs of the pilgrims and help keep the walk on schedule.

Pray for the spiritual director that they may truly be an instrument of the Holy Spirit.

Pray for the assistant spiritual directors, for the love of Jesus Christ to shine through them for every pilgrim to see. Pray that they are aware of the needs of everyone on the walk and that they allow the Holy Spirit to guide them and speak through them.

Pray for the Board Representative that they may have the courage to keep the purity of the event and not let personalities keep them from doing what they promised God they will do.

Pray for the speakers, that they remember whom they represent, that they lay down self, and glorify Jesus Christ.

Pray for the talks...for the message each talk contains and for each person who hears, that they may hear according to their need and that their ears will be open to the cries of the needy and their eyes and hearts will be opened to the needs of the community.

Talks:

Priority	Growth through Study	Changing our World
Prevenient Grace	Means of Grace	Sanctifying Grace
Priesthood of all Believers	Christian Action	Body of Christ
Justifying Grace	Obstacles of Grace	Perseverance
Life in Piety	Discipleship	Fourth Day

Pray for the musicians, that their music may bring inspiration through God's message and soothe troubled souls.

Pray for the pilgrims:

The ones who cannot leave their thoughts behind,

The ones uneasy in the setting,

The ones who cannot sleep,

The ones who feel forced to come,

The ones looking for magic not miracles,

The ones who are open and receiving,

Pray that their eyes be opened just as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Pray that every pilgrim will find a reunion group, stay alive, and continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus through Prayer, Study, and Service to the community.

Pray for the servant team coordinator and all servant team members, that they will fulfill every need the pilgrims and team members may have. Lord give all team members strength, rest, and vision to make this the best walk ever.

Pray for the fun and fellowship that will warm hearts and keep the focus on Jesus Christ.

Pray for the kitchen crew to be inspired by the Holy Spirit to prepare the best meals and that they enjoy their work. Pray for their renewed strength.

Pray for the agape gifts, for the hands that made them, for those who deliver them, and the blessing they bring.

Pray for the special times during the walk, may each pilgrim feel the love of Jesus Christ like never before. Ask our Lord and Friend, Who sees and knows all, for His blessing and presence with everyone connected—not only those mentioned, but family members, friends, the churches, and community.

End by praising and thanking God for the opportunity He has given you to talk to Him on behalf of His children. **AMEN**

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PRAYER VIGILS

Prayer is such a strong part of the Emmaus experience both for the Pilgrims and the ones praying. With that in mind, I extend the invitation for you to participate in Prayer Vigils assigned to our Community. If you are asked to sign up for a time on an upcoming walk, please give it some thought and try to participate in prayer vigils.

It may be helpful to follow these:

- Feel free to say no if you are asked to pray during a time that is difficult for you; another opportunity will come.
 - Only sign up for a time when you can devote the entire 30 minutes to prayer.
 - If you have a conflict, call someone to take your time slot.
 - Find a quiet place free from interruption.
 - Before you begin, pray for forgiveness and ask for the presence of the Holy Spirit.
 - Picture the Walk as you pray.
 - After you pray, ask God to remind the next person on the Prayer Vigil to pray and ask for His presence to be with that person.
 - Safe travel to and from the Walk
 - Good health, open minds and hearts
 - Undivided attention, Christ-like team wisdom
 - Patience, trust and calm
 - Joy and a sense of God's love
 - For the Holy Spirit to meet each Pilgrim's needs
 - For the team to open themselves as God's channels
 - For the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the lives of pilgrims and team
 - To realize God's grace is sufficient for all needs
 - May also pray the meditations in front of our purple Walk to Emmaus book.
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