

Prayer Walk

The next time you are walking, try praying for the neighbors and homes on your way.

Below is a guided prayer walk put together by the prayer ministry team of Immanuel. May the God of all mercy guide your steps.

Route:

Senn Park to Thorndale, east to the Thorndale train stop, north on Broadway, and return to Immanuel via Elmdale, stopping to offer prayers at points along the route.

At Senn School (Corner of Glenwood and Thorndale)

READING

Deuteronomy 6:5-9

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

PRAYER

O God of all goodness: we give you thanks for the gift of reason and the opportunity for education, bless our schools that they may be places of learning and safety where teachers challenge the minds and nurture the hearts of students. Grant that teachers and students may work together in mutual respect and find joy in the challenge of academic life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

At Thorndale Train Stop (South Side of Thorndale, under the L tracks)

READING

Luke 10:29-37

But wanting to justify himself, the lawyer asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, the one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

PRAYER

We pray for friends and neighbors who rely upon public transportation, for their safety and for convenience.

Gracious God bless our city and make it a place of safety for all people, rich and poor. Give us grace to work for a city where neighborhoods remain vibrant and whole, where the lost and forgotten in society are supported, and where the arts flourish. Make the diverse fabric of the city a delight to all who live and visit and create a strong bond uniting people around common goals for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

At the Edgewater Library (On the corner of Broadway and Elmdale)

READING

Proverbs 1:1-11, 15-19

The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: For learning about wisdom and instruction, for understanding words of insight, for gaining instruction in wise dealing, righteousness, justice, and equity; to teach shrewdness to the simple, knowledge and prudence to the young-let the wise also hear and gain in learning, and the discerning acquire skill, to understand a proverb and a figure, the words of the wise and their riddles. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. Hear, my child, your father's instruction, and do not reject your mother's teaching; for they are a fair garland for your head, and pendants for your neck. My child, if sinners entice you, do not consent. If they say, "Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood; let us wantonly ambush the innocent; my child, do not walk in their way, keep your foot from their paths; for their feet run to evil and they hurry to shed blood.

PRAYER

We pray for friends and neighbors who gather here to learn, look for a new job or to enhance the quality of life through love of learning and literature. Power of the eternal Father help me. Wisdom of the Son, enlighten the eye of my understanding. Tender mercy of the Holy Spirit, unite my heart to yourself. Eternal God, restore health to the sick and life to the dead. Give us a voice, your own voice, to cry out to you for mercy for the world. You, light, give us light. You, wisdom, give us wisdom. You supreme strength, strengthen us. Amen.

At the Corner of Thorndale and Greenview

READING

Psalms 46:1, 4-5, 9-10

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. "Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

PRAYER

Let us pray for our neighbors that they may have safe and affordable homes for all God's children.

God our creator, by the Prophets and Psalmists of old, you taught your ancient people to seek the welfare of the cities in which they lived. We commend our neighborhood to your care, that it might be kept free from social strife and decay. Give us strength of purpose and concern for others, that we may create here a community of justice and peace where your will may be done; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER

Let us pray. God of liberation, you saw your people as slaves in Egypt and delivered them from captivity you see works of violence and weep. Relieve the suffering of all who have experienced abuse or violence in this community. Grant them peace of mind and a renewed faith in your protection and care. Protect us all from the violence of others; help us to bring offenders to justice; keep us safe from the weapons of hate; and restore us to tranquility and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.