

# *Arizona Call to Prayer*

## MARCH 2010 PRAYER ALERT

### ANNOUNCING...

#### MARCH: "PRAYERWALK OUR NEIGHBORHOODS" MONTH!

*And updates for Thanksgiving, Border Prayer, State Capital, National & International Events*

*"Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you."—Joshua 1:3*

We know that it is essential to pray in our closet, but sometimes God also gives us an assignment to go places and pray. For several years now God has led us on prayer journeys to places of historical and cultural significance throughout Arizona. He has also radically increased prayer at the State Capital and for our government leaders. This month in particular, we believe He is calling us to prayer walk our own neighborhoods. How great it would be to see hundreds of neighborhoods covered in prayer!

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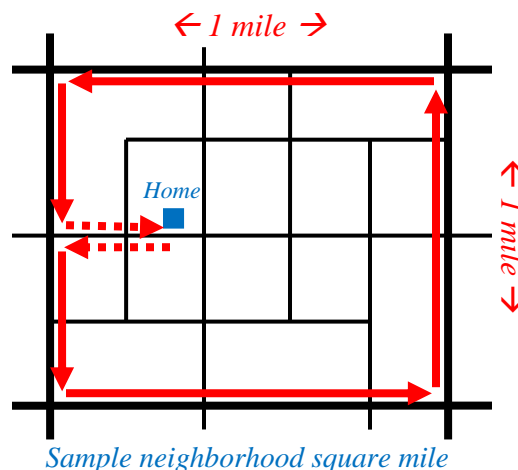
#### I. MARCH: "PRAYERWALK OUR NEIGHBORHOODS" MONTH

Jesus walked nearly everywhere he went and blessed people all along the way. Joshua was told by God that *"every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you."* Proverbs 11:11 states: *"By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted."*

When we heard the news of a devastating burglary committed against our friends who live two doors down from us, my wife suggested we begin prayerwalking our neighborhood again. This time we were inspired to walk the square mile perimeter using the four main streets that surround the area we live. As we walked we were prompted to pray for such things as traffic safety on our streets; for the restoration and strengthening of families and marriages; for the presence, blessing and provision of God to come to each household; for the schools—the students, teachers, administration, curriculum; for businesses we passed to have godly integrity and to prosper; for security against crime and any sort of evil that would come against our neighbors; even for places like the bus stops—that the passengers waiting on the bench would have an encounter with Jesus. It was not boring. It was great exercise. We knew it was pleasing to God and that He answers prayer!

**The Goal:** For Arizona intercessors to collectively cover hundreds of square miles of neighborhoods throughout Arizona! Nearly everyone can prayerwalk. Let's all contribute to bless our neighborhoods.

**A Square Mile:** To cover one square mile requires walking 4 one-mile lengths of the perimeter streets, plus the distance from your house to the perimeter and back. Thus, you will walk 4-5 total miles to cover 1 square mile.



*Sample neighborhood square mile*

**The Time:** It takes about 1 ½ hours to walk 4-5 miles to cover your neighborhood square mile (about 15-20 minutes per mile).

**Preparation:** We strongly recommend prayerwalking in twos or threes for the purpose of agreement in prayer and for your protection. Jesus sent out His disciples two-by-two. Take a moment before you begin to prepare your heart—ask the Lord to cleanse you, and for His wisdom and revelation as you go. You will want to wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a water bottle.

**Options:** We realize that many neighborhoods in Arizona do not have streets aligned in square mile grids. Choose the main streets that make sense to you that mark off your neighborhood. Choose a distance that you can comfortably walk. You may want to do smaller sections at a time over the course of the month. Some of you may want to start with your own square mile then do additional square miles in the surrounding area.

**Your Report:** Please send us a very brief report giving: 1) your name 2) your city 3) the main cross streets you covered 4) the square mileage you covered (usually 1 square mile); and if you like, any notable testimonies that occur (send to [kathleen@bridgebuilders.net](mailto:kathleen@bridgebuilders.net)).

**PRAY** for statewide participation in prayerwalking our neighborhoods this month. **PRAY** for wisdom, discernment and protection for all those who participate; and ask God about YOUR participation!

## II. THANKSGIVING REPORTS

**\*2010 MountainTop Prayer:** We have so much to be thankful to God for this year already. The Mountaintop Prayer event on New Year's Day saw a significant expansion to new places, including more than 20 sites in Arizona, along the border and in at least 5 other states! Here is the link to the [2010 Mountaintop Summary Report](#).

**\*Governor's Proclamation for a Day of Prayer:** Since Governor Jan Brewer issued the historic proclamation for a Day of Prayer on Sunday, January 17, it is most notable that immediately thereafter we have already experienced 3 or 4 weather fronts bringing much needed rain and snow. Further, the proclamation has been forwarded to some Arizona city mayors, with Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman already issuing a similar proclamation for 3 days of prayer in February. Now, it is also being sent to other governors requesting that they issue similar proclamations for their states!

**\*Pastors Meeting Together:** Pastors and Christian leaders are meeting together to seek God for our cities and asking Him for kingdom strategies to accomplish His purposes in greater ways than they can by themselves. We will be hearing about some of these exciting regional and statewide initiatives in the coming weeks!

**\*Border Prayer:** The *Message of Hope Border Prayer Tour* at the end of January was successful beyond our expectations and we have been sending out summary reports. God is at work along our borderlands even in the midst of the escalated violence that has erupted this last week.

**PRAY**, giving thanks for what the Lord has done, and for the further development and continuing work of God's presence in each of these areas.

## III. BORDER PRAYER

We have been updating you with urgent prayer alerts coming out of the eastern Mexican border towns due to the drug cartel wars that have erupted there this past week. We will continue to do so as this violence rages between cartels and involving the Mexican military and law enforcement. Meanwhile the media remains largely silent and the general public ignorant of the gross violence and tragedy among our next door neighbors and the imminent spill over across the border.

**PRAY** for the media to report the facts and make the severe needs of our neighbors in Mexico known. **PRAY** for the fear of God to come to the borderlands and for godly reinforcements to come to the aid of those who are fighting for justice and righteousness. **PRAY** for evil and violence to be stopped in its tracks. **PRAY** for the presence of God and righteous transformation to come to the government, land and people of the borderlands—**PRAY** for godly order at the border!

**PRAY** also for the resources and completion of the documentary projects Angel Amador and Hal Sacks are working on from the hours of footage gained during the *Message of Hope Border Prayer Tour*. **PRAY** for the details to come together for a Border Briefing we are planning for May 1 in Phoenix that may also serve as advanced training for law enforcement! We will update you on these developments.

#### **IV. STATE CAPITAL PRAYER**

Our government leaders—the legislators, governor and her staff—continue to need our prayers as they deal with the budget crisis and numerous bills in the legislative process. You will be encouraged to know that we have joined with our close allies at the *Center for Arizona Policy* to assemble a team of intercessors that are committed to attend every legislative session in both the House and Senate galleries! At least two intercessors, who we call Gallery Captains, sit quietly in each of the galleries each day to oversee the proceedings and pray.

**PRAY** for the protection, insight and effective intercessions of the Gallery Captains. **PRAY** for wisdom to come to our legislators, governor and staff to deal with the many issues they face. Check out updates given by the *Center for Arizona Policy* at [www.azpolicy.org](http://www.azpolicy.org).

#### **V. NATIONAL PRAYER**

The national prayer initiative of the *U.S. Reformation Prayer Network* (similar to the 24/7 torch of prayer in Arizona—see <http://www.litethefire.org>) continues by passing a torch of prayer week-by-week each Friday from state to state. This month Maryland, then South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, then New York carry the torch.

**PRAY** for these states and our nation to catch the fire of God—for revival and transformation come!

#### **VI. INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

First Haiti, now Chile has been hit by massive earthquakes bringing great devastation especially to the poor. The wars in the Middle East continue. There is turmoil, violence, poverty in much of the world. We all need the love of Jesus and the hope that only He can bring. There are now reports that more than 40,000 have made professions of faith in Jesus in Haiti since their earthquake.

**PRAY** for the hope of the message of Jesus Christ and His saving grace, healing and restoration to be proclaimed in all the earth, and especially in Haiti, Chile and the Middle East.

#### **VII. UPCOMING PRAYER EVENTS**

The following BridgeBuilders conferences, seminars and prayer gatherings are in various stages of planning. Please **PRAY** for final details and promotions to be completed.

##### **Church Prayer Leaders' Seminar, April 17, 2010**

2010 is a year to focus on praying for families; we are privileged to have Cheryl Sacks share the message she has been speaking to conferences across the US on *Restoring the Family Altar*. This is one seminar that is for everyone—pastors, church staff, prayer leaders, teachers and . . . everyone! The seminar will take place at Living Streams Church in Central Phoenix on Saturday morning, April 17.

## **AwakeArizona Tour 2010**

**Flagstaff, April 23-24.** This BridgeBuilders event will be the first of several "Awake" gatherings in 2010. The event will take place at Christ Church of Flagstaff and the featured speaker will be Jackson Senyonga.

**Tucson, September 16-18.** AwakeArizona will come to Tucson September 16-18; featured speakers are Dutch Sheets and Cindy Jacobs and more. The event will take place at Victory Church.

### **The US/Mexico Border Briefing, Saturday, May 1**

This one-day seminar will take place at Southwestern College, 2625 East Cactus Road, Phoenix, AZ 85032. The seminar is for legislators, pastors, law enforcement personnel and intercessors to better understand the crisis at the border and how to pray and respond.

### **PrayerQuake2010, June 23-25, 2010**

This year PrayerQuake speakers will include Francis Frangipane, Lance Wallnau, Pete Greig, Bishop Tudor Bismark from Zimbabwe, R.T. Kendall, who was pastor of the famous Westminster Chapel in London for 25 years and Becca Greenwood. This is going to be a great conference! PrayerQuake will take place at City of Grace Church in Mesa. We will soon be developing a prayer team to cover all aspects of the conference; we hope you will be a part. Conference details will be available very soon.