

Praying the Prayer Vigil

Your prayers for the team and pilgrims are an essential part of each Walk weekend. In fact, the Walk cannot start until all 72 hours are covered in prayer! You may pray from your home, work or where ever you are.

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

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

Pray for the lay director, if not by name, by duty. The Lay Director must walk in His Spirit for anything that they may be called upon to solve.

Pray for the assistant lay directors in much the same way.

Pray for the spiritual director that he/she may truly be an instrument of His Spirit.

Pray for the assistant spiritual directors much in the same way.

Pray for the speakers. Pray that they remember Whom they represent; lay down self, and glorify God.

Pray for the talks ... for the message they are to give, for the giver, and for each person who hears, that they may hear according to their need.

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

Pray for the pilgrims, that they be open to miracles and blessings, and for all the conditions known to God.

Pray for the cooks and all the ministers in unrecognized ways.

Pray for the fun and fellowship that will warm hearts and keep focused on God.

Pray for the team assistants that they do not tire. Pray for their renewed strength.

Pray for all the agape gifts, for the hands that made them, and the blessing they bring.

Pray for the special times that will forever be a part of the Pilgrim's Fourth Day life.

And, lastly, give it all to our Lord and Friend, who sees and knows, asking for His blessing and presence with everyone connected -- not only those mentioned, but families, and the change for the church 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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