



Prayer Walk Guide — Saturday, September 5, 2026

Special Labor Day Prayer Walk

“But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.”— Psalm 13:5



Opening Prayer

O Lord, your steadfast love does not fail, even when we ask, “How long?” You hear our cries and have given us lasting hope through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Thank you that your grace goes before us and follows after us. By your Holy Spirit, prepare our hearts to love our neighbors and prepare our neighbors to receive the good news of Christ. As we pray today and welcome people on Labor Day, make us attentive, generous, and courageous. Give us faithful work to do and teach us to trust you for the growth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Trust His Steadfast Love. Praise and Pray:

- Thank God that we can bring him our sorrow, questions, and long waiting.
- Praise him for salvation in Jesus and grace that precedes all our good works.
- Thank him for the people, gifts, and opportunities he has entrusted to Calvary.
- Ask for renewed hope where prayer and outreach have felt slow or fruitless.
- Pray that our joy would rest in God’s steadfast love whatever Monday brings.



Remember Neighbors Who Ask “How Long?” Pray:

- For neighbors carrying grief, illness, depression, or unanswered questions.
- For people worn down by financial pressure, uncertain work, or family strain.
- For lonely neighbors and newcomers longing for someone to know their name.
- For church-wounded people who find it hard to trust Christians or hope in God.
- That Monday’s welcome would lead to friendship, practical care, and hope in Christ.



Prepare Our Hearts to Welcome. Ask God:

- To forgive our indifference, fear of rejection, & any lack of welcome to the stranger.
- To make our love sincere, whether or not someone comes to the cookout or church.
- To give us courage to invite other-than-Christian friends, relatives, coworkers, and neighbors; **name them before the Lord.**
- To keep prayer central today, with natural opportunities to greet people and offer a flyer (for those actually on the prayer walk.)
- Make us ready to listen, learn names, & notice people standing alone on Labor Day.



Prepare Labor Day in Love. Pray:

- For every remaining preparation, enough volunteers, and a shared willingness to serve.
- For wisdom, energy, patience, and joy among everyone setting up, welcoming, cooking, and cleaning up.
- For good weather (NO RAIN!), safety, and wisdom to adapt if plans need to change.
- For food, equipment, activities, and the practical details that make hospitality possible.
- For invitations and flyers to reach people who need friendship and encouragement.
- For neighbors to feel comfortable coming, including those who would hesitate to enter a church.
- For children and adults to enjoy the day, and for no guest to remain unnoticed.
- For unhurried conversations, good questions, shared laughter, and opportunities to pray with people—and that some would come join us to worship next Sunday.



Give Fruit That Lasts Beyond Monday. Pray:

- For the Spirit to awaken spiritual curiosity and open doors to speak about Jesus.
- For clear, gracious gospel conversations, without pressure or fear-driven silence.
- For people to repent, believe in Jesus, and rejoice in his salvation.
- For new friendships to continue through meals, conversations, prayer, and practical help.
- For neighbors to join us in worship, Equipping Class, and Life Groups, and grow as disciples.
- For people unable to attend Monday to encounter Christ's love through us in ordinary life.
- For Calvary to become a gospel-shaped home where neighbors are known, loved, and invited into the life of Christ together.
- For revival in Northwest Raleigh, as we faithfully plant and water and God gives the growth.



Closing Prayer

Faithful Father, remember our weary neighbors and settle our hearts in your steadfast love. Go before us as we pray, invite, and prepare. Be with us as we welcome and serve. Continue your work long after the tables are cleared. Bring people to Jesus, deepen new friendships, and make us faithful in the care that follows, and add to those who worship you at Calvary. O Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow after us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.