



# LIVING THE MISSION PRAYER

AWAKEN RISK BLESS

## WALKING THE NEIGHBORHOOD

### PURPOSE

For people, as individuals or in pairs, to walk their congregational or personal neighborhoods to sense where God is active, enter opportunities for conversation, and offer blessings through silent prayer. The Worth of All Persons and the Blessings of Community, two of the church's Enduring Principles, help us to understand that our only motive for this practice is to be open to God's presence in and our desires for any resulting relationship.

### SUGGESTED STEPS

1. Step out in faith as you offer the Mission Prayer and reflect on the counsel found in Doctrine and Covenants 161:3, 4. (See the following page.).
2. With a family member or friend, begin walking in your home neighborhood or in the neighborhood around your church. As you walk, pray for God's guidance and offer God's blessing on each home and the people who live there. If people are out in their yards or on their porch, greet them and wish them a good day.
3. 3. As you become a regular presence in the neighborhood, begin conversations with neighbors. Ask God to lead you to the people with whom God wants you to share in conversation. Listen for where God is moving in their lives. Consider offering this prayer: *God, with whom do you want me to meet and form a caring relationship today?*

### TIPS FOR THE PROCESS

This practice requires genuine investment in forming relationships and takes time. This is not designed to simply "invite people to church." This missional practice helps us understand what God is up to in the lives of people in our neighborhoods by being present where we live and worship. Between walks share with your partner in prayer and conversation about the people you meet and where God may be leading you in mission. Be creative—bring some cookies to offer to people on your walk, or some freshly picked vegetables—anything you can offer them as a way of sharing God's love in a practical way.

### Mission Prayer

*God, where will your Spirit lead today?*

*Help me be fully awake and ready to respond.*

*Grant me courage to risk something new  
and become a blessing of your love and peace.*

*Amen.*