



“Who Is My Neighbor?” Map Week 1 – B: Begin with Prayer

This first tool is a simple way to get you started right now in praying for your neighbors. It’s called the “Who Is My Neighbor?” Map.

In the “Who Is My Neighbor?” graphic on the reverse side, the center square represents where you live. The eight surrounding houses represent your neighbors. Write each of your neighbors’ names in the surrounding eight squares. Don’t get hung up on being geographically accurate; just think about the eight people who live closest to you. This works if you live in an urban apartment or townhouse, a suburban cul-de-sac, or out in the country. Just ask “Who is my neighbor?” and write in their names.

If you do not know the names of your eight closest neighbors, then find out. Google them. Ask them. Whatever you have to do, you must know their names and write them in the boxes. Then use this tool to begin praying for eight people in close geographical proximity to you.


This tool can also be used to identify your neighbors in other settings too. If you want to use it for work, just ask “Who are the eight people in closest physical or relational proximity to me at work?” You can do the same with where you play. For example, ask “Who are eight other people on my team?” or “Who are eight other people I regularly see at the gym?” Once you know their names, begin with prayer.

So now my challenge to you is to set aside some time every day to pray for each of these eight people by name. I’m not asking you to pray all night like Jesus did, but we can all start somewhere.

In time you will find that you won’t need the “Who Is Your Neighbor?” map because you have memorized the names of these eight people that God is asking you to love. But this simple tool is a great way to get you started in praying for the neighbors where you live, work, or play.

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