

Be the Light

In Harford County



Prayer - Care - Share



LIGHTHOUSE HISTORY

The Lighthouse Movement was an international and interdenominational prayer-evangelism movement which gained momentum and force throughout the earth and finally spread across the U.S.A. in the late nineties. It then gently ebbed away with the new millennium. But a new wave, a mightier wave of PCS Ministry, is rolling in right now and any believer can participate. It only takes a few with God to make a big impact! A Gideon army of 300 congregations/ministries can reach a densely populated region for Christ as together we sound forth the Gospel message and shine forth the Light of Jesus Christ!

WHAT IS PCS MINISTRY?

PCS is short for **Prayer – Care – Share**. It is a simple but extremely effective tool for bringing in a harvest of lost souls to Christ. All it requires is **one or more members of a Christian household willing to pray for their closest neighbors three to five times a week with occasional prayer-walks**. You may consider then a gathering of other members of the family, Christian friends and/or Christian neighbors to pray together in agreement weekly or monthly. **Prayer** then leads to **care** and ultimately to sensitive **sharing** of the gospel. As neighbors come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, each Lighthouse may further evolve into a home group for nurturing new converts.

You are the light of the world...let your light shine...

Matt. 5:14, 16

Our local goal is to saturate our neighborhoods, zips, cities, regions, states and nation street by street with prayer preparing the hearts of the people for salvation and our own hearts to **care** for them and **share** with them the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The overall effect is a change in spiritual climate throughout the area to one that is conducive to salvation and transformation. We are lights dispelling darkness from individual lives, streets, neighborhoods, and communities in prayer and giving voice to the Word of Truth.

It is best that we do this together - connecting with other PCS coalitions locally, regionally and nationally:

NATIONAL PCS LINKS
www.MissionAmerica.org
www.LOVE2020.com
www.TransformOurWorld.org

EXAMPLE OF REGIONAL PCS
www.CornerstoneNetwork.com

HARFORD COUNTY PCS
www.HigherTogether.org – news & information
PCSinaction@gmail.com – training & tools

*A Lighthouse
is a person or group acting in Jesus' name
to pray for, care for and share Christ
with its neighbors.*

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR? The neighbors for whom you pray may be your residential street neighbors, business neighbors, co-workers, friends, senior center residents, or classmates.

“Prayer-evangelism is talking to God about our neighbors before we talk to our neighbors about God.”
Evangelist Ed Silvano

HOW MANY NEIGHBORS SHOULD WE REACH OUT TO?

For residential neighbors, count off five houses to your right, five houses to your left and ten houses across the street. That means you are covering approximately 100 souls in prayer. If that seems too much, start with fewer and build it up gradually. Business people may cover their small shopping center or a portion of the mall in which they are located. Young adults and children can be Lighthouses in their college dorms and schools. Aim for five lockers to the right, five lockers to the left and ten lockers across the hall, your home room class, or any school group in which you are involved.

*The worker in an old-fashioned lighthouse
had just a few duties:
keep the oil lamp burning brightly
polish the reflector like a mirror
keep the lens clean.
Likewise, a Lighthouse of Prayer
needs to focus on a few simple
but effective ways
to reach their street.*

PRAYER * CARE * SHARE

STEP ONE: *PRAYER*

TARGET YOUR PRAYERS: Draw a sketch of the houses on your street, or the apartments in your apartment building, or the businesses in your business park, or the desks in your class room. Write each neighbor's name for which you will be praying. If you don't know all their names, greet them and introduce yourself to those you don't know offering your name and asking for theirs. Keep it cordial and sincere. Then record the names, addresses and prayer needs of your neighbors after your prayer-walk.

Across the nation whole communities are practicing PCS together calling it **LOVE 2020** and **Loving our Communities to Christ (LC2C)** through the national network of **Mission America**. Their website is www.MissionAmerica.org. The most excellent example of community-wide PCS is in a community in California. It started in the late 1990's by Larry DeWitt and is still working effectively today. Details may be found at www.CornerstoneNetwork.com. Locally in Harford County, Howard of www.hightogether.org will chart the streets covered in prayer and Judy of www.touchofheaven.org will provide training sessions from two decades of experience and as a former member of the National Lighthouse (PCS) Committee.

HOW DO WE PRAY? Pray the scriptures concerning **heart preparation** toward the Gospel. Pray that...

- *their blinded eyes be opened to the truth* (2 Cor. 4:4)
- *their stony hearts be softened to the Gospel* (Ezek. 11:19)
- *their deaf ears be opened to hear the word* (Rom. 10:17)

Based on Luke chapter ten, there are specific directions for winning our neighbors to Christ. The first step is to **bless them** (Luke 10:5), an effective form of prayer. Consider this **BLESS** acrostic as a guideline.

- **B**ody *physical needs, health, protection, strength*
- **L**abor *work, income, job satisfaction and security*
- **E**mo­tional *joy, peace, hope*
- **S**ocial *family relationships, marriage, friends*
- **S**piritual *salvation, faith, holiness, grace*

Pronouncing blessings is so powerful. It is a part of our ministry as New Covenant priests. Just as you can “feel” when someone curses, so will your neighbors “feel” your blessings. Blessings literally break curses that hinder people from receiving Christ. Your nastiest neighbor needs the most blessings. Bless them daily as you drive by or walk your dog. Any time is good.

Plead or claim the Blood of Jesus over them. Throughout the ages, blood covenants always upheld one's sworn oath. It is no different with God. Every promise He has made to mankind is upheld by the precious Blood of Jesus, the Blood of the New Covenant. When you plead the Blood of Jesus, you are calling forth every promise He has spoken. It was the scarlet thread (a type of His Blood) that delivered Rahab and her father's entire household from the city of Jericho. His Blood still delivers today.

*... if two of you shall agree on earth
as touching anything that they shall ask,
it shall be done for them of by Father
which is in heaven Matt. 18:19*

SHOULD I PRAY ALONE OR WITH OTHERS? Pray three to five times a week yourself for your neighbors. It only takes a few minutes. Then determine to **pray** in agreement with one or more members in your household, Christian neighbors, and friends at least once a week. Unity increases **prayer power** exponentially (Deut. 32:30). This will raise you to a whole new level of prayer impact. You are building an altar to the Lord; you are building a **House of Prayer**. Every neighborhood needs one or more Houses of Prayer.

PRAYER-WALK YOUR STREET: Occasionally walk your street while inconspicuously praying for your neighbors and blessing them. Make it a part of your regular routine. As you walk your dog, exercise or even drive your car, pray for them, and bless them. **It takes so little effort but reaps such tremendous results!** Ask God for witty ideas for reaching out to them. He will.

I urge then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone...

This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved...

1 Tim. 2:1,3,4

Walk with your spouse or Christian neighbor **praying together** at least once a week. Whole congregations may occasionally walk the neighborhoods surrounding their worship facility. And clusters of congregations may prayer-walk their zip.

Abraham walked through the Promised Land before it was taken, and the whole nation of Israel walked around Jericho before the walls came down.

STEP TWO: CARE

As you pray for your neighbors, you will discover that your heart is being drawn to them and their hearts are being drawn to you. God will literally make divine connections and opportunities for you to begin **caring** for them. Again from Luke chapter ten, the next step, **care**, is described as **fellowshipping with them** (Luke 10:7) and **meeting their felt need** (Luke 10:9).

Greet them. Take time to chat. **Jesus loves people**. Be patient. Receptivity to the Gospel is usually much higher in the context of an established relationship. If people sense they are your “project” they may question your sincerity. You may pray for several weeks before opportunities for **caring** arise but they will come. Get together. Look for opportunities to share time, tools, meals and stories.

Repeatedly **Jesus cared for people** in His ministry on earth.

- *Feeding the 5,000* (Mark 6:6:30-44)
- *Teaching the Good Samaritan* (Luke 10:25-37)
- *Healing the sick* (Matt. 8:2-4, Mk 2:3-12 etc.)
- *Showing compassion* (Mark 5:19)

Effective **caring** meets a need from a position of humility. Look and pray for creative ways to get to know and **care** for those around you in ways they will receive and appreciate. Try any of these suggestions.

- *Offer your help when needed.*
- *Someone's garbage can blow away? Retrieve it.*
- *Is a family sick? Offer to pray and provide a meal.*
- *Ask "how are you?" And then listen.*
- *Host a Christmas Party*
- *Outreaches like Servefest and Saturday Serve*

Love your neighbor as yourself

Mark 12:31

Team up with other PCS partners to help single moms, elders or others who would benefit from your help as a household, church or community outreach. An alternative to Halloween is hosting a Pumpkin Party the week before. Invite all the kids on the street. Make sure there are plenty of treats and a good time for all. Have a Backyard VBS or a Good News Club. Try a Cookie Swap Party before Christmas inviting all the moms. Share your special gifting. Have a Craft Party. Some may be open to a Bible study. Just love your neighbors anyway you can.

STEP THREE: *SHARE*

Jesus commanded His disciples throughout the centuries to *go...and make disciples*. It is The Great Commission.

Matt. 28:18-20 ...All authority is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

A praying, caring Christian is prepared to **share** the Gospel in an impacting way. But prayer and care must come first, not only to prepare our own hearts, but theirs also. Non-Christians often read these messages “between the lines” when a Christian begins to **share** his/her faith without a prior demonstration of care.

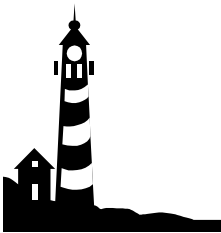
- *You think you’re better than me.*
- *You’re saying there is something wrong with me.*
- *You don’t respect my beliefs.*
- *You’re just trying to get me to join your church.*

Repeated prayer and care for our neighbors, makes them less suspicious of our message because they have seen the fruit in our lives, and they know our aim is only to bless them.

SHARING JESUS: Again from Luke chapter ten, we find the final step to winning our neighbors to Christ: **share** the Gospel in a sensitive manner.

- *Share a recent testimony.*
- *Share after a felt need is met.*
- *Give them a Christian video.*
- *Invite them to a Christian concert, lecture or movie.*
- *Invite neighbors to your church on special occasions..*

*God has
strategically positioned
you to be a light
of the world,
in your world!*



STEP FOUR: *DISCIPLE*

After the **praying** and **caring** for your neighbors and **sharing** the Gospel with them, there is an additional step worthy of consideration. Once your neighbors have received Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord, they need someone to nurture and **disciple** them.

**After the ewes birth their baby lambs,
they never turn them over to the shepherd to nurture.**

The mothers feed and tend their own babies.

We are ALL the sheep of His pasture.

**We cannot expect our pastor to totally disciple
the sheep we begat.**

Each Lighthouse should prepare for their harvest of neighbors.

- *Buy some extra Bibles.*
- *Buy some good discipleship material.*
- *Be ready to take your new converts through it.*
- *Start a weekly Bible study.*
- *Take them to Church.*
- *Continue to care for them.*

STARTING YOUR PCS MINISTRY:

My prayer of commitment:

Father, I know that my neighbors matter very much to You and that You have commanded me to make requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving for them. So, out of obedience to You and out of love for my neighbors, I commit myself to pray and ask for Your blessings on them on a regular and consistent basis. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Neighbors for whom I will pray:

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Christian family, friends, and neighbors with whom I may pray:

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SAMPLE PRAYER FOR NEIGHBORS

PRAYER: Father, I ask that the Holy Spirit open their blinded eyes to the truth, soften their stony hearts, open the ears of their understanding and convince them of their sin and need for Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord. May Your goodness through us lead them to repentance. I claim these households enlightened by Christ, for the heathen are my inheritance in Christ Jesus. I plead the Blood of Jesus over their lives.

PROCLAMATION: I claim Christian home groups, prayer groups, and Bible study groups on (street name). I ask for signs and wonders of Your love, healing, and revival on (street name). I call my neighbors saved, filled with Your Spirit, sanctified, walking in faith, loving the Lord with all their hearts and their neighbors as themselves, and winning the lost to Jesus.

BLESSING: Lord, bless their family relationships, bless their marriages, bless their children, bless them with good health, bless their finances, bless them with promotions, bless them with witty ideas, bless their possessions with long life, bless them with godly friends, etc.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, Your will be done, Your Kingdom come on (street name) as it is in Heaven. And to You be all the praise, the glory, and honor. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

(2 Cor. 4:4,Ezek. 11:19,Rom. 10:17,Matt. 5:45,13:13-15,Ps. 2:8,Joh. 2:12-13,James 3:9)

PCS TESTIMONIES

Here are some testimonies to encourage you to continue in Prayer, Care, and Share. Please share your results at LOVE2020.org or highertogether.org.

Sometimes we wonder if our witness is ever being “read” of others. My wife and I, since joining a small home group recently and having begun to pray for our neighborhood of 17 years, have seen some exciting things already happen.

A neighbor had been harassing us for 10 years. Something recently happened turning his life upside down. That’s when I approached and told him that, despite the past, we take no pleasure in his misfortune and have been praying that God would do something good for him. His head sunk down as he told me he was sorry for all the hard feelings.

A couple, who was virtually this man’s only friends decided to sever all ties with him after learning some things about him. They became recipients of his vindictiveness. We had only casual conversation with this couple in the past, yet they came to us for advice. They have since started attending a church.

One of my daughter’s close friends has been having serious problems with her father. Recently her friend’s mother called my wife and, crying on the phone, asked if it would be possible if our youth minister would be willing to mediate between the father and daughter.

When my wife’s brother was suddenly hospitalized with an unknown illness, the cell prayed for him. They suspected leukemia. After 2 weeks of

examinations and biopsies, even to the Mayo Clinic, he was released with a clean bill of health. E. S.

Clearly both, prayer *plus* communication and action, are important to make an impact! Here's a quick testimony.

On May 26th we moved into a neighborhood that was hostile to us. Two weeks after starting to pray for our neighbors, three of our neighbors waved to me in one day. Glory. K.P.

K.P. said she knew the three waves in one day was God's way of saying, "Keep it up!" Within nine months one couple was saved! Another participant is not only a Lighthouse to her neighbors, walking her streets and praying daily, she is also a Lighthouse to her son's High School.

Usually five mornings a week, C. D. goes to O. High School to prayer-walk the halls for one hour. She checks doors, greets teachers and students, and prays. She calls it a Prayer Patrol. She has made it plain to the school staff what she is doing and they are thrilled, handing her a visitor's ticket each morning as she arrives. She is developing relationships and encourages other moms to do the same. Her goal includes securing a room in the school for weekly group prayer with other Christian moms.

Here is another testimony from a dear saint who had been a Lighthouse to her neighbors of 40 years.

D.B. shared that, not regularly but off and on for 40 years, she had prayed for a difficult neighbor with no noticeable results. This lady is an alcoholic with a foul mouth to everyone including D. B.. The lady's daughter lives with her. D. B's family had been threatened by the daughter's male friend previously. The police were commonly around due

to problems. I had told D. B. just to pray daily for her neighbors and that God will draw them to the one praying for them. That encouraged her. She began praying daily for this lady and her daughter. Recently D. B., who is an elderly woman, went to retrieve her garbage can that had fallen into the ditch. This woman across the street, who had never shown kindness but only a foul tongue before, urged her own daughter to run across the street and help D. B. get the can! D. B. was astonished! Prayer works. A relationship is budding. D.B.

Well it wasn't a salvation you may say. Not yet. But, if we are faithful *now* to till up the ground of their hearts with prayer, God will provide the opportunities to reap our harvest! Just keep praying. By the way, you are never too old to be a Lighthouse.

Charlestown, a senior residence, is a city within the city of Baltimore, MD. It has a population of about 2,200 senior citizens. In 1998 a couple of ladies started promoting Lighthouses of Prayer there and it really exploded. There are, at that time, 225 Lighthouses. That is one Lighthouse per every ten residents. Each resident or couple had a shelf outside their apartment. The Lighthouse participants placed a miniature Lighthouse and beautifully designed card stating that they are a Lighthouse of Prayer on their shelves. They even started meeting for group prayer. It grew so large they had to have two different meeting times and then three. Later there were six prayer groups meeting weekly. They wrote and distributed their own Lighthouse newsletter and occasionally scheduled a collective prayer breakfast. It was so exciting seeing Protestant and Catholic clergy and lay members unified for the cause of Christ! They even had evangelistic outreaches also utilizing the Jesus video.

Hang on to your seats as you read about this little Lighthouse.

A few months ago as I was walking around my block with my then 18 month old son, an amazing, and God-like, event happened. An event which made me reconsider what the Psalmist meant when he said: “From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.”

My husband and I are praying for our neighborhood. We do take walks around the block and pray over each house, but we were never vocal about it and we never told our son that we were praying for the neighborhood. But a few months ago, my then 18 month old son, who could talk, but not very well, began to pray for a few of the houses in our neighborhood. One day as he and I were walking around the block, he suddenly stopped by a mailbox which was in front of a house. He wouldn't come with me so I knelt down and told him that we had to go. He said. “No, pray!” In my mind I thought what in the world, my own son is scamming me. He knows if he says he's praying I'll let him stay. I didn't want to discourage him so I said, “Okay let's pray.” He said a few words which I did not understand, then we kept walking. To my surprise, however, he stopped at the next mailbox in front of the next house and prayed again. He did it all the way down that row of houses. When we got home, I told my husband what had happened and we were excited, but didn't really think any more of it.

The next time we went for a walk, my son again prayed for just that row of houses. He has continued to do that on and off every time we walk near those houses, and he has even begun to lay hands on the mailboxes. I do not know if he is truly “laying hands” on the mailboxes, but I believe that my son is carrying a greater burden for a few houses in our neighborhood than even my husband and I understand... Chris

We can make a difference! The souls we are praying for now will become our home groups in the future. We will birth them into God's Kingdom through Prayer, Care, and Share. So dare to be the Light on your street or business or school. Together we can see our region transformed!
Judy Lyon-Kesselman

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www.LOVE2020.org



My Lighthouse

*The storm may toss, the waves may rage
Against My Rock set for all age.
The Night may tightly grip each heart,
But from Me you won't depart.*

*For on My Rock My Lighthouse stands,
Strong, impen'trable to Dark plans.
Slicing through the murky Night,
To bring the masses to My Light.*

*And you, My children tend the Light.
Keep it burning always bright.
Do not slumber, don't despair,
But encourage with hope and prayer.*

A Gideon Army

*A Gideon three-hundred
A sparse army, it is so
But with the power of Jesus
To victory do we go!*

*“...the character of...spiritual Light is revealed to us by the characteristics or properties of natural light. The same is true concerning spiritual darkness and natural darkness... Natural light always overcomes natural darkness. One lit candle will light an entire room to some degree but absolutely no amount of darkness is able to overcome a single light. A single light can push back darkness of far greater dimensions than itself. And God declares that this Light, now in us, with its power to overcome Darkness is good.”**

Judith Lyon-Kesselman

(Based on Genesis 1:3-5)

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