

# Neighbourhood Map

*To act with love toward someone, I need to know them.*

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## Get to Know Your Neighbours

Step 1: Imagine the chart is your immediate neighbourhood. How it works depends on what sort of place you live in

If you live on a town street, then the boxes to the left and right of you are for those who live on either side of your house. Then you can put in the houses across the road, and the ones behind you.

If you live in an apartment building, think of your neighbourhood as your hallway: those beside you and those across the hall. You might leave one side blank

If you live on a rural road, think of those along the same road.

Step 2: Know their names. For each household, write in the names of the people who live there. Don't know them? This is a good chance to find out.

Now, you can start praying for them *by name*. It doesn't need to be much. Simply asking God to bless them today is a great beginning.

Step 3: What do you see? Now fill in something you know about each neighbour, solely based on what you can observe. In other words, these are things that you can know without needing to talk to them. (For instance, they leave early for work every morning. The kids go to school. One child loves hockey. etc.)

Now, you can add what you see to your praying. Your prayers become more tailored to what is going on in your neighbour's life.

Step 4: What can you learn? Observing can only take us so far. To really begin knowing and acting with love for our neighbours, we need to talk with them. This might begin with simple "Hellos." It moves on to small talk. But eventually, the conversation might become more personal.

What is something you can learn about your neighbour only by talking with them? Write that down in their box. Add that to your praying too.

Not sure how to start a conversation? Begin with praying about it. Ask God to create an opening. This is a chance for you to share too, letting your neighbour into your life a bit. Neighbouring is a two-way relationship.