

**These paragraphs correspond to the numbers on the map. You may use them as aids in your prayer.**

**1.** Just as we humans have paths on campus, you can discern the myriad animal pathways on campus as well: grasses laid down in a long line, ribbons of bare dirt under brush and trees, and pawprints in the snow. As you walk, ponder how we are able to discern the path upon which God desires us to walk.

**Psalm 25:4-5** Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

**Ask for help in discerning God's way by seeing the signs that are already there around you.**

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**2.** As fall approaches, deciduous trees begin to retract available nutrients down to their well-protected root systems. Chlorophyll disappears from dying leaves, and the materials left behind create bright bursts of fall color. Cells become more elastic and their liquid concentrates, freezing at a lower temperature!

**Psalm 148:7-11a** Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples...

**Give thanks for the wonders of God's creative power!**

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**3.** Many neighborhood pedestrians use this section of path as a route to local shopping areas. Pause and notice the *Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount* on your left and the nearby city water tower to your right. Consider how the AMBS community can exhibit Christian hospitality to our neighbors.

**Jeremiah 29:7** But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

**Pray that God will open your eyes and heart to the needs of the city—its neighborhoods and its people—and how you might seek its welfare.**

**4.** The dry stalks of grasses and wildflowers give silent testimony to the generation of life through the warm growing season and the subsequent rest in winter. Today we are so disconnected from the natural cycles of productivity and rest that we find ourselves worn ragged from endless work. God rested after creating the world and commands us to rest. What if we would give our schedules over to God's priorities?

**Mark 6:31-32** Then Jesus said, "Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile." He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn't even have time to eat. So they left by boat for a quiet place, where they could be alone.

**Ask that you might be able to view your life and work in terms of God's priorities.**

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**5.** We often fail to appreciate that our basic needs are being provided for. As you pass the student housing units, reflect on what it would mean to have to live without shelter, clean water, electricity, even a mailing address! For many workers in low-paying jobs in the city of Elkhart it is hard to move beyond poverty because their incomes are too low to supply even basic needs for themselves and their families.

**Matthew 22:37-40** [Jesus] said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

**Give thanks for the ways in which your needs have been provided. Ask God for opportunities to share your riches with others.**

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**A flexible spiritual resource to fit your schedule!**

**May be done solo or in a small group. Pray your own prayers as you walk or use the prayer suggestions at the numbered stops on the map.**

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...Ecclesiastes 3:1*

**Fall-Winter Prayer Walk**  
 Numbers 1-5 correspond  
 to prayer prompts on  
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