

PRAY AROUND THE WORLD

KC ZOO PRAYER WALK



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INTRODUCTION

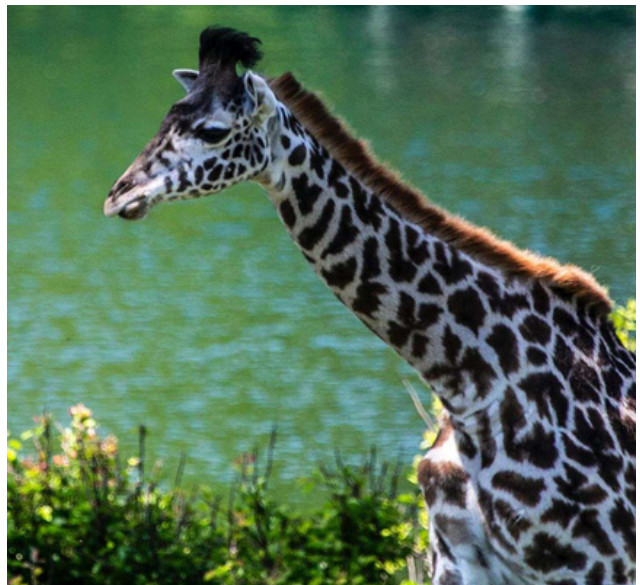


Hello, young adventurers! Welcome to the Kansas City Zoo, a place filled with animals from all over the world. Today, we'll go on a prayerful journey, appreciating God's creations and praying for the well-being of these creatures and the countries they represent.

Prayer is a way to connect with God and show gratitude for all of God's creations. As you walk through the zoo, take time to observe the animals and their environments. Let your prayers be a way to show love and care for all living creatures and the world God has entrusted to us.

Instructions: You can visit the areas of the zoo represented in our guide in any order that you like. When you arrive to an area, find a good spot to read the guide, share in some discussion and pray before you explore the animals and activities that area has to offer.

AFRICA



Interesting Facts: Africa is a vast continent with diverse cultures and wildlife. Some key African countries include Kenya, South Africa and Egypt.

Explore: Lions, elephants, giraffes, zebras and rhinos are some of the incredible animals found in Africa. What's your favorite animal found in the Kansas City Zoo's Africa section?

Scripture: "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." - Psalm 24:1 (NIV)

Ways to Pray: Pray for the protection of African wildlife and their habitats. Pray for the well-being and safety of the people living in Africa, that they may experience God's love and provision.

AUSTRALIA

Interesting Facts: Australia is known for its unique wildlife and vibrant ecosystems. It is the only country that is also a continent.

Explore: Kangaroos, koalas, wombats and emus are some of the fascinating animals native to Australia. If you lived in Australia, what animal do you wish would hang out in your neighborhood?

Scripture: "Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths." - Psalm 148:7 (NIV)

Ways to Pray: Pray for the conservation of Australia's fragile ecosystems. Ask God to guide scientists and conservationists in protecting endangered species and preserving the beauty of Australia's land and sea.





TROPICS BUILDING

Interesting Facts: The Tropics include regions near the Equator, characterized by warm climates and lush vegetation. Countries in this area include Brazil, Indonesia and Malaysia.

Explore: In the Tropics, you'll find colorful birds like parrots, toucans, and macaws, as well as various reptiles and amphibians. What's your favorite animal in the Tropics building?

Scripture: "Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice! Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise!" - Psalm 96:11-12 (NLT)

Ways to Pray: Pray for the protection of rainforests and their unique biodiversity. Ask God to help people living in tropical regions to live sustainably and harmoniously with nature.

HELZBERG PENGUIN PLAZA

Interesting Facts: Penguins are flightless birds well-adapted to cold climates. They are found in countries like Antarctica and parts of South America.

Explore: Observe the adorable penguins and learn about their different species. Can you walk like a penguin?

Scripture: "But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you." - Job 12:7 (NIV)

Ways to Pray: Pray for the well-being of penguins and other animals in polar regions. Ask God to inspire us to be responsible stewards of the Earth.



STINGRAY BAY



Interesting Facts: Stingrays are fascinating sea creatures that glide gracefully through the water. They are often found in tropical and subtropical regions.

Explore: Observe the graceful stingrays and learn about their unique adaptations. Did you try to touch one? What did it do?

Scripture: "He alone spreads out the heavens and treads on the waves of the sea." - Job 9:8 (NIV)

Ways to Pray: Pray for the health of oceans and marine life. Ask God to guide us in preserving the beauty and richness of marine ecosystems for future generations.

ELEPHANT OVERLOOK



Interesting Facts: Elephants are majestic creatures, known for their intelligence and strong family bonds. They are found in various countries, including India, Thailand and some African nations.

Explore: Observe the elephants and learn about their social behavior. How do you think they say, "Hi"?

Scripture: "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end." - Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)

Ways to Pray: Pray for the protection of elephants from poaching and habitat loss. Ask God to grant wisdom to those working to ensure the well-being of these magnificent animals.

BILLY GOAT GRUFF YARD

Interesting Facts: This area is home to friendly goats, known for their playful and curious nature. Goats are common throughout the United States and many other places in the world. Sometimes we drink goat milk, eat goat cheese made from goat's milk or just have goats as pets.

Explore: Spend time with the goats and learn about their habits. What's the funniest thing that they do?

Scripture: "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good." - Genesis 1:31 (NIV)

Ways to Pray: Thank God for the joy that goats bring to us. Ask God to help us bring joy to our neighborhoods, our cities and our entire country. May we share Jesus' joy and love with those around us.



SOBELA OCEAN AQUARIUM

Interesting Facts: The ocean is home to a vast array of marine life and complex ecosystems. Covering over 70% of the Earth's surface, the ocean plays a crucial role in regulating our climate and providing a habitat for countless species.

Explore: At the Sobela Ocean Aquarium, you can discover a diverse range of marine animals. Fascinating creatures such as sea turtles, jellyfish, sharks, and colorful coral reefs await you. What's your favorite ocean creature?

Scripture: "There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small." - Psalm 104:25 (NIV)

Ways to Pray: Pray for the protection and preservation of our oceans. Ask God to bless the efforts of marine biologists and environmentalists working to safeguard marine life and habitats. Seek guidance for sustainable practices that will ensure the health and beauty of the ocean for future generations.



ZOO MAP

