

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

Cultivate a Loving Presence Where You Live

The place we call home is unique to each of us. Paying attention to who is around you and striving to be a good neighbour is a great way to embody God's love in our world.

SIMPLE STEPS TO BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

1. Be present.

Spend time outdoors near your home, or in the common area of your apartment. Walk around with your head up, ready to greet others. Show up for community events. Be receptive to invitations.

2. Take the first step.

Say hello as neighbours pass you by. Introduce yourself by name. Invite them over for a drink.

3. Learn names and stories.

Learning who your neighbours are is a powerful way to communicate that you see them, and you care about them. If you struggle with remembering names, find a way to take simple notes or even add them to the contacts in your phone. (I've got Jeff - house 717 in my contacts).

3. Gather a few neighbours together.

Host a few people for a meal or invite people over for a fire. You could even consider throwing a block party to bring everyone together.

4. Be generous.

The world is a better place when we are generous with our time and our resources. Shovel your neighbours walk or rake their yard. Offer to lend a hand with projects, or offer your tools.