

Walk for Water 2026 Talking Points – Keynote Speech

Stage-Ready Speech Script (5–10 Minutes) (You can read this exactly as written.) –

Good morning, everyone and thank you for being here for our Walk for Water event.

Today, we walk for children and families who do not have access to clean water. In Africa, India, and Pakistan, millions of people still drink dirty and unsafe water every single day. Clean water is something we take for granted — but for them, it is a daily struggle. We walk today to raise awareness, but also to raise hope. Every step you take helps us dig new wells and repair broken ones. A well can cost anywhere from \$1,750 to \$8,500 depending on how deep we must drill and the soil conditions in the village. But every well changes lives. Clean water brings health. It brings dignity. It gives us the opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ, the Living Water. It gives children time to play and go to school instead of walking miles every day like I did growing up. It gives mothers time to work, care for their families, and build a better future. Your walk today also helps us care for orphans, widows, and the elderly. Relief Network supports four orphanages across Nigeria, India, and Pakistan. Your support helps us provide food, supplies, and care to those who have no one else. Clean water also opens the door for job skills training. When people are no longer spending hours fetching water, they can learn skills that lift them out of poverty. And your support helps us bring medical and humanitarian relief — medicines, vitamins, emergency surgeries, and medical missions with volunteer doctors and nurses. The reality is harsh. Dirty water causes dysentery, diarrhea, typhoid fever, skin infections, and river blindness. It leads to the deaths of 800 to 1,000 children under age five every single day. These deaths are preventable. Women and children walk miles every day for water. Thousands of hours are lost — hours that could be used for education or work. Dirty water keeps families trapped in poverty. But today, you are helping break that cycle. Your walk is saving lives.

Your walk brings hope. Your walk is helping us bring clean water, health, education, and the love of Christ to entire villages. Before we begin our walk, I want to invite you to take the next step with us. You can donate today at www.reliefnetworks.org. You can sponsor a village well. You can sponsor a well in honor or memory of someone special. Or you can schedule a meeting with us to learn how your family, business, or church can partner with us. Together, we can bring clean water — and the Living Water — to those who need it most. Thank you for walking with us today. God bless you.

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