## **P R A Y** 2018

## "He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for *His* Name's sake." *Psalm 23:3*

## What will this one hour of prayer look like?

- Each person will receive a copy of the Prayer Guide to use
- During our time of intercession, we will be praying specifically for the lost
- The format for praying is simple and appropriate for <u>all</u> ages to participate!
- We will pray for no more than one hour *(even if you didn't complete the guide)*
- Children may need space during this prayer gathering and it is perfectly appropriate for parents to slip outside or to another specified place in the house as needed.
- We are committing to *pray* for one hour, not just to talk about it. Spend a moment preparing your heart to hear from God prior to beginning.
- 1. Begin by reading out loud these suggested guidelines (*Praying Together by James Banks*) for an effective time of prayer:
  - Begin on time. Jesus is waiting to meet with us!
  - Pray briefly. Short prayers help keep things moving.
  - Allow others time to pray. God is waiting to hear from them too!
  - Pray passionately. We worship a loving and powerful God!
  - Don't "preach or teach" when you pray. You're talking to God, not others.
  - Please don't complain when you pray aloud, especially about others!
  - Pray reverently. You're in the throne room of the King of Kings.
  - Pray scripturally. God loves to hear His promises prayed!
  - Be silent if you like, but know others are blessed when you pray aloud.
  - Pray loud enough so people can hear—and support you in your prayer.
  - Listen quietly and follow the leading of the Spirit.
  - Pray with faith, and expect great things from God!
  - Watch Revival video → <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7jlAxXa4Shk&t=63s</u>
  - Begin your time of prayer with PRAISE to God. Ask individuals to read the PRAISE
    portion of the guide and the Scripture (*separate insert*). Take a few minutes to praise
    God for who He is...
  - Follow the guide as you more through a time of silent CONFESSION and corporate THANKSGIVING
  - Begin the time of INTERCESSION in groups of two or three. You can stay in those groups as you pray for the lost or you can do this portion as a large group.
  - Conclude by asking someone to read Hebrews 13:20-21 out loud
  - Dismiss