

# An Invitation To Prayer



It has been over a decade since just a couple blocks from WellSpring, a man filled with hatred, entered the Jewish Community Center on Rinaldi and started shooting. This incident not only affected our local community but because of its nature, rippled across the country.

Now just last week the horrific event that took place in Charleston is similar in a number of ways, but notably to me, in its impact on the entire nation.

As you read reports about what happened, listen to anchors on the nightly news, or scan through social media, there is no lack of opinion about the horrible event, from views on gun control, racism, Christian persecution and much more.

Of course there is nothing wrong with an opinion unless — in my opinion — it doesn't lead us to some expression of God's grace and love.

I want to invite you to one of those expressions — prayer. Below is a paragraph I'd like to share from Foursquare's President Glenn Burris Jr. as our invitation to pray.

Please ask your community of faith to pray for the families of the victims of the violence at Emanuel AME Church. Pray for its members, and the community of Charleston. Pray for our African American brothers and sisters, who feel again the pain of racism. Pray for unity in the body of Christ as we stand together against the ultimate evil of this world, Satan himself. Our ultimate battle is a spiritual one, so prayer becomes our most powerful weapon.

That is an opinion and an expression I'd like to be part of. Will you join me and the entire Foursquare family around the nation to pray for Charleston?

Pastor Scott