

Dear NU Family,

This past week has been a hard one. Perhaps you are tired, worn, and discouraged in spirit as you feel the weight of our nation's disunity and pain. Certainly, we are all unsure of what the path ahead holds for us, and I don't pretend to have any more answers than anyone else. I would like to simply offer you a few words of encouragement and guidance that have been spoken to my heart these last few days.

First, I encourage you to seek *in-person relationships over social media relationships*. We have the capacity to forget that we are interacting with human beings when we use social media, and that each person's story is unique and different and should be heard individually. God sees everyone as a person of equal value and dignity, and this is the perspective we should hold in mind towards all people, also.

Secondly, avoid retreating into circles of sameness. I encourage you to have a real conversation with someone that differs from you. Reaching out and listening to one another doesn't mean that we will end up agreeing on everything, but it does teach us how to listen to one another's voices.

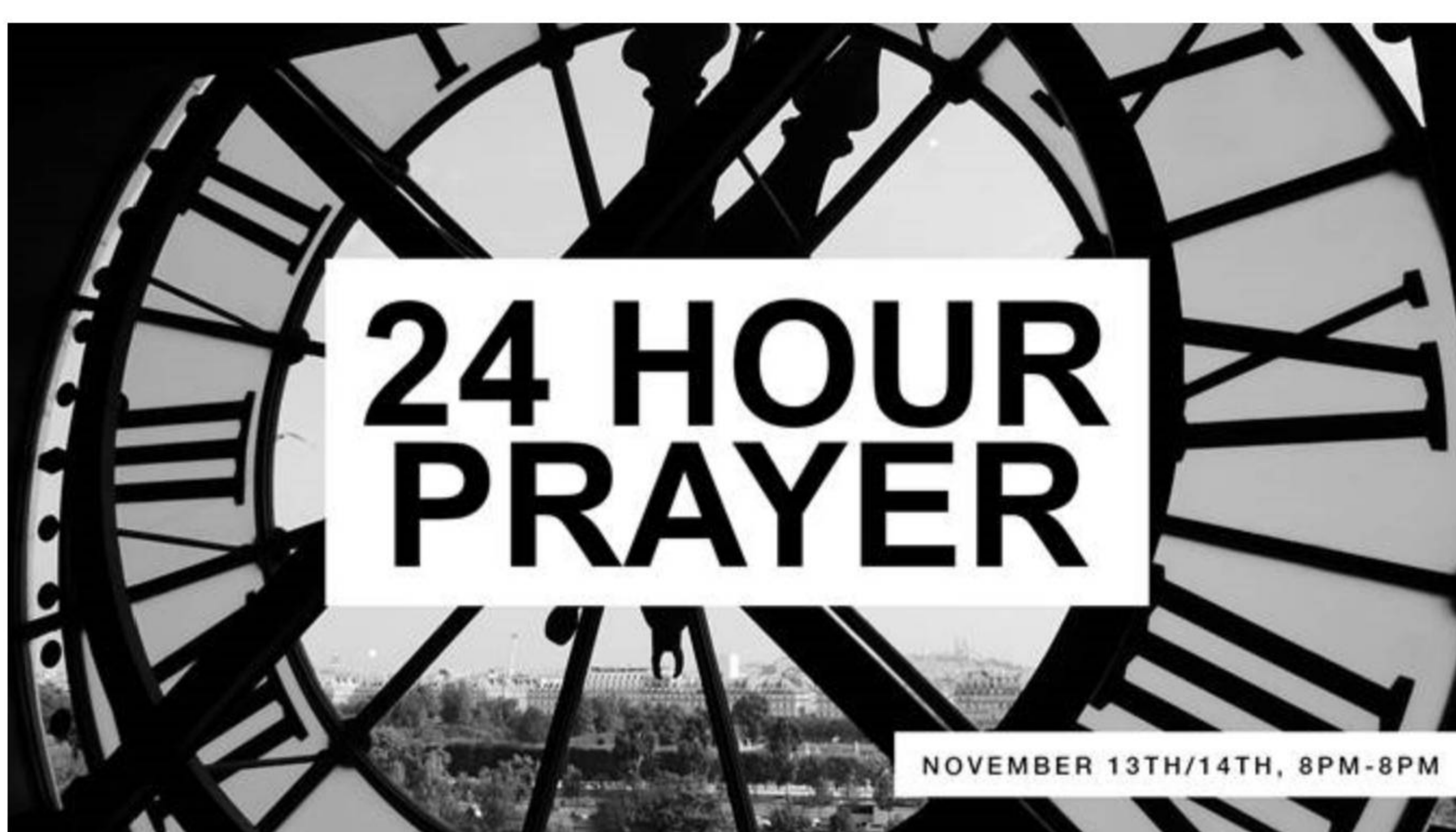
Above all else, pray. Pray for yourself, for your neighbors, for our nation, for our leaders, and for our world.

As President Castleberry reminded us in chapel on Friday, as God's people, the **cry** of our heart is to be, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven", and the **call** we have is to "act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God" (Matt 6:10, Micah 6:8).

May we be people in whom the cry and the call increase every moment.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

- Mon, Nov 14** | 24-Hour Prayer | Butterfield Chapel, all day till 8pm
- Mon, Nov 14** | Monday Devos: Kristen Ross | Butterfield Chapel balcony, 10 & 11:20am
- Mon, Nov 14** | Pursuit: Acoustic with Communion | Butterfield Chapel, 8:30pm
- Wed, Nov 16** | Chapel: Dr. David Thomas | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am
- Fri, Nov 18** | Chapel: Don Ross | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am



Monday 11/14	Tuesday 11/15	Wednesday 11/16	Thursday 11/17	Friday 11/18
Prayer for the World: join us in prayer for our communities and the world	Language + Stories: learn language and cultural lessons in 4 different languages	Student Forum: engaging multicultural, diversity, and global issues	Cross-Cultural Approach to Dance: learn Chinese + Israeli dances and how dance has the power to foster cultural understanding	International Culture Fair: food, Chinese calligraphy, and a chance to win an international plane ticket
4-5 pm HSC 102	7-8 pm Hurst 110	7-8 pm Hurst 105	7-8 pm Hurst 110	3-5 pm HSC Fireside + 104

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In Jesus, our example and our guide,

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