



# RESTORING **BROKEN** LIVES

**Sunday, October 14, 2018**

## About Survivor Sunday

Survivor Sunday is an invitation for individuals and Christian churches across the nation to join together in prayer on **Sunday, October 14, 2018** for those who have been affected by gun violence in America. These other victims are the loved ones of those killed by senseless gunfire. They are the spouses, children, parents, siblings, friends, companions, neighbors, co-workers and entire communities who have been traumatized by the loss of someone taken away in this agonizing manner. The mission of Survivor Sunday is to remind our country that compassion for the survivors of gun violence is rooted in Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). Jesus commanded us to love our neighbors, which includes strangers and anyone caught in the crossfire of violence, regardless of their faith, ethnicity or neighborhood.

## Restoring Broken Lives

The hundreds of deaths this year from gun violence have shaken faith communities and America at large. We understand all too well that it can be difficult to determine what to do and how to react to these tragedies. That's why this year's Survivor Sunday will be focusing on **Restoring Broken Lives**. We are hopeful that this day will bring individuals and churches across our nation together for the purpose of calling upon our heavenly Father to restore broken lives. In turn we believe that these prayers will collectively stir hearts to action in order to bring an end to senseless gun violence everywhere.



# How You Can Get Involved

There are a variety of ways to get involved with Survivor Sunday 2018. Whether you're considering private prayer or a gathering to pray with friends, your community or your congregation, you will find options for participating below:

## **Pray in your home for those whose loved ones' lives were cut short by gun violence.**

If you're struggling to know exactly how to pray, you can find sample prayers and suggestions on our website.

## **Share Survivor Sunday through social media.**

We believe in the power of prayer, especially when we link arms as a community of believers. On October 14th, you can share posts from our Facebook page. Make sure to tag us, using the hashtag #SurvivorSunday18 to spread the word. Ask other individuals in your digital community to lift up survivors of gun violence in prayer by doing the same.

## **Share resources with your family, friends, church and community.**

Too many lives are lost to gun violence in America each year. You will find resources on our website to help you inform others about responsible gun ownership. Gun ownership is our Constitutional right, so let's be responsible citizens and reduce tragic and unnecessary loss of life via firearms. Visit our website to learn more.



## **Join the Conversation on Social Media**

To learn more about Survivor Sunday, visit [www.prayersandaction.com/survivor-sunday/](http://www.prayersandaction.com/survivor-sunday/) or follow us on Facebook and on Twitter.



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# How to Get Your Church Involved

*Whether through a moment of silent prayer or during churchwide worship, we invite congregations across America to pray with us on October 14th.*

It's easy to get your church involved on Survivor Sunday. First, visit our website to sign your church up and let others know that your congregation will be participating. (There is no cost or donation required.) When you sign up, you will receive confirmation via email that we've received your information, in addition to links to important resources. Once your church is signed up, check out the list of ways below that you can recognize victims of gun violence and remember the survivors on that Sunday:

**Set aside time to pray during your service(s).** In a context that's appropriate and suitable for your congregation, lift up survivors of gun violence in prayer.

**Invite a Prayers and Action spokesperson to speak at your church.** The Prayers and Action pastors and ministry leaders are equipped to encourage your church in how to best support and comfort survivors, while also providing your congregation with tangible action steps for preventing future gun violence in our country. Request a speaker for your Survivor Sunday church service on our website, and we will do our best to coordinate and accommodate those requests.

**Post bulletins and information in your church about Survivor Sunday.** You can view, print and share our Survivor Sunday 2018 bulletin by visiting our website. You will also find more resources to share with your congregation about preventing gun violence and praying for survivors of gun violence.



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Get all the resources you need for Survivor Sunday, including photos, videos, shareable graphics and more, by visiting our website.

**[prayersandaction.com/survivor-sunday-resource-kit](https://prayersandaction.com/survivor-sunday-resource-kit)**