

# Prayer Night

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2019

A PROCESS FOR DECIDING ON WOMAN AS ELDERS

Tonight is about turning our hearts to God as we prepare to make a decision about women serving as elders at MCA Church. We have studied the Scriptures together, now we focus our attention on praying together. Our prayer time will move us through the following:

## Prayer of Surrender

*Jesus prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." Luke 22:42*

## Prayer for Unity

*Jesus prayed, "Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one." John 17:11*

## Prayers of Thanksgiving

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Discuss: What has been positive for you in this process? What have you taken away so far?

## Prayer for Wisdom

*"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." James 1:5*

Discuss: What are you struggling with in this decision? What questions remain unanswered for you?

## Silence & Listening to the Spirit

*"...no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us." 1 Corinthians 2:11-12*

## Open Sharing

*"It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us..." Acts 15:28*

## Closing Prayer for Trust & Peace

*"...they were sent off by the believers with the blessing of peace..." Acts 15:33*