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# PRAYER AND PRAISE

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**MARCH 1-9, 2019**

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY / EDWARDSVILLE, IL  
BESSIE FICK / ISM COORDINATOR**

- Pray that we would be faithful in following up on the contacts on Campus and that we are faithful to use opportunities to invite them to hear of God's love for them.
- Pray that God's people continue to bring their gifts for the work among students on campus especially to open opportunities to also reach the internationals on our campuses. Thank you prayer that this year has been provided for by the people of the Southern Illinois District. Also pray that God would provide volunteers to serve in meeting the needs of the internationals on our campuses.
- Thank you prayer that we were able to meet new students at the Spring Welcome Reception. May God bless these contacts with opportunities to serve our international neighbor and to invite them to hear of God's salvation in Christ Jesus.

**MARCH 10-16, 2019**

**INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP HOUSE / ASU-TEMPE, AZ  
SHARON OWENS, DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS MINISTRY**

**PRAISE FOR:**

- Praise God for the new students who arrived for the Intensive English Program at ASU. Pray that they will join our activities and hear the gospel.
- A great Valentine's Day event. This year Valentine's Day was on Thursday our regular night to meet. We planned a fun event with activities and discussed how the love of a Valentine is special but God's love is beyond what we can imagine.
- We have 42 new students this year and are close to reaching our goal of 50 new students to attend one of our events where the gospel is shared.

**PRAY FOR:**

- The preparation of our Easter Baskets for students. We will include a cross, Bible, Christian tracts, and of course a chocolate Easter bunny and other traditional Easter candy. Pray that the students will receive this gift with joy and begin reading the bible and other materials.
- Spring break choices. Pray that our students would make healthy and wise choices on their Spring break and that they can find relaxing and fun things to do.
- Pray for our students. Many of them experience depression, loneliness, the fear of not measuring up to parents expectations. All this causes a lot of stress on the students.
- Pray for wisdom, direction and unity for our campus ministry. Pray that we would see where God is leading the work and that we would follow where he leads.

**MARCH 17-23, 2019**

**UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL / COLLEGE STATION, TX  
LYDIA SCHINNERER AND REV. PAUL HOEMANN, ISM CO-DIRECTORS**

- Pray for Teresa, Jae Hyeong, and Sinhye, all from South Korea; Victor and Milonka from Peru; Flavia, Eloisa, Anna and Caroline, all from Brazil; and Elonora from Russia. These are our new students, so far, for the winter/spring semester. Some are Christian. Some are not. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we serve and minister to them.
- We'd like to once again send a student(s) to In-Depth Bible Conference this year. Ask God to show us who is ready for such a week of study.
- Pray for Sina and Fatemeh, a couple from Iran, who had to prematurely return to their homeland. Gospel seeds were planted while they were with us last fall. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will bring in the fruit!
- Nittaya and her family from Thailand; Burcu and her husband from Turkey; Nabila from Bangladesh; Amerika and her boyfriend from Brazil; and Yong Chen from China are all returning students with whom we've developed significant friendships. Pray that the Spirit of God would draw these unbelievers to himself.
- We continue to pray for a new co-director to work with Lydia. Ask the Lord of the harvest to raise up a new worker for our ministry. Also, ask the Lord's blessings on Allan and Mary Beth, our volunteer English conversation leaders. We are so thankful for their faithful service!
- Pray that the Lord will continue to provide faithful financial partners so that our ministry of friendship and hospitality to internationals at Texas A&M University will continue.

**MARCH 24-30, 2019**

**FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY IN BIG RAPIDS, MICHIGAN  
BETHEL LARSEN**

- Thanks be to God that a Middle Eastern family found me recently in spite of my irregular schedule.
- With challenges of weather, scheduling, and location, please pray that I find creative ways to form and maintain good connections with international students, and that opportunities to share Jesus will result.

**MARCH 31-APRIL 6, 2019**

**UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL / UNIV OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN  
MARK MEYER/ DIRECTOR**

- That God would continue to draw new international students to our ministry.
- That God would raise up American students to disciple International students.
- For the young believers among us that they would continue to grow in their faith.
- That God would draw F, J, S, M, B and E to baptism.

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**APRIL 7-13, 2019**

**ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER  
SLIPPERY ROCK, PA  
AGUSTA MENNELL / ISM DIRECTOR**

**PLEASE PRAY...**

- that the student meals, transportation, and time that we make to listen to their concerns are all part of our friendship. Most of all, please pray that the Holy Spirit would draw them to worship and to Bible study.
- for Mikayel from Armenia. He graduated several years ago and continues to call, always praising All Saints for our support. He does not see the value in attending worship, but we encourage him to read his Bible.
- for Carlos from Paraguay. He graduated from SRU and tried to get a job in the US, but was unsuccessful. Although he was baptized on Easter Sunday while a student, he doesn't believe that God cares about him and has stopped attending church. He is very lonely.
- a Christian pastor who preached the Gospel on Christmas Day in India where a former student's mother and father were in the audience. The mother is a fervent Christian, but her family is not. Asking God to bring this pastor back again to share the Gospel so her whole family can believe.
- that Chris and Samantha will continue attending Bible classes this semester. They are sincere Christians. She is Catholic and he is Reformed. Both want to learn more about the Bible.

**APRIL 14-20, 2019**

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH/FLINT, MI  
MARTHA HELMREICH**

- Thanking God for step by step opening the doors for St. Paul's outreach to Kettering University.
- Thanking God for the blessing of our initial interactions with the students both at St. Paul as well as on campus.
- Asking God to continue to guide and direct the Evangelism/Outreach Committee's future plans to develop relationships with Kettering students.
- Asking God to prepare hearts and minds of students, giving them a hunger to know Jesus.

**APRIL 21-30, 2019**

**INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP CENTER /UNIV OF WI-MADISON  
JUDY TANG/IFC DIRECTOR**

- Praise God for wonderful new connections and blessings with new people leading the "Ask the Expert" class. Praying that will continue!
- Pray that God would continue to strengthen the current IFC volunteer teachers and bring new volunteers to the International Friendship Center.
- Continue to pray for God's healing and support a Chinese friend and volunteer struggling with depression. Pray that God would work mightily in their hearts and minds.

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS & AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**MARCIA MITTWEDE/ISM DIRECTOR**

- Thank the Lord that "S" (S. Korea) desires baptism! Ask the Lord to use this to encourage others who are ready to take this step.
- For the Lord's guidance in who to invite to the In-Depth Bible Seminar.
- That the Marriage class would strengthen marriages of internationals in the class.
- In thanksgiving for the Lord's provision of volunteers to pray, teach, support and encourage ISM in Austin and around the country!

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