

The first two sets of prayer requests come from comments written at the Youth Gathering. Please pray that many of those who interacted with ISM there would become a friend of at least one international student.

Pray that Christians in the US would “be there” for international scholars and students as they:

- welcome me with open arms
- guide me in learning the language better
- make me some good food
- not only be my friend, but introduce me to the rest of their friends
- eat with me in the dining hall
- talk with God with me
- be patient with me

Pray that Christians in the US would grow in being spiritual influencers by

- having empathy and trustworthy character
- forgiving and asking for forgiveness
- having passion for Christ and caring for others.
- instilling a desire to learn more and constantly dig into God’s word
- never being afraid to share our faith with anyone
- prioritizing faith over everything in my life

The next two sets come from opportunities and challenges shared by ISM site leaders in August.

Pray that volunteers and leaders would follow God’s lead in:

- Welcoming and interacting with new students
- Following up on referrals shared by the campus or other groups.
- Collaborating with the International office on campus and other churches and ministries.

- Restarting serving meals regularly to students and scholars.
- Creatively connecting students with transportation.
- Helping the US students to interact with international students
- Using the new Bible studies that encourage friendship with internationals.

Pray that God would grant grace in facing these challenges:

- Transitions in local leadership due to former leaders not being available.
- Difficulties finding new volunteers, especially to teach classes and be conversation partners
- A poor relationship with the student office - they do not return phone calls.
- Fundraising
- Finding our niche: not duplicating or competing and knowing our strengths
- Helping the US students who are German Lutherans to grow in interactions with internationals.
- Struggling to meet and get a list of international students and scholars



From Sharon Owens, Campus Mission Coalition, Arizona State University

Praise God for:

- A great summer of fellowship with students
- The dedication of the student leadership team and their service to their peers
- Partner churches identifying how they can come alongside our mission

Pray for:

- The more than 4,000 incoming in-

- ternational students to get connected and have their immediate needs met
- Our international student leadership team as they execute a semester of awesome activities for international students
- Employed former students who miss the community on campus.

From other sites

- Praise God that several international students have contacted Trinity, Norman Oklahoma expressing interest in the English Conversation Classes, and that several new volunteers have offered to help. Pray for more volunteers, and a strong start to the semester.
 - Praise God for how he is working through ISM Pittsburgh: One international student was baptized and another confirmed, attendance in Bible class and ESL remained strong through the summer, and Lutheran Student Fellowship students are reaching out to their classmates from other countries.

Upcoming ISM Inc. activities

- Praise God that Sue will represent ISM at the Best Practices Heartland in Frankenmuth, Michigan Sept 18-20. Pray that those who attend her breakout session, “You can be a friend! You can open the door to transformation!” will grow in their passion for ministering among international students and scholars.
- Pray that Sue’s visit on Sept 11 would help students at University Lutheran Church at Purdue University to grow in their willingness to be a friend to international students and share Christ’s truth with them.
- Pray that several more campus ministries and churches would invite Sue to speak about ISM on her way to and from Best Practices.
- Pray that God would open doors for Sue to speak at several churches and campus ministries in Southern California before and after the Nov 3-5 Beautiful Feet Missions Conference at Concordia University-Irvine. †

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You are always welcome to submit prayers via email to: prayer@isminc.org. However, for an organization as spread out as ISM is, organization can become a challenge. We encourage you to use the Prayer Request Form you can find at:

<https://tinyurl.com/ismincprayer>

Why not bookmark the form and send off a prayer request whenever the Spirit moves you?