

Advent and Christmas Prayers

- May God guide all ISM sites and congregations in preparing for and welcoming students to Advent and Christmas activities.
- May volunteers identify ways to welcome international students and scholars they know into personal, family, or church events.
- May each international student, scholar and family member have the opportunity to learn more about the depth of God's love that caused Him to send His Son to take on flesh and be Immanuel.

University of Texas - Austin

Marcia Mittwede

University Lutheran Church

- Pray for "E" (from Central Asia) who has attended Bible class and seems to be open to learning about Jesus - that the Holy Spirit would open his heart to the Truth.
- May God bless our English Conversation Class on December 3 which will focus on the real meaning of Christmas and how it is celebrated by people in the U.S.
- May many stay on for our Christmas Potluck Party: we'll bring Texas BBQ and students may bring cuisine that represents their country.
- May God move participants to pick up and read the free Bibles in English and other languages.

University of Oklahoma

Vickie Loemker

Trinity Lutheran Church in Norman

- May God bless the international students who join us in decorating our church for Christmas on Dec. 6.
- May God bless all who participate in our English Conversation discussions about Christmas foods on Dec. 7 and the meaning of Christmas on Dec. 14.
- May God also bless the food sharing event and Christmas crafts for the children on the same day.

- Pray for wisdom as we invite the several Muslim students to special Christmas church services. May God grant them open hearts and touch their lives.

University of Wisconsin

Judy Tang

International Friendship Center in Madison

- May international students and scholars meet American Christians, and learn how Americans and others celebrate Christmas as they participate in our Dec. 7 Christmas Party.
- May God grant us wisdom as we share about Christ's birth and His Gospel.
- May the Holy Spirit bring the women (T, L, N, C, X) in my Bible study to faith. We meet regularly for spiritual discussions.
- May God protect and provide for the IFC.
- May God bring a few more volunteers to the IFC as class teachers.

University of California - Santa Cruz

Pastor Freeman Li

Santa Cruz Chinese Mission

- Praise God for the growing number of students and scholars being blessed by the ministry of Santa Cruz Chinese Mission.
- Praise God that Pastor Li is once again able to speak and walk following a stroke this spring.
- Pray for continued healing and strength for Pastor Li.

Concordia University Wisconsin

- Praise God for the American students at Concordia University Wisconsin who gather weekly to talk and play games with international students enrolled there.
- May God help the relationships between the American and international students to grow deeper.

Monthly Equipping Zoom Calls

- Praise God for the Monthly Equipping calls through Zoom that help those ministering among international students and scholars to grow in skills.

- Pray for wisdom in scheduling a call about ministering among Hindus in either mid December or mid January.
- Pray that this call will help many volunteers to grow in their relationships with the thousands of new Hindu students arriving on campuses each semester.

General

- For international students who are finishing their first semester of classes in the US.
- For peace for them as they take exams and complete final projects.
- That their American friends will pray for them and encourage them.
- For international teaching assistants and professors who are grading many papers.
- May God help them to finish the semester well.
- For the ISM Inc. Board as they prepare for face to face board meetings January 23-25, 2025.

In Depth Bible Seminar

- For God to lead the students and scholars He desires to participate in the seminar.
- For wisdom for site leaders and friends of new believers and seekers as they mention In Depth to them and encourage them to attend.
- For wisdom for the team as they prepare the sessions and share publicity.

Equipping Conference

- For wisdom in selecting the best site for the 2025 Equipping Conference.
- For God to bring together a solid planning committee for the Conference and guide them as they prepare.
- For campus pastors and site leaders to share information about the Equipping Conference broadly among volunteers and others who may be interested in attending. †