

International Student Ministry *prayer* March/April 2023

*General*

- That the Lord would guide Christians to opportunities to invite students to church and Bible studies and to opportunities to speak of our hope in Christ.
- For all international students to have friends to support and encourage them as they move through the middle of the semester.
- For Christians to dialogue with international students about how they are spending their spring break and to offer to spend more time with them if they are available.
- For each international student and scholar to wonder what makes their Christian friends different, to ask them about what they see, and for their Christian friends to point them to Jesus.

*During Lent and Holy Week*

- For Christians to warmly share about what this season means to them and invite International students and scholars to learn more.
- For many internationals to participate in midweek services and learn of Jesus' love and sacrifice for all people.

*During Ramadan Mar22-Apr20*

- For Christians to ask appropriate questions of their Muslim friends with a warm caring attitude during Ramadan.
- That Muslims who have dreams about Jesus during Ramadan would ask Christians about what they mean.
- That God would remove from Christians any fear or anger that they have toward Muslims.
- That many Christians would pray for Muslims during Ramadan and beyond.

*In-Depth Bible Seminar*

- Praise God for Tulip's video testimony about the impact of the

In-Depth Bible Seminar on her faith.

- Praise God that two internationals have already registered for In-Depth.
- Pray that God would guide international students, scholars and their families to register for In-Depth.
- Pray for each participant to be growing in their knowledge of God now and when they attend In-Depth.
- Pray for Pastor JJ Voelker, Sue Hasselbring and others as they plan this event: for wisdom, good health and joy.

*Equipping Conference*

- Praise God for the five members of the planning committee: Beth Greimer, Sue Hasselbring, Vickie Loemker, Judy Newhouse, and Dan Winter and all who will lead sessions.
- Pray that this conference would equip many volunteers and ISM site leaders as well as groups just getting started to grow in skills, be encouraged and bless one another.
- May God guide each person preparing to lead a session.

*Best Practices in Ministry February*

- Praise God for those who learned about International Student Ministry during the BPM Conference, in Phoenix in February.
- May God guide these individuals as they begin to intentionally share Christ's love and friendship with international students and scholars.
- May God grant Sue Hasselbring wisdom in following up with contacts and encouraging them.

*ISM Inc. Board*

- Praise God for the joy and experience that Angela Mueller, Lydia Schinner and Vicki Jameson bring to the ISM Inc. board.

- Praise God for the faithful service of Kate Cole and Sharon Owens on the ISM Board and for God's continued blessings on their ministries.
- Pray for healing for Suzanne Weiss as she undergoes open-heart surgery for blockages. The surgery was delayed due to an infection near a tooth.

*Dan Winter, Director  
International Friendship House  
East Lansing, MI*

- Prayers for the Michigan State University and mid-Michigan communities as we recover from the tragic on campus shooting on Monday, February 13th.
- Prayers for the victims' families who mourn the loss of a child and for the healing of those injured and their families for their full recovery.
- Prayers of strength and support for the international student community and the staff at the Friendship House as we care and support graduate students and their families who are so far from home.

*Vickie Zubialde  
Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Norman OK*

- Praise God that no international students or volunteers were injured during the tornado on February 26 which passed close to the University of Oklahoma, in Norman.
- Praise God that international students and volunteers were able to stay in touch during the tornado via a GroupMe group that had been set up just days before.
- Pray for wisdom for volunteers and students as they continue to minister to one another and process this event that caused much fear.
- Pray that all would come to know God better who takes away all fear. †