
PRAYER AND PRAISE

MARCH 1-7,2020

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

- Pray for S., a student from the Middle East who is finishing her program this semester. May she and others who have attended Ferris learn to trust and love the One who loves them most! Pray that I may meet friends from her country who are still here and have opportunities to share Life with them.
- Pray for A. and S. and their family who recently moved to Detroit (see above).
- It is the last semester for Sara, a young mom I have known for several years. Please pray that my last opportunities to spend time with her will be meaningful.
- Pray for Manoa and her husband, married last summer, as she nears the end of her program.
- Pray for Sophia and her son from China and the friends and family she leaves behind. I am sure that Coronavirus is on her mind.
- Pray that God will show me how best to reach more students.
- Thanks for unexpectedly meeting a Chinese visiting scholar and her son in Culver's; pray that we may become better acquainted. She is a colleague of visiting scholars I have met in the past.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12 NIV

MARCH 8-14, 2020

**SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY/ PENNSYLVANIA
AUGUSTA MENNELL, ISM DIRECTOR**

- Several international students who attended Slippery Rock University have married American students. In most cases, the internationals are not Christians, but their new spouses have a Christian background. Please pray that the Christian spouses will share faith in Jesus with their mates.
- Slippery Rock University college students enjoy All Saint's monthly Korean student meals. They enjoy the food and fellowship which gives them time to know each other better. Please pray that these meals would also be an open door for conversations about the Bible and the students feeling comfortable to come to worship.
- Several international people who have come to Slippery Rock to live and work are Buddhist. They are appreciative of the kindness that Christians have shown to them. Please pray their hearts would be open and interested in hearing about Christian faith.

MARCH 15-21, 2020

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

- With the recent scare of the Wuhan Coronavirus, many students question where is God in all of this. Please pray that my volunteers and I can clearly communicate the Gospel and the hope that is found in Jesus, even during difficult times.
- Pray for our "What is Easter?" event as we share about Jesus' ministry, death and resurrection. Pray that our international friends would have open hearts and that we share the truth in the way they can clearly understand.
- Pray that God would provide for E (an international student) who is looking for assistance with medical bills for her and her daughter.
- Praise God for all the faithful IFC volunteers who come each week! Pray that God would continue to give them strength and energy as they lead classes, answer questions, and prepare lessons.

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MARCH 22-APRIL 4, 2020

**FRIENDSHIP HOUSE/ MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
RICH BEARUP/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

- We ask continued prayers for those with health challenges and needs in the coming weeks and months: Sandri's (Mexico) Grandmothers Rosario & Esperanza; Livia's (Brazil) Mom Debora with cancer; Erika's (Puerto Rico) family as they face power outages and other hardships following the earthquake; Velsica (Indonesia) who recently learned she is with child; Nancy (Colombia) has a spouse in long-term care for a variety of debilitating ailments.
- Our Iranian students have requested that we pray for peace in their region. We request prayers for our many volunteers, including Board members, teachers and conversation partners, for their faithful on-going service. We ask God's blessings on each of our students, current and former, and may His mark upon them through Friendship House and others who spoke to them about Jesus, whether through word or example, be life changing. We request prayers for all International student ministries throughout the U.S.

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Ephesians 1:15-17

APRIL 5 - APRIL 18, 2020

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

- Thank you that SIUE has reopened the ESL program this spring semester. Pray that we might be able to build friendships and assist the 18 new students that are part of this program.
- Thank you for our English class and Bible study. Pray that we will have a bridge person remaining this summer to help start up the fall semester.
- Pray for God's people to continue to send their gifts to support the work among the internationals.
- Pray that we are faithful in inviting our new friends to hear of God's love for them.

APRIL 19 - APRIL 30, 2020

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS/AUSTIN
MARCIA MITTWEDE, ISM DIRECTOR**

- Thanks to God for the many volunteers who give of their time for Jesus' Kingdom. Ask the Lord to continue giving them joy in their service.
- For the Holy Spirit's work in the students and their family members who see the Easter Triumph play which we plan to attend on April 4.
- For those who have returned to their countries to continue growing in their faith as they view our Bible classes on-line.
- For the Lord's guiding hand to lead us to more students who have not heard of our program but could be helped by us.

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