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# PRAYER AND PRAISE

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**MAY 1-16, 2020**

O God our Healer, show your compassion for the whole human family that is in turmoil and burdened with illness and with fear. Come to our aid as the COVID-19 spreads globally, heal those who are sick, support and protect their families and friends from being infected. Grant us your spirit of love and self-discipline so that we may come together, working to control and eliminate COVID-19. Strengthen and encourage those in public health services and in the medical profession: care-givers, nurses, attendants, doctors, all who commit themselves to caring for the sick and their families. Inspire, give insight and hope to all researchers focused on developing a vaccine. Sustain all workers and business owners who suffer loss of livelihood due to shut-downs, quarantines, closed borders, and other restrictions... protect and guard all those who must travel. Guide the leaders of the nations that they speak the truth, halt the spread of misinformation and act with justice so that all your family may know healing. God, Listen to our prayer, heal our world, heal our bodies, strengthen our hearts and our minds, and in the midst of turmoil, give us hope and peace. Hold in your gentle embrace all who have died and who will die this day. Comfort their loved ones in their despair. Hear our cry, O God, Listen to our prayer. Remember all your family, the entire human race, and all your creation, in your love. Amen!

Adopted prayer from [lutheranworld.org](http://lutheranworld.org)

**MAY 17-23, 2020**

**LUTHERAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP OF PITTSBURG & FIRST TRINITY CHURCH - PASTOR ERIC ANDRAE**

- For Deaconess Hanna Kern, our ESL instructor, expecting her and husband's (Vicar Timothy Kern) first child
- For our international students whose family and work travel has been suspended/postponed/cancelled due to COVID-19
- For Juka (Japan, not real name), that she may know the peace of Christ

**MAY 24-30, 2020**

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

- Pray that the IFC can continue to connect with international students and families with the hope and peace found in Jesus!
- Pray that God would provide the resources necessary for His ministry.
- Pray for an IFC friend who is struggling with anxiety

Do not be anxious about anything,  
but in every situation, by prayer and  
petition, with thanksgiving, present  
your requests to God.  
Philippians 4:6

**MAY 31 - JUNE 6, 2020**

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

- Thank the Lord for His provision of technology so we can continue offering online classes.
- Thank the Lord we've been able to re-connect with some internationals who have moved away through online classes.
- Please ask the Lord for continued wisdom in this "new normal."
- For the Holy Spirit's continued drawing of many to Himself.

**JUNE 7-13, 2020**

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

- Pray for God's people to continue to bring their gifts for the support of International Student Ministry in the face of the difficulties caused the Coronavirus and that our congregations will be able to continue to support the work among the students.
- Pray that God continue to provide open doors for internationals to study here in the United States amid immigration fears, and Coronavirus fears.
- Pray that we will be able to continue contacts with students amidst all the changes and challenges of on-line contacts.

**JUNE 14-20, 2020**

**LUTHERAN CHAPEL-UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN  
PASTOR MARK MEYER**

- Pray that God would draw Wenqian and Bing back into regular Bible Study
- Pray that God would continue to grow faith in Chubing's heart
- Pray that God would continue to open doors to the Bengali community and lead us to persons of peace.

**JUNE 21-30, 2020**

**PASTOR BHIMA RAITA-INDIA**

- We humbly request to you, please pray for our orphanage and church ministry in India.