

*For international students and scholars*

- May God help all newly arrived international students and scholars to adjust well to life in the US.
- May each international student who is a Christian, quickly find a congregation in which they will be able to grow spiritually during their time in the US.
- May each international student develop strong friendships with a couple of Christians on or off of campus who will be the light and salt that Christ calls us to be.
- May international students who are not Christians have the opportunity to openly ask questions that they have about spiritual matters and receive gracious answers to their questions so that they might learn about Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life.
- May each international student have access to God's Word in English or their own language and receive guidance in studying it either one on one or in a group.

*For increasing numbers of ISM volunteers*

- May the Holy Spirit move LCMS members across the US to be willing to meet people of other cultures and share Christ's love with them.
- May God help each volunteer to listen well to the questions, fears, hopes and challenges that international students are facing.
- May God guide each volunteer in asking appropriate questions and sharing their own pain and joys with students so that deeper relationships develop.
- May God provide each ISM site with adequate numbers of volunteers at each event so that each international student feels welcomed and cared for.

*For ISM events, sites and site leaders*

- Praise God for the connections that have been made between ISM volunteers and international students during campus orientation events, open houses and welcome picnics.

- Pray for time, wisdom and grace in following up with international students and scholars via email, text, social media and personal phone calls.
- Pray for site leaders to pause and receive strength from God in Word and Sacrament during these busy first weeks of the fall semester.

*Concordia University St. Paul MN  
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*Campus Ministry Associate*

- Praise God that 400 new international students (most from India) have arrived this fall.
- Guide Anna and David as they recruit families in the St. Paul area to be Friendship Families to at least 50 of these new students.
- May God grant grace to these 50 families as they warmly welcome people of other cultures into their homes.
- May God give wisdom to Anna as she provides training and encouragement to the families over the coming months.

*Other sites*

- Praise God that Seminarian Justin Hilton has been assigned to serve his cross-cultural field experience with ISM St Louis. Pray that this will be the beginning of many seminarians receiving cross-cultural ministry experience as they serve with the two ISM sites in the St Louis area.
- For God to guide the teachers and students at Friendship House as classes start this fall.
- That a volunteer at Trinity in Norman, OK would be able to teach a basic ESL class at the same time as the English Conversation group meets so that participants with the lowest levels of English would get the assistance they need.
- Praise God that a student from Kettering University recently asked Martha, "When will you invite us

to your church again?" Pray for wisdom in knowing whether to start regular meetings at the church and for adequate volunteers to assist.

*ISM Inc. Board and other matters*

- Praise God for the committed volunteers and board members at the national level who give so much of their time.
- Praise God for the productive in-person meeting that the Board had in Champaign IL. Pray for timely followup to each matter needing attention.
- Pray for someone knowledgeable in Salesforce to be able to assist Sue Hasselbring in better establishing our database of sites, site leaders, donors, and Doorstep recipients.

*Conferences and Grants*

- May God grant wisdom to all who are applying for grants from LWML Districts. May the grants clearly express both the needs and the opportunities that God has placed before us.
- Praise God for the good interactions with high school and college students and their pastors at the two Higher Things conferences this summer. May those who were eager to become Friendship Families be able to connect with an international student this fall and warmly welcome them into their home.
- Praise God that three sites have expressed willingness to host the 2024 Equipping Conference. May the date and venue be set soon for this and the In-Depth Bible Seminar.
- Pray for Sue Hasselbring as she prepares to present at the Best Practices Heartland Conference Oct 11-13 in Carmel IN and exhibit at the Beautiful Feet Missions Conference Nov 9-11. May she also be able to schedule consulting visits with sites near these two events. †

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<https://tinyurl.com/ismincprayer>

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