

pray for ★ columbus

THE NATIONS - November 2022 Prayer Guide

ANSWERED PRAYERS

- Praise God for the testimony we heard on the Zoom call this month about the woman from Taiwan who came to **saving faith in Jesus because of the International Friendships ministry**. Thank God that many foreign students on college campuses are being reached through IFI.
 - Praise God for **Festa, the ministry reaching new Americans through ESL classes and free summer lunch programs**. Families from 76 different countries have been served over the last 15 years in central Ohio!
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SPECIFIC REQUESTS

- Pray **Deuteronomy 10:17-19** over all 179,612 immigrants in Central Ohio. Ask Jesus to conform our hearts to His. **May we love our neighbors and the new Americans living among us as He commands.**
- Pray for the Church of Columbus to extend generous, welcoming hospitality to those who are foreign-born. May we be a city of Christ's hospitality.
- Pray for the **Lord to work powerfully through immigrant churches to reach new Americans and refugees with the light of the gospel.**
- As Paul says in Acts 17:24-30, may those from other nations seek the Lord, reach out to Him, and find Him. May foreigners in our midst come to **repentance through revelation of Jesus' love and the hope of the gospel** witnessed through the body of Christ in our city.
- May missionaries and ministries to new Americans in our city be **protected, encouraged, and resourced** for their work.
- Specific, measurable prayers for our city:
 - **Pray for the percentage of Christians to increase faster than our general population.**
 - **Ask God for a dramatic decrease in all forms of violent crime in Columbus over the next two years.**
 - **Ask God for every single Columbus City School to have a church or Christian nonprofit partnership.**

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PRAISE and THANKSGIVING

- **Worship God meditating on Revelation 7:9-12.** Ask Jesus to give you a heavenly vision of the “multitude that no one can count” worshipping the Lamb around the throne.
 - **Meditate on Daniel 7:13-14** and the certainty of this prophecy being fulfilled. Ask God to show you how to prepare for that day.
 - **Come into His Presence with thanksgiving.** Share with others in your prayer group or with a trusted friend things you thank God for in your life.
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CONFESSION and INTERCESSION

- **Invite Jesus to convict you of any heart attitude that is outside His will. Ask God for a heart that conforms to His** if confession, reconciliation or forgiveness is needed. (Psalm 139:23-24, 1 John 1:9, and Matthew 5:23-24)
 - **Pray for the Church of Columbus to love their neighbors as God commands us in Deuteronomy 10:17-19.** May we be a city known for hospitality to strangers and those who are foreign-born. (Mark 12:31, Romans 12:13)
 - Pray for ministries, churches and organizations that minister to immigrants and refugees. **Pray for an abundance of resources, protection, grace and favor for God’s laborers.** (Philippians 4:19).
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PRAY ALOUD

Father God, Your plan is for every nation, tribe and tongue to be present at the end of the age, worshipping Jesus, the Lamb. As that heavenly chorus worships and adores You, we stand in awe of Your plans and purposes for all peoples. The certainty of Your word being fulfilled brings us comfort and courage as we endeavor to love our neighbors as ourselves. Help our hearts conform to Yours and practice welcoming hospitality just as You have shown us. May Columbus, Ohio be a city that makes disciples of every nation You have sent to us. May we live in light of eternity and this heavenly vision from Revelation 7. Show us our part in bringing this vision to fulfillment. In Jesus’ mighty Name we pray, Amen!