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## THE NATIONS - July 2025 Prayer Guide

## **ANSWERED PRAYERS**

- Praise God for <u>International Friendships</u> (IFI), which serves and ministers to International college and university students across central Ohio and beyond. They report the following:
  - Over 4,000 students total were reached last year from 115 countries
  - 523 students joined spiritual discussion small groups, 230 conversational partners were matched, and 172 students were placed in 1-1 spiritual growth relationships.
  - o Praise God for this tremendous work and continue to pray for IFI!

## **SPECIFIC REQUESTS**

- Pray Deuteronomy 10:17-19 over the approximately 185,000 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.
- 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.
  - Pray for the percentage of Christians to increase faster than our general population.
  - Ask God for a dramatic decrease in addictions, mental health issues, trafficking, and crime in Columbus.
  - Ask God for Columbus students to increasingly perform at or above grade level especially in third grade literacy.