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THE NATIONS – July 2024 Prayer Guide

ANSWERED PRAYERS

- Praise God for [Festa](#), which teaches ESL and provides a myriad of programs for new Americans. They report the following:
 - At their free summer lunch + ESL camp, 558 children registered from 22 different zip codes and 44 countries of origin as well as 127 adult ESL students from 24 zip codes and 30 countries of origin.
 - Last school year at two locations of Festa 3-Generation Family ESL program God brought us 1216 people from 39 ZIP Codes and 59 countries of Origin with 620 volunteers.
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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.
- 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.
 - For the amount of Christians to grow faster than our population.
 - For a dramatic decrease in all forms of violent crime in Columbus over the next two years.
 - 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** (1 John 1:9, and Matt 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!