

## PRAYING WITH AND FOR INTERNATIONALS

### Connecting to God Through Prayer

- Prayer is the beautiful opportunity to talk things over with God, to speak and to listen, to find hope and help and healing, to grow in friendship with Him
- A vital connection to the source of life and power
- Life-changing intimacy with the Father, with Jesus, and the Holy Spirit
- Both Jesus and the Holy Spirit pray for us, Romans 8:26 and Romans 8:34

### What Is Our Part?

- Ask God to increase your heart for prayer
  - Take time every day to bring your requests before God with praise and thanksgiving
  - When we invite God to give us wisdom and insight, He will do it.
- Serve intentionally as a role model
  - Whenever appropriate, pray with your students
  - Keep a journal of God's answers to your prayers and share these testimonies
  - When students are exposed to a culture of prayerful dependence on God and intimacy with Him, they will increasingly value and grow in this vital practice
- Disciple students through prayer circles
  - Much of what the Bible teaches on prayer is about corporate prayer.
  - A prayer circle is two or more praying regularly together
- Permeate your culture with prayer
  - Grow your foundation of prayer and give students a vision for this as well
  - Seek to multiply your prayer partners
  - Practice Ephesians 6:18 with your students
- Pray with fasting

### How Shall We Pray?

- Pray Scripture for and with your students
    - Start with Matthew 6:9-13 - Pray the Lord's Prayer...and encourage students to memorize it as a prayer guide given to us by Jesus
    - I Chronicles 4:10 - Pray that God would bless them
    - Psalm 119 - Pray they would hunger for God's Word
    - Zech. 12:10 - Pray that God would pour out on them the spirit of grace and prayer
    - Colossians 1:9-12 - Pray for them to know God's will
    - Galatians 5:22 - Pray for the fruit of the Spirit to grow in their lives
    - Ephesians 6 - Pray that they might put on the armor of God
  - Pray also for practical needs, both now and as they prepare to return home
  - Pray for God's guidance in their spiritual growth, their witness among family and friends, and their career opportunities
  - Pray that they would be raised up to positions of influence for the sake of the gospel
  - Pray especially for those who may face persecution
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