

## **Your Prayer Support Team**

International Students, Inc. believes strongly in the need for prayer to cover our ministry. Seeking God's direction is not just a nice platitude, but rather, a way of life. Because of this belief, part of applying to ISI includes developing a team of friends who will pray for you during your application process. This ensures that you are actively seeking the Lord for His clear guidance during the preparation and decision-making stages of joining ISI.

The effectiveness of your ministry will depend on prayer. We need to know that there are people in your life who have affirmed your call and gifts for ministry and are standing with you in prayer. These people are an affirmation for you and for us—that God has called you to minister through ISI.

### ***Recruiting Your Team***

Everyone is busy and reluctant to commit, often even to prayer. People will need a reason to say 'yes' to your request that they pray for you. Even before officially joining a ministry organization, you should be able to transfer your passion to other people. Don't be shy about sharing with others that you believe God is leading you to ISI. Once you have shared God's vision in your heart, here are some other suggestions that will help you develop a committed prayer team.

1. Ask for a short-term commitment—the period of your candidacy. If you join ISI, you can go back and ask for a longer commitment.
2. Ask for a limited, but specific, commitment of time such as five minutes a day, an hour per week or whatever is comfortable for them. The point is faithfulness.
3. Let them know you take this application process seriously and believe you need others to join you in prayer.

### ***Once Your Team is Assembled***

1. Keep them involved. Call or email this group weekly with new prayer updates and needs. Ask them to pray for your time and energy as you work through the materials ISI has sent you. Ask them for prayer regarding finances to attend orientation, or any other specific need you have during this time. You are establishing a pattern for maintenance of the regular, long-term prayer team you will always need as you minister with ISI.
2. Keep them informed about what you are doing each week while completing the application and orientation process. Let them know what challenges you encounter as you move through the materials. Draw them into the process with you.
3. Ask them to tell you how they are praying for you. This will be a blessing to hear and tell them how it encourages you! Their response on a regular basis is part of the commitment and lets them know how important this is to you.
4. Ask about their prayer needs. Is there anything for which you can be praying for them?