
United States

**Total area:**

9,826,675 km²

Population:

323,127,513 (2016)

Literacy:

96%

Official languages:

English

GDP (PPP) per capita:

\$57,220 (2016 est.)

Life expectancy:

79 years

Religions:

51% Protestant, 24% Catholic, 16% Agnostic or Atheist, 2% Jewish, 7% other religions

Prayer points

Christian Students Sharing their Faith

Ross works with InterVarsity USA serving students at Kansas State University. In such a secular context, there are many challenges for Christian students sharing their faith, but also many encouragements. Ross writes: *"We're seeing new students draw near to God, especially in the LGBTQ community, among arts students, and in fraternities and sororities [student societies]. Pray that our students would embrace sacrifice for the sake of the gospel."* (IFES - January 2018)

Poverty for a Week

For a weekend, a week, or a summer, students step into the lives of those living in poverty in cities, to learn their stories and see the faces behind the social issues being debated in the USA. Pray for the students as they not just serve practically, but through reading scripture and examining life through the lens of the marginalised and oppressed, are brought to a place to confront their own sense of entitlement, materialism, greed and cultural prejudices. Pray that they would experience repentance, forgiveness, and healing in the context of community. (IFES - July 2017)

Creative outreach

The Christian student movement in America is experiencing a new excitement about evangelism. In particular, many groups have been successfully using creative outreach ideas such as artistic displays designated to help initiate conversations on spiritual issues. However, one particular challenge facing InterVarsity/USA is the rising number of American students studying online, or commuting to campus and returning home each day. Pray for the leaders as they consider how to meet these students where they are. (IFES - May 2014)

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