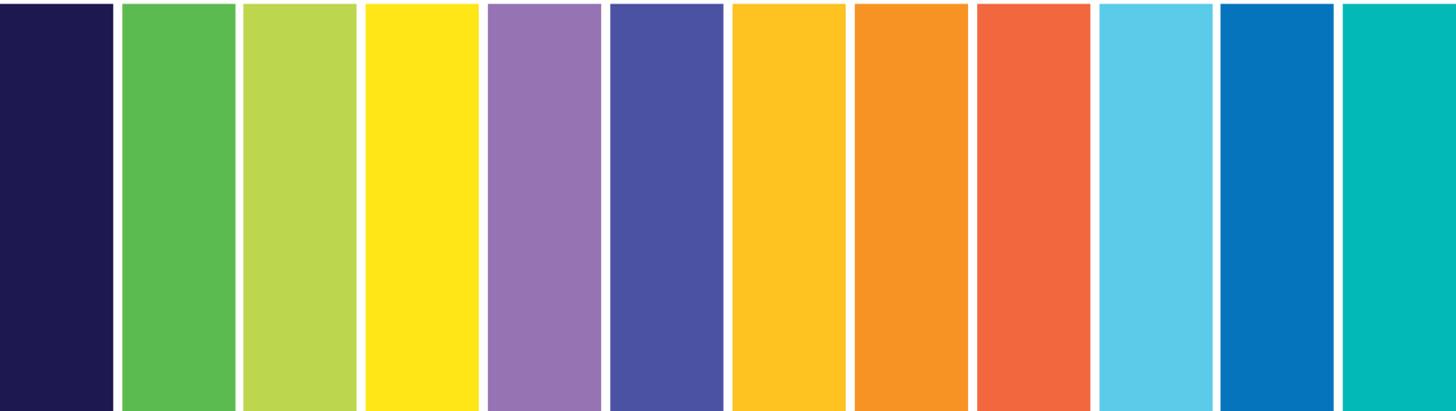
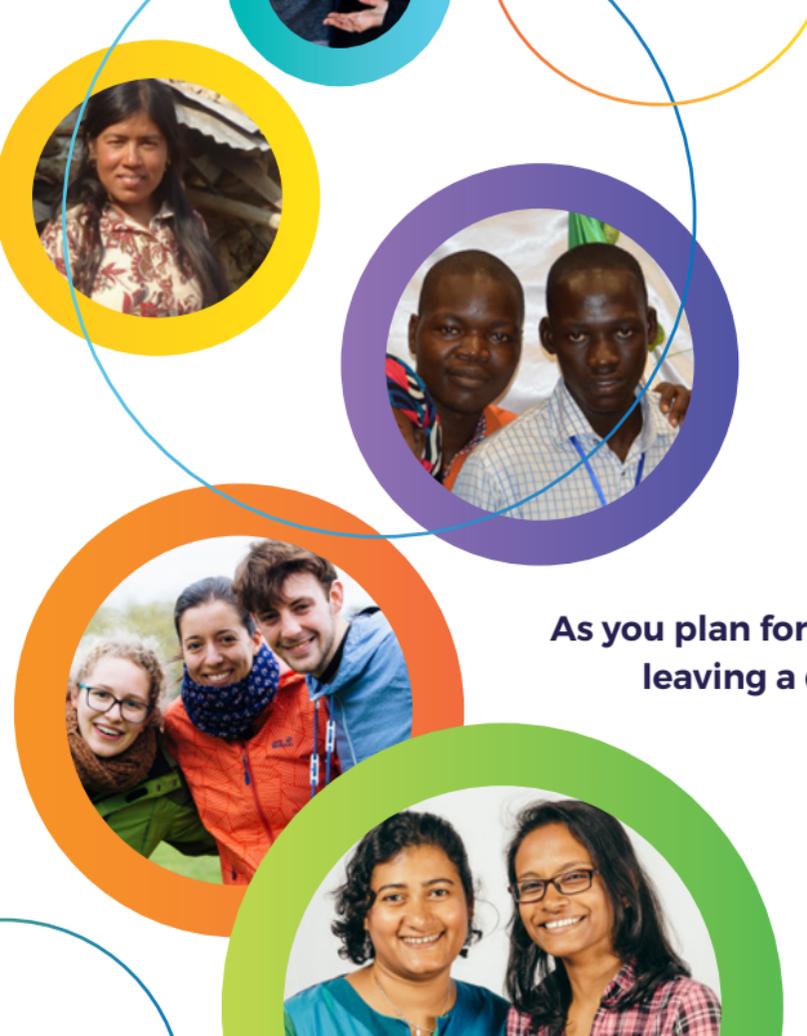


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IFES Daily Prayer Guide

APRIL - MAY 2020





IFES is generations of students, staff and volunteers investing in the next generation. The legacy they left and continue to leave is new generations of Christian students enthused about making Christ's name known. With global student numbers forecast to expand significantly, your support is vital in reaching and discipling students, in pioneering, supporting and strengthening national movements.

As you plan for the future, will you consider leaving a different kind of legacy to help future students?

You can download more information from ifesworld.org/legacy, or contact IFES to request a leaflet.

DEAR FRIENDS

It has been wonderful over the last few weeks to read reports from outreach events and mission weeks run by IFES national movements. We have heard about strong relationships being built at ski camp in Romania, long conversations about deep questions in the Netherlands, international students touched by the warmth of Christian community in the UK, students joining seeker Bible study groups in Ireland and choosing to follow Christ in Ghana.

Please pray that Christian students who have seen God working on their

campus would have new enthusiasm to share their faith — like Andrew, a GHAFES Ghana student: “I thank God for the training I received which motivated me to share the gospel with my non-Christian friends who subsequently made commitments to follow Jesus. Campus Missions Week helped me to understand the work of God as a child of God.”

Jill Bain
IFES Supporter Relations

📅 01 – 05 APR Latin America

01/04 CECNIC Nicaragua's annual camp *Juntos* [Together] starts today. Pray for a fruitful time of hearing from God's Word and sharing fellowship.

02/04 Give thanks for the launch of *Comentario Bíblico Contemporáneo*, a Study Bible for Latin America with over 160 contributors, including former IFES graduates and staff. Pray that it would be a powerful resource for the region.

03/04 GBU Puerto Rico give thanks for the appointment of Natalia Martinez as their new General Secretary. Ask for God's wisdom as she leads and guides the movement.

04/04 This year IFES Latin America will run evangelism training workshops teaching skills such as leading *Uncover* [seeker Bible study] groups and staging the *Mark Drama* [an evangelistic re-telling of Mark's Gospel]. Pray that these will equip students to share their faith across the region.

05/04 Join with CCUH Honduras to praise God for a planning and evaluation retreat. Ask for God's presence with them as they team implement their ideas for student ministry in Honduras.



📅 06 – 10 APR Middle East and North Africa

06/04 A movement in a closed country give thanks for three students being baptised. Pray for God's protection as they follow Christ in a majority Muslim country.

07/04 In Israel FCSI thank God for the *Mark Manuscript Conference* — a camp for English, Arabic and Hebrew speaking students focusing on the Gospel of Mark. Pray for students to apply what they learned.

08/04 LIVF Lebanon ask us to pray for their discussion group for graduates and professionals led by Lebanese academic Dr Jana Jabbour. Ask that it would be

a great source of encouragement and support as they seek to share the gospel in their workplaces.

09/04 Praise God for CSPU Palestine graduates choosing to stay and impact Palestinian society. Pray that more graduates would catch the vision for local ministry.

10/04 Give thanks for a growing relationship with local churches for a movement in a sensitive country. Pray this would increase participation in Bible study groups.



📅 11 – 15 APR
Caribbean

11/04 IFES Caribbean's triennial missions conference *IMPACT* takes place 29 Jul – 3 Aug. Pray for the plans and preparations over the next few months.

12/04 Thank God for ISCF Grenada's *Round de World* camp aimed at equipping students to be salt and light not just in their homes and schools, but wherever God may take them.

13/04 In Trinidad and Tobago IS/IVCF ask us to pray for more support staff to help the movement. Pray that God would be calling individuals to join this important work.

14/04 Two Easter camps begin today for IS/IVCF Guyana high-school students in Anna Regina and Essequibo. These towns have large Hindu populations. Pray that students from Hindu backgrounds would be keen to attend and hear the gospel.

15/04 GBU Martinique give thanks for the re-printing of *Parole au Centre* [Word Among Us], the IFES Scripture Engagement resource. Pray that students will be able to use it both personally and with their Bible-study groups on campus.



📅 16 – 20 APR
Europe

16/04 GBU Spain ask us to pray that students in Valencia would have the opportunities and necessary support to start groups in the universities where there are currently none.

17/04 IFES Europe's *Global Impact* conference for those working in international student ministry runs 17–20 Apr. Pray for a great time of learning and equipping for this strategic ministry in Europe.

18/04 Pray for Ichthus Belgium's plans to purchase a house to use as accommodation for Christian students in need and to establish a Christian

community there that can be a witness to others.

19/04 Give thanks for *Christianity on Trial*, BXCC Bulgaria's apologetics event organised by medical students. Pray for good follow up with students interested in discussing the issues raised and investigating the Christian faith.

20/04 KFS Denmark graduates Sara and Filip are pioneering new student ministry in Greenland. They ask us to pray for students to accept invitations to their weekly meetings and for gospel opportunities.



21 – 25 APR International

21/04 Pray for God's wisdom as the IFES Discernment and Search Committee review applications for the IFES General Secretary role and consider which to take forward to the assessment and interview stage.

22/04 Lift up to God the IFES Strategy Working Group as they conduct research and hold consultations to help inform the development of IFES strategic priorities from 2021.

23/04 IFES Steering and Finance Committees meet 23–25 Apr. Pray for fruitful and productive meetings and ask for God's hand in decision making.

24/04 The IFES *Indigenous Support Development* e-learning course provides training to IFES national movements in how to develop sustainable sources of funding. Give thanks for the second English-speaking cohort completing the program. Continue to pray for French and Spanish medium courses currently taking place.

25/04 In the IFES International Services (UK) office, pray for staff changes in the Communication and Collaboration team, and ask that the new team would serve the fellowship well.



26 – 30 APR South Asia

26/04 PFES Pakistan give thanks for 37 PFES graduates attending their *Graduates Annual Conference*. Please pray for the strengthening of the graduate fellowship.

27/04 In the South Asia region IFES movements are present in six countries and still pioneering in other sensitive places. Ask God to open doors and provide contacts with churches and individuals.

28/04 At BSFB Bangladesh's evangelistic rally in Khulna, 1,500 students sang, danced and handed out gospel tracts and Bibles and a local pastor preached. Praise God that many

heard the gospel message, including several local officials who came to support the event.

29/04 Pray for FOCUS Sri Lanka as they seek to show Christ's love by promoting unity and peace across the Tamil/Sinhalese ethnic divide. Ask that this would draw more students to Him.

30/04 Praise God for the revival of UESI India Bible study groups in the areas of Pathankot and Madhapur. Pray for student leaders to be raised up so the groups can be sustained in the long-term.



📅 01 – 05 MAY

English and Portuguese-Speaking Africa

01/05 IFES EPSA's *Institute for Staff Development and Training* (ISDT) courses are currently being reviewed. Ask that this evaluation would help develop and strengthen the program for future scholars.

02/05 Corruption is a big issue in Zimbabwe. Pray for FOCUS Zimbabwe students to live with integrity and model Christ to their fellow students.

03/05 Please pray that "the CUs would continue to grow in prayer, community,

Scripture engagement and evangelism".
- GBECA Angola

04/05 Praise God for FOCUS Kenya's retreat for their ministry trainees. Give thanks for a time to rest, reflect and be equipped for ministry.

05/05 Sona is a GBU Guinea Bissau law graduate and is committed to being both a "magistrate and a missionary". Pray that as she reads the Bible with others, their hearts would be transformed, and they would turn to Christ.



📅 06 – 10 MAY

Eurasia

06/05 IFES *Indigenous Support Development* training helps national movements raise local support. Praise God that since receiving training, a movement in a closed country have had another church commit to supporting their work.

07/05 Join with a movement in a sensitive country to give thanks for their mission weeks. Pray especially for good follow-up with interested students.

08/05 In Moldova, CSC have started a craft club for CSC students and friends. Ask that it would be a welcoming place and an effective setting for friendship evangelism.

09/05 "Come and See" was the theme for a leadership camp in a closed country. Ask that students leaders would rely on God for wisdom and strength as they lead Bible-study groups.

10/05 *Your Success from Inside-Out* is SKSK Georgia's new English course helping students learn English and discuss personal development topics. Please pray for gospel opportunities through this program.



11 – 15 MAY Francophone Africa

11/05 UGBB Burkina Faso give thanks for board members meeting with student leaders and pastors of supporting churches. Pray for God's protection on the movement following terrorist attacks in recent months.

12/05 Join with GBU Rwanda to praise God for 17 students coming to faith during a *Discipleship Training Program* seminar. Pray for the GBU as they encourage these students in their walk with Christ.

13/05 Give thanks for GBUCI's Côte d'Ivoire's day of social action at

Université Félix Houphouët-Boigny Cocody campus to raise money to support disabled students.

14/05 UGBM Madagascar and NKSS Norway's exchange program trains students to be evangelistic witnesses in their host countries. Ask that students would use what they learn to impact their own movements when they return.

15/05 GBUST Togo give thanks for an Easter camp with the theme "Stay focused on the essential". Pray that the students would continue to put God at the centre in the midst of busy lives.



16 – 20 MAY North America

16/05 InterVarsity Canada campus staff member Vikki, asks us to pray for "the students struggling with mental and emotional health issues, that God will meet them and bring healing".

17/05 Give thanks for an InterVarsity/USA conference on serving international students from Muslim backgrounds. Pray for International Student Ministry across the region and ask that InterVarsity would see people of all nations coming to Christ.

18/05 Thank God for GBUC Canada's training for new student leaders. Ask that students would be transformed

by meeting God through his Word and equipped to lead their campus groups.

19/05 Pray for InterVarsity/USA's unstaffed campuses. Ask for InterVarsity staff to identify strong leaders and for these leaders to consider staying on as staff workers once they graduate.

20/05 Join with GBUC Canada to give thanks for Eduardo, a graduate of Université de Montréal and their new administrative assistant. Pray for God's presence with him as he serves the ministry in this key role.



📅 21 – 25 MAY South Pacific

21/05 Give thanks for *Indigenous Support Development* training for PSFC Fiji. Pray for the movement as they reach out to potential supporters and invite them to partner with them in student ministry.

22/05 Please pray for AFES Australia's Japanese Bible Study group. Maho shares: "through the Bible group my faith has grown, studying the Bible in my own language is really important as I understand the Bible more deeply in Japanese".

23/05 Pray for TSFC Papua New Guinea's *Graduates Network* as it seeks to encourage and support graduates to

grow in their faith and influence their professions for the glory of Christ.

24/05 Give thanks for TSCF New Zealand's two new Communications Team members — Bex and Rachel. Pray for them as they gather and share stories of TSCF ministry.

25/05 Join with AFES Australia at Charles Stuart University to pray for "Q" and "J" who have shown an interest in Jesus and are reading the Gospel of Mark. Ask God to bring them into relationship with him.



📅 26 – 31 MAY East Asia

26/05 A movement in a sensitive country ask us to pray for summer missions and for students to use this opportunity to share the gospel and broaden their perspective of God's work across the globe.

27/05 In a closed country pray for a student from a persecuted Muslim minority group. Thank God for a close Christian friend and ask that she would be keen to investigate Christianity.

28/05 Join with FCS Mongolia to give thanks for their *Life Compass* Bible quiz in partnership with six local churches. Thank God for this opportunity to share fellowship and improve Bible knowledge.

29/05 Praise God for FES Singapore's graduate ministry across its English, Chinese and Indonesian groups. Pray for the plans and preparations for a graduates' conference in July.

30/05 Annette Arulrajah, IFES Regional Secretary for East Asia's give thanks for a recent sabbatical. Praise God for this opportunity for physical and spiritual refreshment.

31/05 Pray with IVCF Philippines, for international student work especially among Indian students in the city of Davao.



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