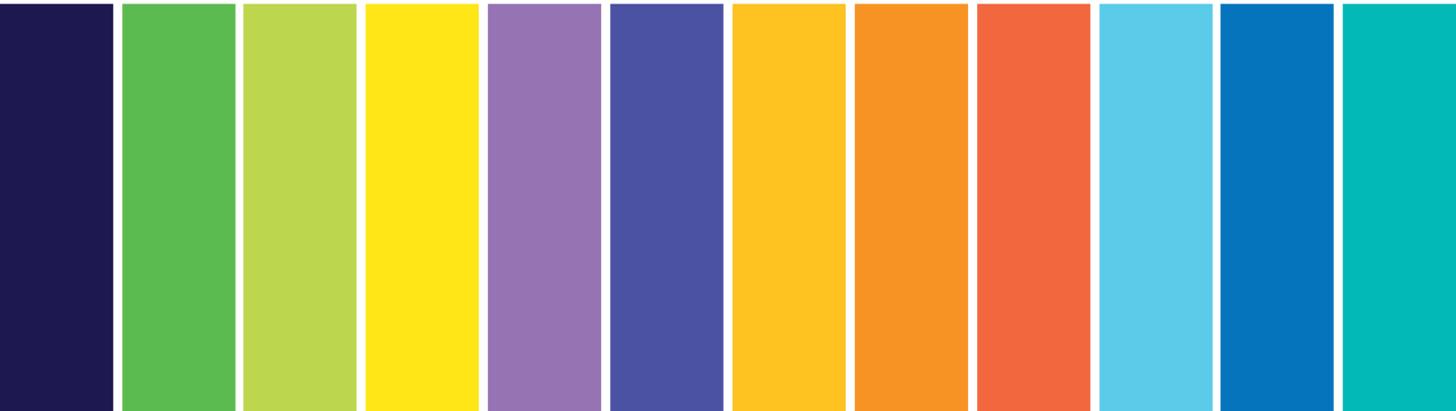


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DEAR FRIENDS

Recently, almost 23 years since I went to their first meeting of the year in St Petersburg, I joined the IFES movement in Russia online to worship God and pray. Watching the livestream were current and former students, staff and friends across Russia, the former Soviet Union, and further afield - including a friend I first met at that CCX group in St Petersburg. Having been given solid foundations for our own faith, whether months or decades ago, we shared a desire

to pray for student ministry. We prayed that in Russia and around the world, students would have the opportunity to hear the Good News, to be trained and equipped to live for Christ. You are reading this because you share that desire and, as you pray through this guide, and especially on World Student Day, you and many others will echo those prayers. Thank you!

Jill Bain
IFES Supporter Relations

📅 01 – 06 SEP

Caribbean

01/09 The Caribbean region covers a large area with many languages. Pray for ongoing work to improve communications through the use of new technologies and social media.

02/09 "Pray that students would come to know God intimately and become involved in evangelism at their school." – IS/CCF St Lucia

03/09 "Pray for committed student leaders who will use relevant platforms to reach their peers with the good news of Jesus Christ." – IFES St Kitts and Nevis

04/09 Join with IS/IVCF Cayman Islands to pray for "a genuine spiritual

awakening and a steadfast heart toward the things of God and His holiness".

05/09 Of the five francophone movements in the Caribbean, only Haiti currently has a staff worker. Pray for funding for a regional staff worker to support student ministry in this area.

06/09 "Please pray that whatever the future brings, that students would be flexible, adapt to the changes and would be able to bounce back from this crisis." – GBU Martinique





07 – 11 SEP

English and Portuguese-Speaking Africa

07/09 Pray for FOCUS Uganda's literature department providing Christian books for students and staff. Ask that these would be useful tools for spiritual growth.

08/09 Join ZAFES Zambia to give thanks for a successful online national conference. Pray for attendees to implement all they learned.

09/09 Thank God for the creativity of SCO South Africa raising awareness

of their work by producing facemasks with Christian messages and the SCO movement logo.

10/09 Every year EvaSUE Ethiopia see around 3,500 students coming to faith. Ask God to provide the necessary staff to care for these new believers and equip them reach out to others.

11/09 Praise God for FOCUS Zimbabwe students at Harare Polytechnic organising weekly online meetings. Pray that non-Christian students will also join and hear God's message.



12 – 17 SEP South Pacific

12/09 Give thanks for GNYF Vanuatu's camp moving online and for the opportunity to meet, have fun and study God's Word even when remote.

13/09 Pray for God to "enable us to love one another deeply from the heart as students, staff, and partners in the gospel". – Richard Chin, AFES Australia National Director

14/09 In the Solomon Islands internet is often slow and can be very expensive, so few students are able to connect virtually. Pray for SIU-CF as they seek to restart ministry as students return.

15/09 At this time of year many AFES Australia student group leaders will hand over to their successors. Pray for good transition and for God's wisdom for the new leadership.

16/09 "Pray that students may reach students for Christ and become fully mature followers of Christ." - PSFC Fiji

17/09 TSCF New Zealand's national conference took place online with the theme: "The Heavens Declare". Pray for students to share this message with their friends.



18 – 23 SEP Evangelism

18/09 “Pray for passion and boldness for our students. That they will willingly share Christ with their peers and share the hope that exists in Christ, even in a time like now when things seem hopeless.” - ISCCF Dominica

19/09 UCCF Great Britain students in Southampton organised an online murder mystery outreach event followed by a talk from a Christian lecturer. Praise God that many non-Christians attended.

20/09 Many FES Cambodia students are the only Christians in their families. Pray they can boldly share the gospel with their relatives whilst living at home due to the pandemic.

21/09 Pray for IFES Latin America running evangelism workshops for national movements as they seek to adapt them for online learning.

22/09 KFS Denmark staff worker Julie gives thanks for two students, Emily and Louisa, organising an *Uncover* seeker Bible study with their friend.

23/09 In recent months many IFES movements have offered practical help such as delivering supplies to those in need. Ask that their actions would speak powerfully of Christ.



24 – 29 SEP Francophone Africa

24/09 “Pray for the coronavirus which has really shaken us a lot and for peace and stability in our country, as terrorism is a real threat.” - GBU Niger

25/09 Join with GBEEB Benin to pray for volunteers to help develop their communications and digital media.

26/09 Praise God for GBU Rwanda hosting online training on “Home Based Evangelism” enabling students to consider alternative strategies for evangelism during this time.

27/09 On their radio program GBEE Mali share the gospel and broadcast Bible studies. Give thanks for the many listeners and ask that the Lord would bring fruit from this work.

28/09 In Guinea, GBEEG ask us to pray for more partners to support their work and for them to increase partnerships at a local level.

29/09 Islam is the majority religion in many countries in Francophone Africa. Join with the region to pray for “our Muslim friends to turn to Christ”.



30 SEP – 05 OCT East Asia

30/09 Pray for H, a student in a sensitive country who has recently come to faith. Ask for opportunities to connect with other Christians in her new city.

01/10 IVCF South Korea give thanks for *Unification Prayer Week* - an annual week of prayer where staff and students pray for North Korea and peace on the Korean peninsula.

02/10 FES Singapore praise God for the appointment of Jeremiah Goh as General Secretary Designate, pray for a smooth leadership transition over the next 9-18 months.

03/10 IFES East Asia will host IFES World Assembly 2023 in Indonesia. Give thanks for an initial preparation meeting with Annette Arulrajah, IFES Regional Secretary for East Asia, and Perkantas Indonesia leaders.

04/10 In Hong Kong, join with FES to pray for peace following political tensions and protests in recent months.

05/10 Give thanks for *NET20 Extension* - KGK Japan's online national conference. "Pray that the Lord will help the students make good use of the training they received for their ministry on campus."





06 – 10 OCT

Leadership Development

06/10 Praise God for the FOCUS Kenya STEM training program. Abigail shares: “I have experienced transformation and convictions that have sharpened my leadership skills, commitment to hard work, stewardship, faithfulness and integrity”.

07/10 *The Eurasia Institute* is a biennial staff training program designed to equip and support IFES Eurasia staff. Give thanks for training taking place online this year and ask that participants will be able to apply all they learned.

08/10 Ask God for wisdom for IFES senior leaders as they make decisions in response to the continually changing coronavirus situation.

09/10 Pray for staff studying postgraduate courses in leadership partially funded through the IFES Scholars program.

10/10 Many countries in the world suffer as a result of corruption and poor leadership. Pray that IFES movements would produce graduates of integrity who can model Christ-like leadership.



11 – 15 OCT North America

11/10 Pray for InterVarsity/USA as they welcome new students at a time when many university courses will be delivered online.

12/10 GBUC Canada give thanks that groups in Quebec City and in Rouyn Noranda have been able to continue their meetings by alternating meeting outdoors in parks and meeting online via video-conferencing.

13/10 This year coronavirus meant that much of the summer camps ministry across the region had to move online. Pray for follow up with non-Christians who joined online sessions.

14/10 Praise God for InterVarsity Canada showing God's love practically by raising funds for food parcels and distributing them to those most in need during the pandemic.

15/10 Give thanks with InterVarsity/USA for "S", who returned to Christ after involvement with her local student group on campus. Ask that she will remain strong in her faith.



16 – 21 OCT International

16/10 Today is IFES World Student Day! Join with the IFES fellowship as we pray for student ministry with the theme “Far and Near” recognising that though we may be far apart, Christ is near to us.

17/10 Praise God for *Logos and Cosmos* - a five year project funded by the John Templeton Foundation, aiming to facilitate dialogue between theology and the sciences.

18/10 Lift up to God the implementation of a new database and ask that it would enable us to serve staff, students and supporters more effectively.

19/10 Pray for IFES students and movements as they seek to respond in a godly way to injustices in their countries and societies.

20/10 In the IFES UK office give thanks for the appointment of Maéva Oltra as Digital Content Assistant and for Andy Moore taking on a new role as Head of Operations (UK).

21/10 The IFES Strategy Working Group praise God for many responses to surveys and consultations feeding into the development of a new strategy for IFES.



22 – 27 OCT Eurasia

22/10 Praise God for “V” from a sensitive country who was baptised in 2018 and is now discipling new believer “A”.

23/10 Join with CCX Russia in Siberia to give thanks for their two interns - Pasha and Sasha. Pray for them as they support student leaders through these challenging times.

24/10 In a closed country only 0.07% of people from the majority ethnic group follow Christ. Lift up to God the students and staff as they share the Good News.

25/10 The first semester of the academic year in Moldova is being taught online. Pray for CSC Moldova

as they try to maintain community and fellowship with students studying remotely.

26/10 CCX Ukraine give thanks for an outdoor picnic to say goodbye to 13 graduating students. Pray that these students would “shine brightly and be salt in their workplaces”.

27/10 Thank God for SKSK Georgia’s staff leading a talk on the theme “Creating a Family” - explaining the importance of Christians choosing a partner who shares their faith.



28 OCT – 02 NOV Pioneering

28/10 CECE Ecuador have pioneered a new group at ULEAM University. “This is a wonderful opportunity which has allowed me to share with other people about the Word of God, something that in my university is new.” – Derek, a CECE student at ULEAM

29/10 Give thanks for FCS Mongolia making use of this time to run training and preparation sessions for pioneering work.

30/10 IVCF Philippines are pioneering in East Samar. They share: “please continue to pray for the spiritual maturity and leadership development of our students”.

31/10 In Vanuatu praise God for a student joining the newly pioneered Bislama [local language] student group and beginning to encounter Jesus in the Scriptures.

01/11 A movement in a closed Eurasian country hope to start student ministry in a new city but finding support from local churches is challenging. Pray for God to open doors.

02/11 Pioneering student ministry is hard work and progress can often seem slow. Pray for courage and perseverance for IFES students and staff.



📅 03 – 08 NOV

Europe

03/11 Pray for perseverance in their studies for BSKSH Albania students who have faced the closure of universities in November 2019 due to an earthquake and again this year due to coronavirus.

04/11 “Please pray that the Spirit may renew us as a movement so that we may live lives informed by faith and not informed by the mindset of secular society.” CREDO Sweden.

05/11 OPKO Finland student leader Anttii in Tampere gives thanks for the chance for students to slow down and focus on God during the pandemic.

06/11 IFES InterAction volunteer Alice serves in Turin, Italy. She asks us to

pray for “R” who has shown a particular desire to know Jesus.

07/11 Give thanks that EUS Serbia student Željana gave an online talk on *Personal Development in Difficult Times and How to Find Strength from God*.

08/11 IFES Europe *Student Leader Formación* training has been changed to a 10-month online course involving e-learning and mentoring. Ask God to help students from different countries to build supportive friendships in their small groups.



📅 09 – 14 NOV Latin America

09/11 Join with CBUU Uruguay to give thanks for workshops and Zoom calls encouraging students to share their experiences of the pandemic and look after their mental health.

10/11 Praise God for ECU Costa Rica's online seminar preparing this year's graduates as they leave and enter the world of work in these difficult times.

11/11 Give thanks for GBUCH Chile's *Sobremesa* [table talk] program of video interviews with key people in the movement and region, offering a chance to learn from their experience and ask questions.

12/11 In El Salvador, praise God for MUC maintaining fellowship and community amongst students through online events including a virtual talent show.

13/11 "Pray that the Father may continue to give us wisdom about how to do our ministry and be a prophetic voice in the midst of the restrictions caused by the pandemic." – MUEVE Venezuela

14/11 Give thanks for video-conferencing software allowing national movements to join together for a virtual time of prayer for IFES Latin America.



15 – 20 NOV South Asia

15/11 UESI India ask us to pray for those graduating this year, that they will be salt and light in their professions and will be keen to serve UESI undergraduate students.

16/11 In Bangladesh the cancellation of bookings for BSFB's *Living Water Centre* due to coronavirus has significantly impacted income. Pray they would trust God in these challenging circumstances.

17/11 FOCUS Sri Lanka give thanks for Ebenezer, a Christian lecturer at Eastern University in Sri Lanka, sharing weekly devotionals online during the pandemic.

18/11 In Nepal, friendship evangelism is an especially effective way to reach non-

believers with the good news. Pray for NBCBS students to establish strong and lasting friendships with non-Christian students.

19/11 Pray for the IFES South Asia team seeking to establish a regional network for Christian academics to help support them in connecting their faith with their academic fields.

20/11 "Thank God for the response for the *Short Movie Contest*. Pray the movies collected will be useful for our work." – UESI India Communication & Networking Department



21 – 25 NOV Strengthening National Movements

21/11 Praise God for the IFES *Ministry Impact* team's new tool to help national movements re-prioritise their ministries and resources in light of COVID-19.

22/11 Give thanks that after IFES *Governance Development Training*, ABEMO Mozambique implemented changes to improve their financial systems.

23/11 In IFES Francophone Africa, praise God for the creation of a WhatsApp group for national movement board chairs to

provide space for reflection and sharing in response to the coronavirus situation.

24/11 During the pandemic many IFES regional staff have participated in a condensed form of IFES *Indigenous Support Development* training online. Ask God to help them find new ministry partners.

25/11 IFES South Asia Scripture Engagement team ran a series of webinars entitled *The Groans of Life and God on the Cross*. Thank God for this chance to consider a biblical response to suffering and crisis.



📅 26 – 30 NOV

Middle East and North Africa

26/11 Join with a movement in a closed country to praise God for new Christian “P”. Pray for her as she leads Bible studies with a group of five non-Christian friends.

27/11 Give thanks with FCSI Israel that online Bible studies in the Psalms helped students re-connect with God. Pray that students would maintain good Bible reading habits in these unsettled times.

28/11 A movement in a closed country ask us to pray for God to raise up qualified leaders and provide local funding for the ministry.

29/11 Praise God for LIVF Lebanon’s videos educating students about mental health and offering advice for maintaining good mental health during the current crisis.

30/11 Many students from the MENA region come to faith whilst studying abroad as international students. Ask that, despite the pandemic, students will be able to take up university places and grasp opportunities to investigate the Christian faith.



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