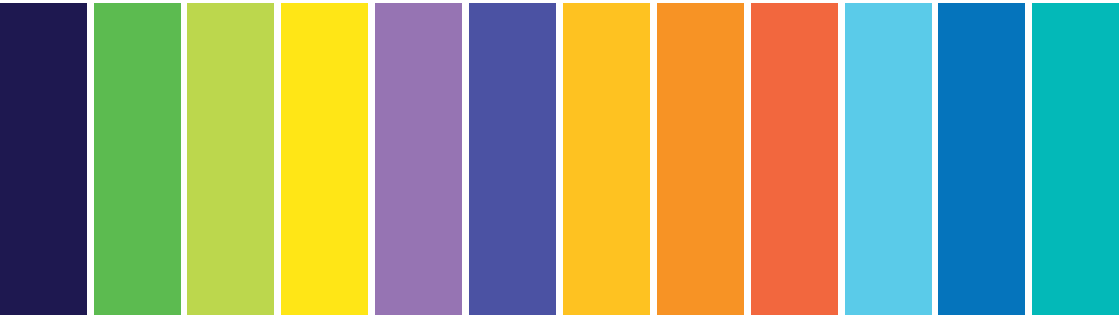


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IFES Daily Prayer Guide

DECEMBER 2020 – FEBRUARY 2021





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 contact IFES at info@ifesworld.org or at the address on the back of the Daily Prayer Guide to request a legacy leaflet.

DEAR FRIENDS

In Colossians 1:20 God outlines Christ's mission in our world – to bring reconciliation. As we reflect on the unity across Christian student movements all over the world so beautifully illustrated by IFES World Student Day, we cannot fail to notice how counter-cultural it is. Almost everywhere we look in our world we see conflict and division, and the pain which this brings. Only in Christ can we be reconciled not just to God but also to each other, only with the Spirit in us can we see Christian from very

different places and backgrounds as brothers and sisters. Please take time over these months to pray for Christian students faced with challenges in this area because they live surrounded by armed conflict, political instability, or polarised views. Pray in particular for those actively working to bring change and peace in their societies. Thank you so much for praying.

Jill Bain
IFES Supporter Relations

01 – 06 DEC South Pacific

01/12 AFES Australia in Wollongong give thanks for a student from their Japanese fellowship returning to Japan and joining KGK Japan and a local church.

02/12 Join with TSCF New Zealand in Waikato and the Bay of Plenty to pray that “students we meet throughout the year are stirred to seek Jesus and come along to our meetings”.

03/12 The IFES movement in New Caledonia is still in the pioneering stages, give thanks for a positive meeting with local evangelical pastors.

04/12 Praise God for GNYF Vanuatu’s student ministry at the University of

the South Pacific moving online with video talks on Bible passages and opportunities for discussion via video-conferencing.

05/12 AFES Australia’s *National Training Event* will run online 7-8 Dec with the theme “God’s Gospel: Gravity and Glory”. Pray for students to be encouraged and equipped.

06/12 “Pray that students will take advantage of the current situation to share Christ in the university. Pray for open doors for the sharing of the Gospel of Christ openly.” - PSFC Fiji



07 – 11 DEC Middle East and North Africa

07/12 Give thanks for FCSI Israel’s online training course equipping students with the tools they need to reach out to others in their universities.

08/12 Pray for LIVF Lebanon as the country continues to recover and rebuild following the catastrophic explosion in Beirut. Ask that those who have lost loved ones would know God’s comfort.

09/12 S, a staff worker in a sensitive country asks us to pray for two Arabic speaking women whom she is mentoring. Ask for “boldness in their faith, for strength in the midst of familial

persecution, and for continued growth in the Spirit”.

10/12 Praise God for JUCS Jordan’s online meetings discussing key topics such as “The Meaning and Purpose of Life”. Pray for students to invite their friends to join.

11/12 Lift up Jamil, IFES Regional Secretary for MENA, as he prepares to move on from his interim post of Acting General Secretary and returns to serve the MENA region full-time from 1 Jan.



📅 18 – 23 DEC Evangelism

18/12 As Christmas approaches, pray for IFES movements around the world seeking to make the most of this opportunity to share about the hope that Christ brings.

19/12 "Please pray that we would have committed students who will continue the mission despite COVID-19 restrictions." – GBU Portugal, Lisbon

20/12 IFES Latin America's *Evangelism Workshops* train national movements in evangelistic initiatives such as seeker Bible studies. Due to coronavirus these will take place online, ask that they would equip students and staff to share the gospel.

21/12 Give thanks for GBU CI Côte d'Ivoire students at the University of Cocody running Bible studies and offering practical support for a group of 20 disabled students on campus.

22/12 NBCBS Nepal share: "December and January are months for us to share the gospel as most Nepalese are open in these months. Please pray that God would speak to students who come to church for the first time."

23/12 Join with CSC Moldova to pray for wisdom in reaching out to non-Christians in difficult circumstances.



📅 24 – 29 DEC Europe

24/12 In Padova, Italy, thank God for E, a GBU student leader who has grown a lot in his faith and maturity in Christ this year and who has now been baptised.

25/12 Give thanks for Ichtus Belgium joining with other local student ministries to pray for students and higher education in Belgium.

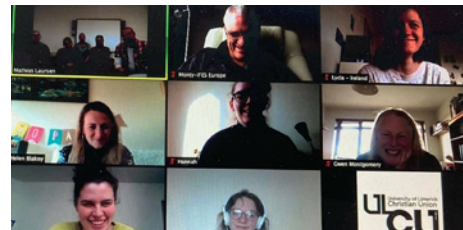
26/12 Praise God for OSCER Romania's international student group in Bucharest meeting online to discuss topics such as "Who is Jesus?".

27/12 Join with GBU France to give thanks for their national missions meeting on the subject of "Art and

Faith". Pray the movement would find creative ways to use the arts in evangelism.

28/12 Pray for the IFES Europe team as they look ahead and make preparations for the next European Student Evangelism Conference *Revive* in Dec 2021.

29/12 NKSS Norway give thanks for a student camp in the north with the theme "Believed, Loved and Followed." Ask that students would continue to apply what they learned.



📅 24 – 29 DEC International

24/12 IFES Steering and Finance Committee met recently. Pray for the implementation of decisions especially in light of current economic uncertainties.

25/12 On this special day give thanks to God for sending his Son and pray with us that students across the world will come to know this amazing truth.

26/12 Pray for work on IFES archives, ask that effective methods will be found to preserve records in a range of different media that provide an important historical documentation of God's work through the Fellowship.

27/12 Join with us in giving thanks for the faithfulness and generosity of all the supporters who make the ministry of IFES possible.

28/12 Praise God for those working in IT and infrastructure across IFES International Services who have helped ensure that staff are able to continue working despite the pandemic.

29/12 As we look ahead to a New Year, pray for God's provision for IFES national movements as they re-establish more normal rhythms for student ministry after so much disruption this year.



📅 30 DEC – 04 JAN Leadership Development

30/12 Pray for IFES Francophone Africa's new *Student Leaders Training Program* being delivered online and in person. Pray it would equip student leaders to serve.

31/12 Jongho, IFES East Asia regional team member, gives thanks for students and field staff growing in their leadership skills during these challenging times.

01/01 Pray for Tim Adams, IFES new General Secretary, as seeks to support and develop both current and emerging leaders across the IFES Fellowship.

02/01 Bring before God IFES graduates serving in leadership roles in their professional lives. Ask that they would shine as lights for Christ.

03/01 IFES Europe's *Young Staff Network* equips and trains the next generation of leaders in the region. Pray for the current cohort "to put down good foundations for gospel ministry for years to come".

04/01 Pray for God to raise up leaders for UCCF Great Britain's *Impact Groups* – small groups allowing students to study God's Word and support one another during the pandemic.



📅 05 – 10 JAN South Asia

05/01 Join with UESI India to pray for the completion of necessary maintenance work on their conference centre.

06/01 “Please pray for freedom to share the gospel on campus and to pray. Please also pray for the safety of Christian students and that student ministry will impact Nepal, which has a population that is 80% Hindu.” – Unish, NBCBS Nepal

07/01 Give thanks for BSFB Bangladesh using social media platforms to come together and pray for those affected by coronavirus.

08/01 In South Asia discrimination based on gender, ethnicity, religion and

class is widespread. Pray for students in the region as they model Christ's love to all.

09/01 Pray for FOCUS Sri Lanka's graduate fellowship as they seek to “equip and motivate Christian graduates and professionals to develop a biblical worldview relating Christian faith to their work”.

10/01 Sawm, the General Secretary of a South Asian IFES movement is studying for a Masters in Transformational Leadership. Pray that he will be able to apply what he learns to his role.



📅 11 – 16 JAN Caribbean

11/01 “Pray that we as youth will keep the fire burning for God. Pray that the spirit of unity will be among us as a collective body.” – Asia, SCF & SU Jamaica

12/01 “Pray for increased involvement amongst young people and an increased presence and improved communications.” – GBU French Guiana

13/01 Join with ISCCF Dominica to pray for “the commitment of key persons: sponsors, committee members and students, and for the spiritual growth of the students”.

14/01 Give thanks for a four-week online

training on *Disciple Making Among Hindus* for IS/IVCF Trinidad & Tobago. Pray for IS/IVCF students reaching out to their Hindu peers and neighbours.

15/01 Pray for the pioneering movement in St Martin to develop partnerships with local churches and ask that God would send workers to replace those who will be moving on.

16/01 Lift up to God ongoing work on IFES Caribbean's new website. Ask that it will enable the region to communicate more effectively with students and supporters.



📅 17 – 22 JAN Pioneering

17/01 IFES *Breaking New Ground* initiative supports pioneering in new cities and on new campuses. Give thanks for a third gathering, online this time, and the chance to reflect on the work.

18/01 In Greenland pioneering work continues. Join with KFS Greenland student Mathias to pray that “God will give us confidence to share our faith with other students.”

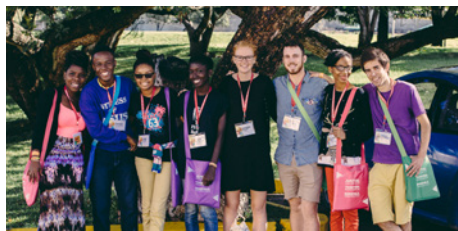
19/01 A pioneering movement in a sensitive country praise God for being able to hold online meetings without disruption from the authorities.

20/01 Thank God for work on a “Pioneering Handbook”. Pray for the

next stage of testing and reviewing the material with pioneering groups in Europe.

21/01 “Please pray for great opportunities, for open doors at the universities of Coclé, and for provision for the work and a place to live.” – Carlos, CEC Panama student and pioneering worker in Penonomé

22/01 Join with IFES Caribbean to pray for God to open the door for pioneering in the US Virgin Islands and for the right people for this work.



📅 23 – 28 JAN Francophone Africa

23/01 UGBM Madagascar give thanks for students encouraging one another and sharing the gospel over the phone and via social media.

24/01 In Burkina Faso UGBB give thanks for their *Reflection and Action* committee organising prayer and social action initiatives during the crisis.

25/01 Pray for God’s help to persevere for GBUR Rwanda students who are scattered across the country and facing issues such as poor internet connection, family unemployment and lack of food.

26/01 Every year GBUST Togo

participate in “Student Week” to highlight the work of the movement. Give thanks for students moving it online with talks shared on WhatsApp and a radio broadcast.

27/01 UGBB Burundi give thanks for one student, Emmanuel, beginning to read the Bible through the witness of his friend Ishmaël and the support of their local UGBB student group.

28/01 Thank God for online regional conference *The Essence of Life*, helping movements respond theologically to issues posed by the pandemic.



📅 29 JAN – 02 FEB
English and Portuguese-Speaking Africa

29/01 FOCUS Kenya students Maureen and Esther participated in a 10-month exchange program with NKSS Norway. Esther shares: “engaging with people cross-culturally has been very enriching to my mind and also my faith”.

30/01 Pray for SCOM Malawi’s “self-leadership” seminars for schools and local communities tackling issues such as drug abuse and violence.

31/01 GAMFES Gambia thank God for the commitment of students at the

University of The Gambia Medical School. Pray they will find ways to continue meeting despite the pandemic.

01/02 “In this group we have learned a lot of things which have been a great blessing to all, and we have been asked to share this with our non-Christian friends.” – Beatriz, IFES Equatorial Guinea student

02/02 Give thanks for GHAFES Ghana partnering with other organisations to run a mental health program to help students struggling with depression, anxiety and other issues.



📅 03 – 07 FEB
Strengthening National Movements

03/02 Pray for the IFES *Indigenous Support Development* ministry, ask that it would help movements to find creative ways of raising funds in financially challenging times.

04/02 GBUST Togo Board Chair, Elôm Kwami Gbatchi, gives thanks for IFES Governance Development Training: “we appreciated the case studies, which gave us real life examples of how boards acted.”

05/02 Praise God for a recent IFES student survey as part of IFES strategy

work. Ask that the results would be useful for informing how the Fellowship can best serve national movements.

06/02 Give thanks for an online gathering of Scripture Engagement teams from across the IFES Fellowship. Pray for them as they support IFES national movement students and staff to love, study and share God’s Word.

07/02 Lift up to God all those serving on national movement boards as they provide direction and set priorities in the light of the uncertainty that coronavirus brings.



📅 08 – 12 FEB

Latin America

08/02 Praise God for CCU Bolivia's online talks on topics such as "Theological Perspectives on the Pandemic" and "Testimonies from Coronavirus Patients". Ask that they would help students seek God during this time.

09/02 GEU Guatemala's spiritual retreat took place online. "Thank God for this time of learning, being challenged and sharing community with students from all GEU regions."

10/02 In Honduras CCUH give thanks for a chance to meet together online and share ideas about how to do mission during a pandemic.

11/02 Many countries in the region have been hit especially hard by the pandemic, pray for the national movements as they seek to support those coping with the loss of loved ones or livelihoods.

12/02 AGEUP Peru's introductory online course aimed to help introduce students and members of the public to the work of their movement. Pray for continued follow up with those who attended.



📅 13 – 17 FEB

North America

13/02 Praise God for GBUC Canada's new site - *Qui est cet homme?* [Who is this man?] helping answer questions that non-Christian students have about the identity of Jesus.

14/02 Thank God for InterVarsity/USA's Graduate Fellowship in Denver running an investigative Bible study for Asian visiting professors via video-conferencing. Pray that it will bear fruit in the lives of participants.

15/02 Give thanks for InterVarsity Canada helping students adapt to the current situation with blog posts on topics such as *Preparing for a Semester Online*.

16/02 Lift up to God InterVarsity/USA's *2030 Calling* – a vision to see a student witness on all 2,500 US campuses by 2030. Ask that through these pioneering efforts God's glory would be declared on every campus.

17/02 "Pray that non-Christian students who have been exploring faith would have increased urgency in this season to say yes to relationship with Jesus." – Robin Schugart, InterVarsity Canada Associate Campus Staff Director, Manitoba and Saskatchewan



📅 18 – 22 FEB Eurasia

18/02 Pray for CCX Ukraine student Lera as she leads online Bible studies at Kyiv National Linguistic University. Ask that non-Christian students would be keen to attend.

19/02 Praise God for a new believer in a sensitive country, G, meeting with her friends to study the Bible. Pray that she would be a great witness to them.

20/02 Give thanks for the *Bible and Life Level 3* conference for students from two Russian cities in September. Pray for students to apply this teaching in their walk with God.

21/02 Ask for God's peace in the region in the wake of violence and political tensions in recent months and for protection for IFES students and graduates in affected areas.

22/02 Thank God for "M" from SKSK Georgia's English-speaking Bible group who gave her life to Christ. Pray that she would remain faithful to him.



📅 23 – 28 FEB East Asia

23/02 Pray for Annette Arulrajah, IFES Regional Secretary for East Asia, as she mentors younger leaders in the region. Ask that through this they would be equipped for their leadership roles.

24/02 FCS Mongolia praise God that despite the lack of contact and poor internet connection in rural areas, students have been growing spiritually and learning to rely fully on God.

25/02 Praise God for IVCF Philippines' virtual retreats which have greatly encouraged students. Ask that students would continue to take time to read God's Word and be spiritually refreshed.

26/02 Give thanks for a student in a sensitive country coming to faith. Ask that she will walk closely with God despite societal pressure.

27/02 Join with TCS Thailand to give thanks for an online seminar for graduating students helping them consider how to keep in step with God's will as they transition into the workplace.

28/02 Thank God for FES Malaysia's online conference with content responding to questions about God posed by students in an online survey.



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