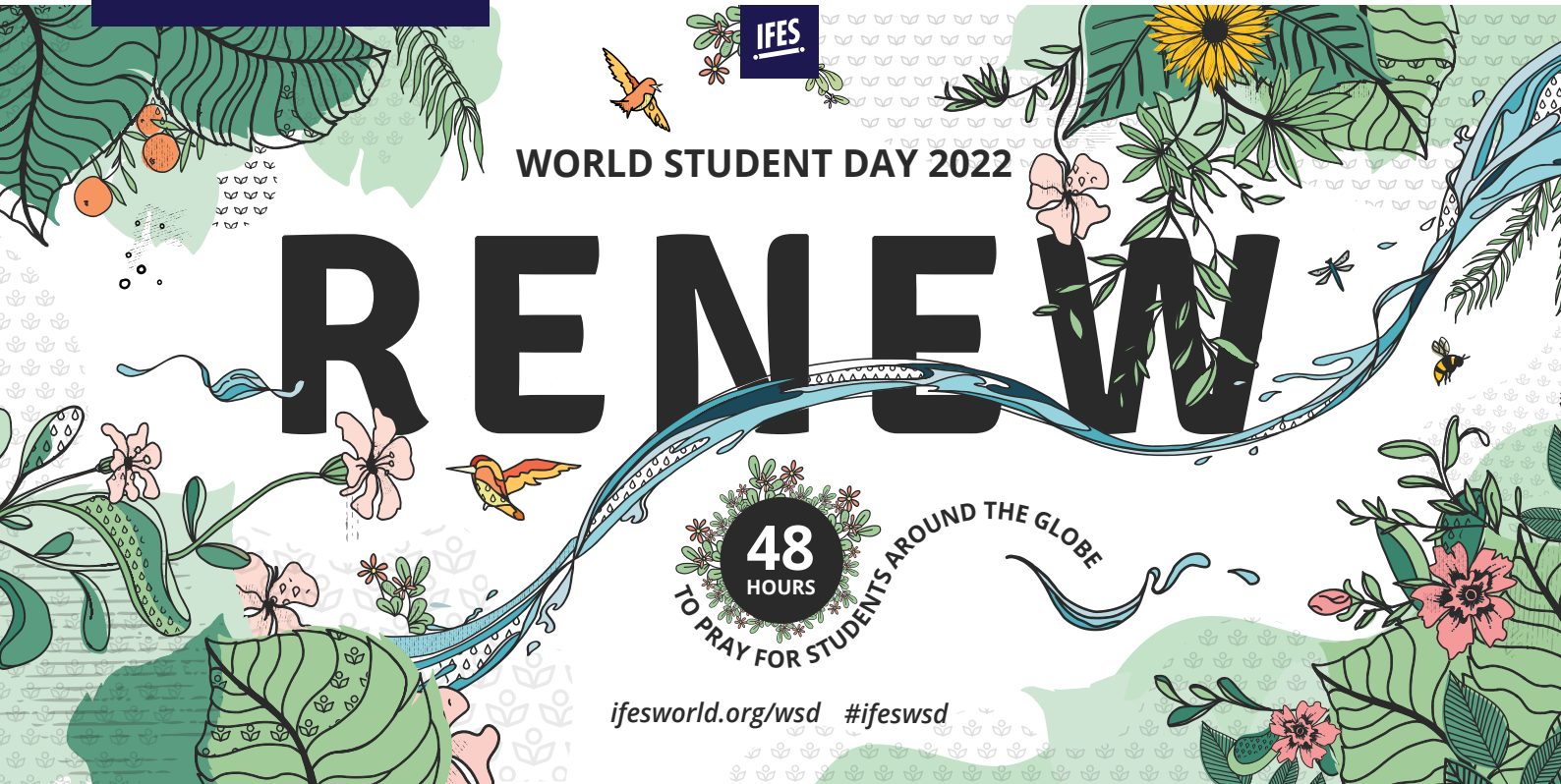


PRAISE & PRAYER



WORLD STUDENT DAY 2022

RENEW

48 HOURS
TO PRAY FOR STUDENTS AROUND THE GLOBE

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IFES WORLD STUDENT DAY 2022

World Student Day is an annual day that unites our global movement to celebrate all that God is doing through IFES and to pray. On Friday 21 October, thousands of students and supporters from around the IFES fellowship will gather to bring ourselves, our student groups, our universities, and our nations before God. We are asking him to **renew**.

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland" Isaiah 43:19

Praise God that he doesn't just make things better—He makes them new. Real renewal is never something we can manufacture. At our best, we are still the same old creatures of failure and sin. Renewal only comes from outside our broken world and its broken people. But God is bringing the whole of creation to newness of life. He's calling us to put down our distractions and let ourselves be brought into the freedom and glory of his kingdom.

Students around the world are yearning for this newness after the pandemic,

political turmoil, and natural disasters of recent years. For our day of prayer this October, we turn to God from our own inadequacies and embrace the new things he is doing in our individual lives, our student groups, our universities, and our churches. As a global fellowship, we will put our faith in the God of the streams in the wasteland. **Please pray for ministry worldwide.**

CARIBBEAN

Praise God for renewed interest in student ministry. Movements across the region are reporting encouragements. Pray that groups would grow and that Christian students would be salt and light on their campuses.

EAST ASIA

Pioneering staff share that God has been working in the midst of the pandemic, with new local staff members in one closed country and ministry in two new cities in another. The regional team ask us to pray for these new staff and groups and for "faithful living amidst the backdrop of a distorted world and a distorting understanding of life".

EUROPE

Across Europe, pandemic restrictions made it hard for new students to get involved in groups, and many closed entirely. Pray that this latest intake of first years connect with groups in their cities or campuses and bring renewal and rebuilding of these groups. Pray too for those starting new groups. In Great



(L-R): Online 75th Anniversary Celebrations for leaders of IFES movements ; After so long online, GEU Guatemala staff and students were delighted to be able to meet in person again; FES Singapore National Student Council Handover Weekend, August 2022



IFES senior staff meeting FOCUS Kenya staff, June 2022



Prayer time at IFES Europe InterAction Debrief conference, June 2022

Britain, UCCF graduate Eddie writes: "We are planning to set up a Post Graduate Christian Union (CU) in Durham University, probably in the autumn term 2022. I am an ex-CU member at Durham."

EURASIA

A summer camp was held in August in Central Asia to train students to pioneer groups in three areas. Pray for the students who attended to start Bible studies in their cities and have courage to invite non-Christian friends.

ENGLISH- AND PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING AFRICA

GBECA Angola has struggled for some time with staffing, leaving students with little support. Bibiano writes: "Pray with us that students do not feel discouraged. They have been the ones sustaining the movement. Our movement for the moment only has one full time worker, who is the General Secretary. All staff are volunteers. The main reason for that seems to be the lack of finances."

FRANCOPHONE AFRICA

"PANAF [regional conference in August] was a sensational, moving, exciting experience. It made me see and live the IFES spirit. I also saw the importance of the IFES mission in our national movements." – Seny, GBUSS Senegal. Pray that all participants would have

brought this understanding back, leading to renewal in their local groups and the reality of God's love being seen by their non-Christian friends.

LATIN AMERICA

Non-Christian students in Latin America are concerned about issues such as justice, creation care, and violence against women. Pray that Christian student groups could use such issues to show how Christians are called to live counter-culturally and care for and advocate for the vulnerable.

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

Regional Secretary Jamil writes: "A number of doors are closed for ministry, but when some doors close, many windows open, especially when we see God provide the right people in the right place at the right time." Thank God for his provision of these people and pray for ministry to flourish in spite of persecution.

NORTH AMERICA

GBU Canada ask us to pray for their student leaders: "that the zeal, the vision and the enthusiasm of the students may be renewed; that God may give boldness and joy in personal witnessing and evangelistic activities on the campuses and that we may have the privilege of seeing students discover Christ, turn to Him and walk as disciples".

SOUTH PACIFIC

GBU New Caledonia is a pioneering movement which has struggled due to pandemic restrictions. "We pray for a renewal of student leaders and for new students to attend our weekly meetings. We also pray that the leaders' training that will take place October-January will bear fruits and that trainees will overcome their shyness to make 2023 a year full of meaningful and intentional encounters."

SOUTH ASIA

Students in South Asia share how valuable it has been to learn to read the Bible through the eyes of friends from non-Christian backgrounds. Pray that this would lead to renewed and deeper love for God as these different perspectives open their eyes to previously unseen aspects of God's character and plan.

Please join with students, staff and supporters worldwide to pray on 21 October. You can access many more prayer requests and resources on social media and the IFES World Student Day website—and mark yourself on the prayer map. ifesworld.org/wsd/

Ichthus Belgium Mark Drama in Limburg, May 2022



IFES Francophone Africa PANAF Conference, August 2022



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