

Prayer Diary

March • May 2021

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Fourteen weeks of prayer points



Thank you for your continued prayers
and support for international students.

International Student Evangelism



Week 1
1st Mar

Answering International Student Questions

March 1st is World Book Day. So, it is a good day to be praying that the new Friends International book would be touching student lives. We pray that the book, 'Is Christianity a Western Religion? And other questions international students ask', would be used by God for His glory and that hundreds of students would be deeply impacted by the answers it gives.

Week 2
8th Mar

University Events Weeks

For the last 10 weeks, CUs across the country have been holding events weeks. We are privileged to partner with CUs, aiding them in reaching out to their fellow students. Please pray for the fruit of these events. Even with them being online this year, pray that the message would have got through and that hearts would be stirred by it.

Week 3
15th Mar

Looking Towards Easter

As Easter approaches, we are once again reminded of how different everything is to a usual year. Yet, we pray for the upcoming Easter events run by Friends International staff and local churches. We pray that international students would be welcome, and we would see lives transformed by God.

Week 4
22nd Mar

United in Prayer

Prayer is vital and we thank you for taking the time to use this resource. Please pray that more individuals and churches would join in by praying. Pray that Christians would see and take this strategic gospel opportunity that we have to reach international students in the UK.

Week 5
29nd Mar

Easter Week

Please pray for the Easter services this week, especially that they would be conscious of student guests from all over the world. Pray that these international students would witness more than just cultural traditions, but the very beating heart of the Christian faith: the conquering risen Saviour.



Student Needs

Week 6
5th Apr

Mental Health

After a year of perpetual lockdown, constant Zoom calls, and an almost sedentary indoor lifestyle mental health may be on the brink. International students have the added stress of being far from family and from what is familiar. Please pray for these students. Pray that Christians would be able to connect with those who are struggling, so that they can be supported and prayed for.



Week 7
12th Apr

Financial Pressures

Covid-19 has brought so many pressures and hardships for so many people. Typically, international students will have a part time job to give them vital income while so far from home, however because of Covid-19, many have found this impossible. Pray that these students would find the necessary help they need to navigate these challenges.

Week 8
19th Apr

Loneliness

With lectures online, social events cancelled, and food delivered at the press of a button, students are more isolated than ever before. The loneliness so many of them feel is truly desperate. Pray that students would hear of the events available to them through local churches and Friends International. Pray that friendships would be made that can penetrate through the isolation.

Week 9
26th Apr

Students' Future

With economies suffering and so many industries struggling because of Covid-19, the job prospects of current students are not good. Pray for the international students who are graduating this year, that they would be able to get work, but would also turn to God in the midst of this uncertainty.



Looking Forward

Week 10
3rd May

New Reach

Last week was the deadline for applications to our Reach Programme. Praise God that we have a good number of graduates joining us in September. Pray for the current Reach Trainees, that even though their year has had challenges, it would have given them life-long discipleship lessons.

Week 11
10th May

New Centres

Join us in thanking God for the new staff recruited so far this year. We have staff starting in London, Exeter, Dublin and Bournemouth in 2021. However, we have a vision to open new Centres in more cities. Therefore, please pray for the expansion of the work, with a specific hope for a new worker in Liverpool.

Week 12
17th May

New Staff

Please pray that we would be able to successfully recruit new staff this summer. We are focusing our efforts on bringing in new staff who would be

able to pioneer work in locations that do not yet have a ministry to international students. This growth will enable thousands more students to hear the Gospel.

Week 13
24th May

New Resources

This year, along with the launch of Peter Teagle's new book, we are launching resources that will inspire churches and CUs to use traditional British events to witness and share the Gospel with students. Pray that these would be well used, and that we as Christians would 'make the most of every opportunity' to share the person of Jesus.

Week 14
31st May

Philip Project

The Philip Project is a training programme that aims to train Christian international students to understand and share God's Word. Fifty students joined seven groups across the country online this year. Pray for each of these students who have just completed the course, that they would use what they have learnt.



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