



# November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				7 Please begin praying for our 2019 <i>International Family Retreat (IFR)</i> in El Salvador. Pray for Claudia, <i>IFR</i> Director, as she continues preparing for the long weekend!	8 Please pray for the United States team traveling to <i>IFR</i> . Pray that each one will prepare their hearts, minds, and bodies for a long weekend of serving families affected by disabilities.	9 Pray for our 100 volunteers serving at <i>IFR</i> . <i>Family Retreats (FR)</i> cannot happen without volunteers, and volunteers sacrifice their time, money, and energy to serve at <i>IFR</i> .
10 Pray for Claudia, Alicia, Kathy, and other key leaders of <i>IFR</i> . Pray for healthy bodies and minds as they finish preparing. The leadership team has been working all year long!	11 Pray that the Gospel of Jesus Christ penetrates the hearts and souls of every attendee at <i>IFR</i> . The Gospel is the foundation and driving reason for <i>FR</i> , and we pray more may come to know Him as their personal Lord and Savior.	12 Pray for the two pastors preparing messages and caring for <i>IFR</i> attendees. Many of the families attending will be carrying heavy burdens, and we pray that our pastors may be led by the Spirit as they counsel and speak.	13 Please pray that the Lord would provide comfortable and pleasant weather for <i>IFR</i> . It's typically hot, which can be a concern medically for some families and volunteers.	14 Pray specifically for our volunteer program leaders. They have been working throughout the year to properly prepare and adapt Bible lessons for their age groups. This is a key time for campers and volunteers to hear the Gospel.	15 Please pray for team leader, Joel, as he continues to work with our in-country partners to prepare for <i>IFR</i> . The Joni and Friends Ohio office desires to support <i>IFR</i> in any way possible, and your prayer is a crucial part of that!	16 Pray for ongoing church engagement in El Salvador. Our in-country partners work all year to engage with Christ-honoring churches to evangelize and disciple people affected by disabilities throughout the country.
17 Pray for all new families attending <i>IFR</i> as they may be experiencing anxiety. Please pray that each new family would connect with volunteers and other families.	18 Pray for all new volunteers who may feel anxious before serving at their first <i>IFR</i> . Volunteers are typically paired one-on-one with campers with disabilities, and this is new territory for some volunteers. Pray that God will give them compassion and confidence as they serve.	19 Pray for all the churches in El Salvador that sacrifice their time to serve families affected by disability at <i>IFR</i> . Without churches, many families affected by disabilities would not receive the care, love, and hope found in Christ.	20 Pray for the United States team as they fly to El Salvador today. The team will be flying from around the country, and we pray that the travel is smooth and without challenges.	21 The families and volunteers arrive today at Pacific Paradise, our <i>IFR</i> location! Please pray for safety for all the families and volunteers as they prepare for a fantastic <i>IFR</i> !	22 Pray for the souls of every attendee at <i>IFR</i> . Today is our first full day, and the Gospel message will be proclaimed in various ways. Pray that hearts are receptive, and the Holy Spirit will lead people to repentance.	23 Pray for the many activities that happen at <i>IFR</i> . Not only is <i>IFR</i> a place of rejuvenation, but it is a place for joy, laughter, and fun! One special activity our families thoroughly enjoy is releasing baby sea turtles into the ocean!

<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>Today is the last day of <i>IFR</i>. Please pray for all the families and volunteers as they head home. Pray especially for seeds that have been planted. Pray also for individuals who may have heard the Gospel, but they chose to not respond. Every soul is precious to God.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>Pray for the team from the United States as they travel in El Salvador for a cultural day. El Salvador has beautiful landscape and a vibrant culture. May the Lord bless and work in this country.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>Pray for the United States team members as they travel home today. Pray for each team member as they process and pray through their experiences in El Salvador. Pray that the Lord gives each team member, volunteer, and in-country partner much needed rest.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>2019 <i>IFR</i> in El Salvador has ended. Praise God for His faithfulness and goodness in allowing Joni and Friends to love people affected by disability throughout the world. It is because of His great love and sacrifice that we, broken humans, are able to love the disability community.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>Continue to pray for the Gospel to be heard throughout the world through Joni and Friends. Pray for all the staff, volunteers, and recipients of Joni and Friends programs. Pray especially that more churches throughout the world may become <i>irresistible</i> to those affected by disability.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>
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