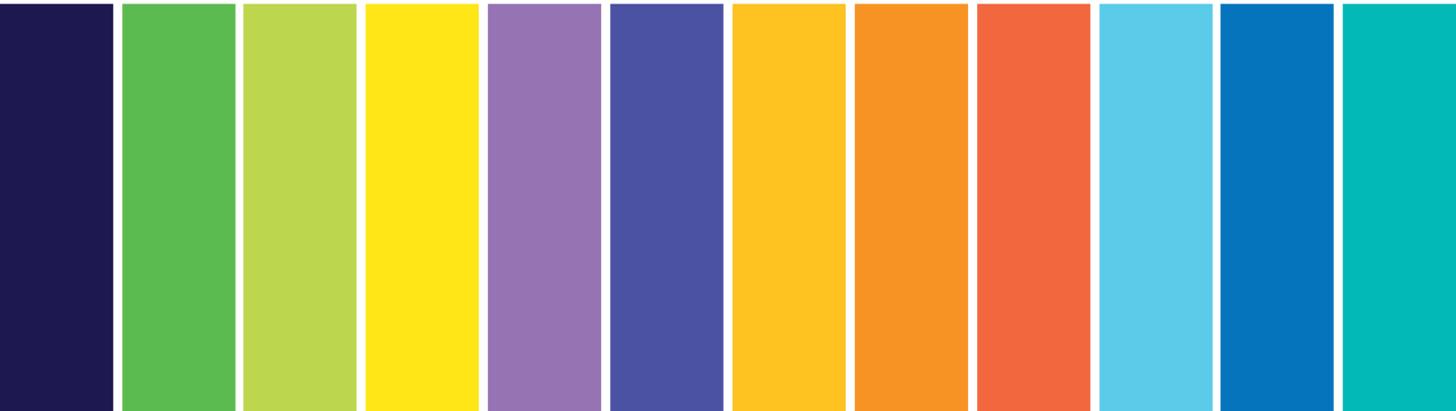


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IFES Daily Prayer Guide

AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2019





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DEAR FRIENDS

Recently, while searching Facebook for news from our movements, I saw a post from FOCUS Kenya. One of their team had asked students and graduates to name STEM (Short Term Experience in Mission) staff who had served on their campus. In 16 hours, more than 125 names were listed. The messages of thanks, blessing and encouragement to those who had witnessed to, mentored and trained them spoke to how much valued they were - even more than 25 years later. STEM is a year-long volunteer program for recent

graduates set up by FOCUS Kenya in 1992. Similar schemes exist in many of our movements. If you are a graduate of an IFES movement, you may remember those who served you. Please take some time today to thank God for volunteers who love and serve students.

Thank you so much for your prayers for IFES ministry!

Jill Bain
IFES Supporter Relations

📅 01 – 05 AUG Francophone Africa

01/08 *Project Jeribeth* is a long-term project to build a permanent training centre for IFES Francophone Africa. Pray for ongoing fundraising efforts and ask that many more staff and student leaders will be able to receive theological and practical training as a result.

02/08 In Senegal students' academic studies are often disrupted by strikes. Pray for stability in studies, for sharing the gospel and for a new boost of motivation.

03/08 GBEEG Guinea ask us to pray that "the movement in Guinea will grow

and that we will be financially self-sufficient".

04/08 "The main challenge is lack of initiative among students. Pray for God to instil a greater zeal in Mauritians so they can be good leaders and good witnesses to unbelievers."- Anaëlle, SCF Mauritius

05/08 *The Panafricaine* - IFES Francophone Africa's triennial missions conference runs 10-18 Aug. Pray for students and staff to catch the vision for evangelism in the region.



06 – 10 AUG East Asia

06/08 A movement in a closed country is experiencing increased persecution. 10 well-known churches have been closed down and in universities students face pressure to abandon their faith. Pray for courage to continue meeting in spite of opposition.

07/08 Join with a movement in a sensitive country in giving thanks that work in the north of their country is growing fast, that new groups are starting and staff are joining the ministry.

08/08 *The East Asia Graduates Conference* runs 8-13 Aug. Pray for a

great time of Bible study and fellowship and ask that participants would apply what they learn to their professional contexts.

09/08 FES Hong Kong praise God for second year students completing a training and spiritual formation program. Thank God that participants developed a stronger sense of self-identity and experienced the power of the gospel in their lives.

10/08 In Timor Leste the pioneering team are running a “Kantin on Wheels” selling snacks and engaging students in gospel conversations. Pray for permission to park on university premises.





11 – 15 AUG

English- and Portuguese-Speaking Africa

11/08 Join with NIFES Nigeria in praying for God to provide more workers and for security for churches in the Muslim-majority north.

12/08 "We have seen God saving people during our conferences. The challenge that we face is a lack of Bibles for the new converts."- Tshepang, ICMB Botswana. Please ask God to provide more Bibles.

13/08 Praise God for discussions on the issue of mental health during FOCUS Kenya's mid-year review. Pray for staff to be equipped to support students struggling in this area.

14/08 Mcharo from TAFES Tanzania writes: "Pray for our unity. Pray that we'd know God more and would have confidence to tell others about Him."

15/08 Give thanks for GBECA Angola's commitment to support pioneering work in Portuguese-speaking São Tomé and Príncipe. Pray for plans to start student ministry there in September.



16 – 20 AUG South Pacific

16/08 Pray for Michael, Renee and David, this year's ministry interns with TSCF New Zealand. Ask that through the year they will discover their gifts and learn to use them in student ministry.

17/08 Join with AFES Australia students at the University of Technology in Sydney in thanking God for great attendance at two evangelistic talks. Give thanks that God used even simple methods such as advertising posters to bring students along.

18/08 South Pacific aim to begin re-pioneering work in Tonga in 2020, pray

for pioneering staff willing to go and for strong connections to be forged with Christian students and local churches there.

19/08 PSFC Fiji ask us to pray for their student council, that they would be "faithful, available and teachable".

20/08 At Charles Sturt University, AFES Australia students ask us to pray for 'Q' who comes to meetings each week and for 'J' who has been reading through *Uncover Mark* [a seeker Bible study]. Ask that they would put their trust in Jesus.



📅 21 – 25 AUG

Latin America

21/08 Pray for Compa Mexico student leader Karen as she seeks to proclaim a message of life and hope at her university and to stand against the violence prevalent in Mexican society.

22/08 Give thanks for MUEVE Venezuela's *Prayer and Offerings Day*. Pray for wisdom in the face of current political and economic challenges in Venezuela.

23/08 Former GBUP Paraguay staff worker and academic Prof Henk Jochemsen spoke at a GBUP Paraguay event on the theme: "The professional as an agent of transformation in

postmodern society". Pray for graduates to grow in confidence in sharing their faith in the workplace.

24/08 Pray for CCUH Honduras as they work on a new strategic plan for the ministry. Ask for God's guidance and direction for student ministry in the country.

25/08 With the help of an IFES *Breaking New Ground* grant, MUC El Salvador will start new Bible study groups in five cities. Pray for the training of pioneering workers and for students to join these new groups.



26 – 30 AUG Caribbean

26/08 Thank God for IS/IVCF Guyana's outreach mission in partnership with InterVarsity Canada using "art evangelism". Pray that the events will bear fruit in the lives of students on campus.

27/08 IS/IVCF Trinidad and Tobago praise God for their *Thanksgiving and Appreciation Breakfast* for students, staff, supporters, alumni, church leaders and camp counsellors to celebrate their contributions to the movement.

28/08 Join with IFES Caribbean in giving thanks for ISCF Grenada, IS/IVCF

Cayman Islands and ISCCF St Vincent and the Grenadines affiliating to IFES at World Assembly.

29/08 GBU Guadeloupe held a *Soirée Artistique* - an evangelistic evening of presenting the gospel through art, music and drama. Pray that the message will touch the hearts of the non-believers who attended.

30/08 Give thanks for the many summer camps across the region this year. Pray that students would apply what they learned at camp in their Bible study groups as they return to universities and schools.



 31 – 04 SEP

South Asia

31/08 In Uttar Pradesh state, UESI India ask us to pray for new leadership and for effective handover. Pray for the leaders to serve with godly wisdom and integrity and for finances for ministry.

01/09 Join with FOCUS Sri Lanka to pray for plans to hold a retreat for Sinhala-speaking students (the majority group in Sri Lanka). Ask that God would be at work transforming the lives of these Sinhalese students.

02/09 Give thanks for NBCBS Nepal students befriending non-Christians through participation in wider university

activities such as campus cleaning and democracy day celebrations.

03/09 Pray for ongoing pioneering efforts in closed countries in the region. Ask for good contacts to be established with local churches and for students to catch the vision of reaching friends and classmates with the gospel.

04/09 Praise God for PFES Pakistan's mission camp with the theme "Unchanging Message for the Changing World". Ask that attendees will have boldness to proclaim the message of the gospel in a constantly changing environment.



📅 05 – 09 SEP

Middle East and North Africa

05/09 A student leader training conference takes place this month for students in a MENA sub-region. Pray that it would be a great encouragement and inspiration to those serving in very difficult contexts.

06/09 "I am the only Christian among 150 from an Islamic background in my class. Pray for wisdom and courage in sharing the gospel." - S, Egypt

07/09 'A' from a movement in a sensitive country asks us to "pray for the movement among national students to

become established. Pray for the Lord to send workers and finances."

08/09 FCSI Israel student Anna studies computer science at Haifa University. She asks us to pray for her group "to be the light and reflection of Jesus in this place so that we can glorify his name".

09/09 Join with LIVF Lebanon in thanking God for their student committee receiving training in communications and building their knowledge of the opportunities and challenges of campus life.



10 – 14 SEP North America

11/07 Give thanks for GBUC Canada students from Université de Montréal and Polytechnique Montréal organising a summer evangelism program with meetings to discuss current affairs and the Bible. Pray for God to work in the lives of attendees.

12/09 University of Denver postgrads often live far from campus which makes regular meetings difficult. Give thanks for video conference Bible studies, pray that this helps the group connect more often.

13/09 "Pray that each Christian student will see campus as a mission field. Pray

that the weekly meetings become filled with people in different stages of their faith journey." - Sarah Boyd, InterVarsity Canada staff, Dalhousie University

14/09 Praise God for GBUC Canada's camp in Rouyn Noranda. Ask that the hearts of students will be transformed by what they heard.

15/09 *Global Leadership Cohort* is an InterVarsity/USA program equipping students studying abroad to share Christ. Pray that God would use them to spread the gospel across the world.



 15 – 19 SEP

International

15/09 Give thanks for IFES World Assembly. Pray that the things learned and the friendships and connections made would have a lasting impact for all attendees in the years to come.

16/09 Praise God for positive feedback from national movement boards who have completed IFES *Governance Development Training*. Ask that board members would seek to implement what they have learned.

17/09 In the IFES International Services (Asia) office, Chief Information Officer Nick Goh asks us to pray for God's guidance and strength as his team

work on the implementation of new IT systems for IFES.

18/09 Pray for the many IFES staff and national movement staff studying theology and Christian ministry courses through the IFES Scholarships program who start their courses this semester.

19/09 Thank God for the election of several new members to the IFES Board. Pray for them as they take on the new role and responsibilities.



20 – 24 SEP Eurasia

20/09 A movement in a closed country praise God for a FCS Mongolia team visiting and partnering with them to run a small camp for new believers.

21/09 Give thanks for the service of Iuliia Nikolaichuk, Tatiana Kopaleishvili, and 'K' who have led the IFES movements in Ukraine, Georgia and a sensitive country respectively in recent years. Pray for them as they move on.

22/09 IFES *Breaking New Ground* initiative provides grants for pioneering student ministry in new cities. Pray for CCX Russia's plans to start two new international student groups

in Novosibirsk and to make local church services accessible through interpretation into English.

23/09 Join with a movement in a sensitive country in giving thanks for their affiliation to IFES at World Assembly. Ask that the movement would grow both physically and spiritually.

24/09 CSC Moldova praise God for their English summer camp in partnership with UCCF Great Britain. Ask that non-Christian attendees will have been touched by the gospel and would be keen to explore more.



📅 25 – 30 SEP

Europe

25/09 Join with EUS Serbia to give thanks for a summer camp on the theme “Lost and Found”. Ask that the non-Christian participants would realise their need of a saviour.

26/09 A movement in a closed country continues to grow in stability. Praise God that they have now created a vision for developing student leaders over the next few years.

27/09 GBU Spain ask us to pray for more workers in the areas of Galicia and Asturias.

28/09 “Bosnia and Herzegovina struggles with ongoing ethnic division

and a poor economy. Pray that God would use the church to bring healing and renewal.”- EUSFBiH Bosnia and Herzegovina

29/09 Give thanks for IFES Netherlands’ summer program training student workers in coaching and missionary communication. Ask that participants would apply these new skills to their ministries.

30/09 *Revive* - the IFES Europe student evangelism conference - runs 27 Dec 2019-01 Jan 2020. Pray for speakers as they prepare talks over the next few months. Ask that God would speak powerfully through them.



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