




IFES Daily Prayer Guide

DEAR FRIENDS

Uncertainty on a huge scale has been part of each of our daily lives for a year now. With so many challenges, I want to thank you all for your trust in our almighty God, and your faithfulness in prayer for IFES ministry. With schools and universities closed or online and career paths stalling, the hope of Christ has been more important than ever in the hearts, hands and mouths of IFES students, graduates, staff and volunteers. Your prayers have been the support that we all need so much. Your partnership has encouraged, enabled and equipped not just in obvious ways like problems solved and students choosing Christ, but in deeper ways that only God and each individual understands.

Our global fellowship is built on your prayers. Thank you so, so much. Please continue with us throughout these next three months and for the rest of 2021.

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01 – 06 MAR | Latin America

03/01 Give thanks for the 'Week of Encounters' training program hosted by GBU Chile, which took place last month. Please pray that students would continue to apply what they have learned.

03/02 "Pray for all of us in student ministry, that God will continue to encourage our hearts to share the gospel more powerfully." - COMPA Mexico

03/03 Praise God for CCU Bolivia's virtual training in December. Give thanks that they were able to run workshops and devotionals.

03/04 Pray for CBU Uruguay as they seek to be a channel of hope to students suffering from mental illness.

03/05 "Please pray for justice and provision in the universities that have suffered crime and vandalism in the last year." - MEUVE Venezuela

03/06 Give thanks for Higor Valin, ABUB Brazil's new advisor for their Midwest region. He writes: "Pray that I have the wisdom to serve the student groups in the best possible way".

07 – 11 MAR | Middle East and North Africa

03/07 A North African movement asks for prayer for "good understanding of the movement by church leaders and more student involvement".

03/08 A MENA movement asks us to pray for a new generation of leaders who are passionate and encouraged to be light and salt.

03/09 A national movement asks God for wisdom and strength for a new general secretary in a sensitive country.

03/10 A Middle Eastern movement asks for prayer for the young seekers who joined their Bible study groups after a recent conference. Ask God to speak truth to their hearts.

03/11 Please pray for another movement in leadership transition. Ask God for guidance and "pray for boldness in the faith of the students and creative ways to speak in their context".

12 – 17 MAR | Evangelism

03/12 Give thanks for the events weeks being held by Christian Unions around Great Britain. Please pray for those who hear the gospel to be interested in follow up courses.

03/13 Guatemala shares: "We thank God for allowing us to serve in this difficult and uncertain time. The Lord let us continue to share Jesus in the university."

03/14 "Pray for the ongoing impact of the Mark Drama being used in outreach in 2021. Please pray that students would encounter Jesus and turn to him as their Savior and Lord." - TSCF New Zealand

03/15 LIVF Lebanon asks us to pray for new opportunities to reach students with the gospel of Christ.

03/16 Pray for the planning of the IFES Europe student evangelism conference Revive in December. Praise God for all those who have registered to attend.

03/17 Lockdowns opened doors for some students to attend online outreach events who might not have been able to attend in person. Pray for creative ways to be found to stay in touch with these students.

18 – 23 MAR | Caribbean

03/18 Please pray for JSS Suriname as they seek to preach the gospel of Christ Jesus to students. Give thanks for their desire to see their fellow students come to know Jesus.

03/19 Give thanks for the IFES Caribbean staff team and the support and mentoring they provide to help advance the student ministry in each national movement.

03/20 Please pray for IS/IVCF Guyana staff working with high school students whose education has been disrupted.

03/21 Please continue to pray for a full-time staff worker to coordinate the ministry in the French territories.

03/22 Please keep IS/IVCF Trinidad and Tobago in your prayers. "Ask the Lord to stir the hearts of non-believing students, that they may come to faith, and ask him to deepen the faith of our Christian students."

03/23 Give thanks for the soon to be launched new IFES Caribbean website. Please pray that this tool will be a great resource to strengthen the work in the region.

24 – 29 MAR | Europe

03/24 Give thanks for IFES Europe Seeker Bible Study Network. Pray that students will be equipped and enthused to invite friends.

03/25 Ichtus Belgium is looking for a board chair. "Pray that we find someone who can steer the board, support the vision of Ichtus and raise it to a higher level."

03/26 Give thanks for new ChSA Poland staff Vera. Praise God for the online Russian language Bible study she leads with a colleague from CSC Moldova, and for this encouraging restart to international student ministry.

03/27 "Please pray for cities currently without student groups. Pray especially for God to give us the opportunity and finances to hire a new team member in Southern Bulgaria."
- BXCC Bulgaria

03/28 OPKO Finland asks God for growth in students as disciples of Jesus, in numbers of student events and in Bible study groups.

03/29 KFS Demark appointed Søren Aalbæk Rønn as high school and student staff in South and West Jutland. Please pray for him as he settles in to this new role.

30 MAR – 04 APR | Leadership Development

03/30 Give thanks for the IS/IVCF Cayman Islands student leader retreat - two days of leadership development and discipleship training.

03/31 The movement in a closed, divided country asks us to pray for young leaders eager to work within their homeland, rather than dreaming of emigration.

04/01 "Ask God to guide Olivia, who is training student leaders from all over the country to lead and host discussion nights." - ZVEŠ Slovenia

04/02 Please pray for the current cohort of IFES scholars. Give thanks for their opportunity to study and pray that they will be able to implement what they have learned as they serve in IFES movements.

04/03 Pray for student leaders in a closed Muslim country who are leading Bible discussions with students from different faith backgrounds.

04/04 Praise God for Jesus, who rose from the dead. Give thanks for our servant King, the ultimate model of leadership.

05 – 10 APR | Eurasia

04/05 Give thanks for the work of CSC Moldova. Please pray for opportunities to connect with non-Christian students at university and college.

04/06 The movement in a sensitive country gives thanks for the appointment of a new General Secretary. Please pray for Alexey as he works with the staff team to strengthen ministry.

04/07 Please pray for peace and reconciliation in this region. Ask God to give wisdom to those in authority and pray for IFES students, graduates and staff to be peacemakers.

04/08 Give thanks that two students in a sensitive country professed faith in Jesus. Pray too for the training of the next generation of student leaders there as two student group leaders have graduated.

04/09 "Please pray for new partners and new people who would be willing to join our ministry in Ukraine."
- Serhiy, CCX Ukraine

04/10 Pray for IFES Eurasia staff involved in pioneering in sensitive countries; pray that God would give wisdom and direction.

11 – 16 APR | International

04/11 Praise God for his generosity to IFES in 2020. Give thanks for five UK donors who left gifts in their wills ranging from £350 to £120,000 to invest in the next generation of students.

04/12 IFES International Services UK and US have appointed several new staff. Pray for them as they settle into roles and teams, particularly given the challenge of so much remote working.

04/13 Praise God for the launch of the IFES Logos and Cosmos initiative in Francophone Africa and Latin America to help Christian faculty and researchers to integrate their academic and Christian lives.

04/14 Please continue to lift up in prayer Tim Adams, IFES new General Secretary, as he moves forward with plans for how IFES can better serve our movements.

04/15 Give thanks for the first global online IFES Staff Together meeting in January. 80 staff met to hear from God's word and IFES leaders, to fellowship and to pray.

04/16 Please pray for fruitful IFES Steering and Finance Committees meetings in late April and IFES/USA annual board meeting in May.

17 – 22 APR | Pioneering

04/17 Pray that God will provide financially for the UGBB Burkina Faso pioneering project and for fruitful mobilization and training of coaches and trainers to come alongside students.

04/18 Please pray for InterVarsity Canada who are seeking opportunities to re-pioneer high schools ministry in British Columbia and Nova Scotia.

04/19 Ask God for wisdom for CCX Ukraine and Christian students involved in Breaking New Ground pioneering projects there. Please pray for hearts open to evangelism.

04/20 Give thanks that three CECE Ecuador student coordinators from pioneer groups were part of the Ambition 21 conference. Pray that they would apply what they have learned to strengthen their groups.

04/21 Give thanks for the IFES Breaking New Ground Initiative virtual gatherings. Please pray for the participants to be strengthened, encouraged and equipped to plant new student groups.

04/22 Pray for the GBUSC Congo pioneering project. Give thanks for the enthusiasm for the project and students' desire to offer hope to those around them. Pray too for stability in the local area.

23 – 28 APR | South Asia

04/23 Please pray for FOCUS Sri Lanka in their mission to "help students to share the gospel in the university, to live out the gospel in obedience to all that Scripture teaches and to develop a Christian approach to their academic studies."

04/24 Give thanks for recent training sessions hosted by UESI India. Topics included financial planning and Bible study training.

04/25 Please pray for the IFES regional staff and volunteers. Give thanks for Savithri and her team's faithfulness and pray for encouragement and strength.

04/26 Give thanks that two NBCBS Nepal staff had the opportunity to study with support from an IFES scholarship this year. Please pray that they would grow in knowledge and understanding and use this in day-to-day ministry.

04/27 Please pray for the ongoing ministry of BSFB Bangladesh. Give thanks for the group Bible studies which are opening eyes to God's truth.

04/28 Ask God to give strength to those facing persecution and ask God to draw near to them and be their comfort.

29 APR – 03 MAY | English and Portuguese-Speaking Africa

04/29 Give thanks for the NIFES Nigeria virtual ministry website. Please pray that students would grow in their relationship with God as they take part in e-learning courses.

04/30 "Pray for peace in the region and an end of violence. Please pray that students would be emboldened in their faith and share it wisely."

- From a movement in a sensitive country.

05/01 Give thanks for the TAFES Tanzania Bible exposition self-training program, aiming to help participants achieve "diligent, consistent and thorough study, faithful application in their own lives and faithful and effective preaching."

05/02 Please pray for pioneering projects in Sierra Leone. Pray for guidance and wisdom for leaders as they seek to establish several new student groups.

05/03 Give thanks for the Focus Kenya STEM (Short Term Experience in Mission) program. These recent graduates work with student groups, mentoring students and sharing their own leadership experiences.

04 – 08 MAY | Strengthening National Movements

05/04 Pray for the Scripture Engagement team as they seek "to equip IFES staff and student leaders to nurture a lifelong heart that relies on hearing from God's word."

05/05 IFES regional staff talk regularly online or by phone with national movement leaders for mentoring and to discuss ministry challenges they face. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide these conversations.

05/06 Give thanks for the Governance Development team. Pray for wisdom as they provide training and resources to help IFES national movement boards guide and grow ministry.

05/07 In March, national movement leaders compiled and submitted annual ministry reports using the IFES Ministry Impact tool. Pray that these reports continue to help them in their planning for the future.

05/08 Give thanks for the increased use of the Indigenous Support Development e-learning courses in 2020. Pray that this training would help build more sustainable movements.

09 – 14 MAY | South Pacific

05/09 "Pray that we will enable students to reach students for Christ. Pray that God's name will be glorified in all things. Pray for more workers for the harvest. Pray for regular financial support." - PSFC Fiji

05/10 AFES Australia asks us to pray that students will proclaim Christ faithfully and that many are saved and established in the faith through follow up studies and discipleship groups.

05/11 Students in New Caledonia are sharing their faith with others. Low COVID case numbers allowed them much more freedom to meet than many other groups, and they used their opportunities. Thank God for this.

05/12 Give thanks for the ministry of FOCUS, AFES Australia's international student ministry, which continues to serve and bring hope to many lonely students far from home.

05/13 TSCF New Zealand gives thanks for three students in Auckland and two in Manawatū who have come to Christ.

05/14 Give thanks for Regional Secretary David Walter. Pray that God would sustain and encourage him and the volunteers serving the region alongside national movement roles.

15 – 19 MAY | North America

05/15 Each May, there are normally InterVarsity Canada student camps, exploring the gospel through manuscript Bible study. Please pray that some students could physically gather and meet together this year, and that any who cannot would creatively engage with Scripture together online.

05/16 InterVarsity/USA has been hard at work on the Ministry Playbook, a free online resource designed to fully equip volunteers to plant and sustain new groups on unreached campuses. Pray for stamina for the Playbook Team and that this resource would bless and inspire many volunteers.

05/17 Pray that God may give wisdom and creativity to the GBUC Canada team for the choice of activities (relevant for the student context) and of Bible study themes.

05/18 InterVarsity/USA praises God for Daniel and Josiah, two Christian freshmen at Baylor University who have restarted the chapter there after the previous members graduated last spring.

05/19 "Pray that the kids and young adults who are part of our ministry would go on to be influential leaders wherever Jesus calls them." - InterVarsity Canada

20 – 25 MAY | Francophone Africa

05/20 Please pray for the creation of new GBEEB Benin local Bible groups in all universities and schools.

05/21 Pray for the pioneering work in a sensitive country. Ask that God would equip, encourage and protect students and staff witnessing in a difficult context.

05/22 Pray that "students and graduates form a community of disciples that are transformed by the Gospel and that have an impact on their university, church and society for the glory of Jesus Christ." - GBU Burundi

05/23 Please pray for the GBUSS Senegal Breaking New Ground project, that new student groups are planted and become established, so many more students will hear the good news of Jesus.

05/24 Ask God to give GBUR Rwanda staff the courage and wisdom to serve students effectively.

05/25 GBEEC Cameroon is preparing for their fifteenth Congress in August. Pray for creativity and wisdom in uncertain times.

26 – 31 MAY | East Asia

05/26 Ask the Lord for financial provision for the work of KGK Japan in Kyushu so that it might be possible to have multiple staff working in the region in the future.

05/27 The team in Timor Leste asks us to pray "that we continue to cultivate a sense of ownership of this ministry and be open in our communications."

05/28 Please continue to pray for Jaesik Jung during his first year as General Secretary of IVF South Korea.

05/29 Pray for the establishment of IVCF Philippines graduate ministry in Eastern Samar. Pray for wisdom in how to move forward.

05/30 Pray for SONOKO Cambodia as they seek "to evangelize students, disciple them to disciple others, and involve them in Christ's mission."

05/31 Please pray for the planning of the East Asia Staff Conference in July. Pray that staff will be equipped and encouraged.

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?

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