




# IFES Daily Prayer Guide

## DEAR FRIENDS

This summer period is usually a busy time for IFES movements in the northern hemisphere. Camps and conferences are a common tool to gather students, whether for outreach or training. Being away from their usual surroundings allows students space to think, talk and reflect. Both physically and mentally, they are far from their usual day to day concerns. While some movements will be able to run events this summer, others will not. Please pray with us for wisdom and creativity for planning teams, clarity on possibilities and restrictions and for God to use these events to draw students into deeper relationship with him and with each other. For those who will not be able to attend, pray for patience and for God to speak clearly by other means.

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### 01 – 06 JUN | Latin America

**06/01** In March CBU Uruguay General Secretary Jorge Bermudez ran “Zoom at your service” for CBU and other IFES movements in Latin America, giving tips for online ministry. Praise God that IFES movements learn from each other.

**06/02** Ask that God would continue to inspire students to creative evangelism through the IFES Latin America National Evangelism Workshop.

**06/03** Pray for students mourning the loss of friends and family to COVID-19, felt by so many in Latin America. Ask that they could offer Christ’s hope to those around them.

**06/04** Praise God with MUEVE Venezuela that “in spite of the many circumstances in our country, coupled with the pandemic and quarantine, we have witnessed how great, good and wonderful our caring Father is.”

**06/05** Pray for encouragement and vision for students in UCU Columbia, learning how to blend in-person and online events.

**06/06** IFES Latin America’s Southern Cone subregion ran online training in April entitled “Crossing boundaries between faith and context.” Ask God that participants would apply what they learned as they serve other students.

### 07 – 11 JUN | Middle East and North Africa

**06/07** Pray for FCSI Israel as they recruit Arabic speaking staff who are passionate and qualified to serve their student population.

**06/08** Intercede about ongoing conflict in a closed country, that the Prince of Peace would be present in the lives of staff and students. Praise God for the growth of IFES ministry here in recent years.

**06/09** The movement in a Middle Eastern country asks God to be with “students experiencing loneliness, depression and anxiety.” Pray with them also that they would be able share the gospel with more students.

**06/10** Pray that the Lord would provide full- and part-time staff for the LIVF Lebanon team, including an assistant for their General Secretary.

**06/11** The IFES MENA team has been using online tools to stay in touch with movement leaders. Pray for wisdom for Jamil, Hussam and Elie as they plan for in-person events later in this year. Students are excited to meet, but care must be taken.

### 12 – 17 JUN | Leadership Development

**06/12** IFES *Global Leaders’ Initiative* participants have been unable to meet in person as they would usually have done. Pray that online mentoring and discussions bear fruit in building skills.

**06/13** Ask God to equip student leaders through the IFES Francophone Africa *Common Minimum Program* launching from July.

**06/14** Pray as the IFES Europe *Formación* student leader training team meets today to discuss next steps for future events. Ask God to give wisdom on how to blend online and in-person time.

**06/15** Ask the Lord to be with students and national movement staff on the IFES Eurasia *Fellowship of Eurasian Bible Expositors*. Their first session ran a month ago, so ask God to provide opportunities to use growing skills.

**06/16** Give thanks for the IFES e-Learning team. They support the running of 42 online training courses in five languages.

**06/17** Pray for wisdom for national movement staff and volunteers planning their first large in-person national student leadership conferences since the beginning of the pandemic.

## 18 – 23 JUN | Caribbean

**06/18** Ask God that his hand would be over conversations between IFES Caribbean and ministry leaders in the Bahamas to provide support for work with students happening there.

**06/19** Give thanks for SCF/SU Jamaica online meetups, helping to maintain relationships when physical meetings are not possible.

**06/20** Pray for wisdom for the IFES Caribbean team as they try and plan events in continuing uncertainty about restrictions.

**06/21** Pray for the ISCCF St Vincent team as they continue to deal with the personal and financial impact of the volcanic eruptions this year.

**06/22** Praise God for three new members of the IFES Caribbean team. Jean-Davy is coordinating ministry on seven francophone islands and Karina and Nicolas are focused on IT and Communication.

**06/23** Give thanks for Tonia, an SCF/SU Jamaica pharmacy graduate, who is pioneering IFES ministry in St Kitts and Nevis. Pray that other graduates would be inspired to volunteer with their local movement.

## 24 – 29 JUN | Europe

**06/24** IFES Europe is running the *Revivalympics* – a prayer campaign for the upcoming Revive conference. Please join them in praying for each IFES movement in Europe using resources on social media.

**06/25** Praise God that for VBH Slovakia, the pandemic meant that their reduced staff team was able to support more students in more cities as they have been able to combine online meetings.

**06/26** Give thanks for SXEF Greece graduates who've been speaking to students on Zoom in a series called "Unexpected Jesus."

**06/27** A new team member is joining the team in a sensitive location. Pray for her transition and to be able to build good friendships with students.

**06/28** MEKDSZ Hungary held an online "Trans-Generation" conference in April for graduates, looking at how Scripture can help tackle crises. Ask that participants seek Christ.

**06/29** KFS Faroe Islands held a Cake Day at Glasi recently to be visible and to show love to those in the school, so they may be open to hearing more about the Christian faith. Pray for fruit!

## 30 JUN – 05 JUL | Evangelism

**06/30** Praise God for the faithful witness of FES Malaysia students. One student said: "nothing can stop us from sharing the living water with those who are thirsty."

**07/01** Give thanks for the joint mission week held 15-19 March by IFES Netherlands and Ichtus Belgium across five cities, blending online and in-person activities.

**07/02** Pray for an upcoming FCSI Israel conference entitled "Emotions and Faith." Pray students' mental health is supported well and that love shown to others would speak of Christ's love.

**07/03** Thank God for Katya, a student in Transnistria, who has met with CSC Moldova staff and is beginning a book club with non-Christian students.

**07/04** "Pray for students who have come to faith, that they would be well supported as they explore life as a Christian." – Caitlin Ormiston, TSCF New Zealand

**07/05** Praise the Lord for mission weeks which took place in areas of extreme opposition. One staff member in Eurasia described students "preparing for the mission week as though for war."

## 06 – 11 JUL | South Asia

**07/06** Ask God to equip staff in the region through *Scripture Engagement Multiplier Training* to train colleagues to help students to "share the life of Christ with their friends through the Scriptures."

**07/07** Ask that the Lord would remove obstacles for a BSFB Bangladesh translation project. They aim to provide resources for eight different language groups.

**07/08** Pray for movements in this region as they attempt to plan events with pandemic related uncertainty about restrictions on in-person events. Ask God for wisdom.

**07/09** Continue to intercede for students and staff in Myanmar where political unrest has meant limited access to funds and internet. Pray for safety and for the Lord to move mountains.

**07/10** UESI India's Highfield Centre is usually buzzing year-round with events but this year is empty due to COVID. Pray for funds for maintenance and for safety and health for UESI staff and students.

**07/11** Many students, staff and graduates of IFES movements in South Asia have been bereaved in recent months. Pray for God's comfort at this time.

## 11 – 17 JUL | International

**07/12** Give thanks for \$35,132 raised on the first IFES Global Giving Day for eight projects to help empower students to reach their campus more effectively.

**07/13** The IFES Board met in May to review progress and plan for the future. Give thanks for each member and their commitment to serve.

**07/14** Pray for the *Logos and Cosmos Initiative catalysts* seeking to integrate their faith and their studies. Ask that their projects would develop well.

**07/15** Thank God for the many other mission organizations

who serve students in partnership with IFES, seeking to stand together in the Lord's work.

**07/16** New and updated *IFES Governance Development* e-Learning courses are running at the moment, including "Passing the Torch: Making change a positive experience." Pray that this and other courses would help movements with succession planning.

**07/17** Ask God to guide Tim Adams and his team as they launch the new IFES strategy to strengthen ministry and nurture movements and young leaders.

## 18 – 23 JUL | Pioneering

**07/18** Pray for pioneering projects that have been delayed by the pandemic. Ask God to guide as they move forward to see student ministry planted in new locations.

**07/19** Intercede for new student groups where students are inviting friends to study God's word. Pray that students would see the vibrancy of Scripture and its relevance to their lives.

**07/20** Ask God for wisdom for GBU France staff member Emmanuelle as she engages with local churches. She is pioneering in a remote mountainous region of Corsica.

**07/21** Pray that as IFES ministry continues to grow throughout the Caribbean that the Lord would provide for their training costs and for movements that find it hard to raise funding.

**07/22** Ruth Hicks of CECE Ecuador reminded *Breaking New Ground* gathering participants that "The gospel is not in quarantine." Pray for her and others worldwide struggling to minister to students with poor internet connection who have returned home during the pandemic.

**07/23** UESI India ask us to pray for groups to be planted in fourteen institutions in the South Malabar region of Kerala.

## 24 – 29 JUL | Eurasia

**07/24** A student group in Russia thanks God that their outreach dinner was a success. "More than 35 people came, and about half of them were atheists, Muslims and God-seeking students."

**07/25** A Central Asian movement asks us to pray for their students to have "a greater vision of God, and understanding of the forgiveness available through Christ's sacrifice."

**07/26** "Please pray for national movement board members to stay encouraged and carry on their important ministries, in the pandemic, amidst political and economic turmoil, and within restricted contexts." – Brian Welch, IFES Eurasia

**07/27** Thank God that throughout lockdown, CCX Ukraine international students in Kyiv have been able to attend online Bible studies.

**07/28** Give thanks for *Genre Masterclasses*, helping staff in Eurasian movements think about reading for themselves and also teaching/leading studies in parts of Scripture they may be less familiar with.

**07/29** Pray for the safety of students in a turbulent country. Give thanks that some were able to attend the online *International Student Ministry Forum* and engage with Scripture, some for the first time.

## 30 JUL – 03 AUG | English and Portuguese-Speaking Africa

**07/30** Give thanks for a partnership signed in April. FOCUS Kenya has committed to supporting FOCUS South Sudan by funding two staff and providing other resources for ministry.

**07/31** A movement in a sensitive country asks for prayer "to participate in nurturing bold and selfless leaders of integrity who are not afraid to stand up for God."

**08/01** Thank God for FOCUS Uganda's overwhelming response to their online *National Students Prayer Day*. Ask God that students would continue in passionate prayer for peers and communities.

**08/02** Give thanks for joint *IFES Scripture Engagement* sessions run online by ESWAFES eSwatini and SCO South Africa to help their students learn new ways to study and apply Scripture in life and ministry.

**08/03** SULTAM Lesotho ask us to pray that God would open doors for finances and give them more partnerships. Pray for wisdom in planning activities during the pandemic.

## 04 – 08 AUG | Strengthening National Movements

**08/04** Give thanks for IFES regional staff training programs which have run this year to equip and inspire national movement staff and build peer support networks across regions.

**08/05** Pray for the *IFES Graduate Impact* team as they help IFES movements to serve graduates in their countries.

**08/06** Give thanks for IFES movements in Cameroon, Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Myanmar and Singapore who joined IFES staff and supporters to donate to the *IFES Solidarity Fund* to help movements struggling due to the pandemic.

**08/07** IFES Europe team members each support a cluster of general secretaries. Pray that their monthly online meetings would be a chance for participants to share honestly about their joys and challenges.

**08/08** Join Sabine Kalthoff in praising God for a recent *IFES Scripture Engagement* online session for IFES East Asia run in English with simultaneous interpretation into Malay, Mongolian and Thai.

## 09 – 14 AUG | South Pacific

**08/09** Give thanks with us for GNYF Vanuatu's Easter activities, where speakers shared the crucifixion and resurrection stories in the University of the South Pacific Dining Hall.

**08/10** Praise God for funds raised on the Global Giving Day to support pioneering in Anglophone Polynesia. Pray for new groups and movements to be planted.

**08/11** AFES Australia's Sydney University Evangelical Union reorganized activities by faculty and day to meet in person this year. Pray for the Bible studies, fellowship and training available through their 'Day Communities.'

**08/12** Pray for full-time staff for the PSFC Fiji team, as graduates are not always available to assist with ministry.

**08/13** Please support SIU-CF Solomon Islands in prayer: “The only big group is students from both universities combined together. We’re praying that in the future, there will be smaller groups consisting of faculty and students from each campus.”

**08/14** TSCF New Zealand’s Massey University Christian Fellowship Manawatū Campus has been running “Big Ideas Nights.” Pray that students respond as they hear the Gospel.

## 15 – 19 AUG | North America

**08/15** Thank God for InterVarsity Canada student Moses at McGill University. An interactive Bible study enabled this international student from Namibia to “understand and reflect on how God is speaking and working” in his life.

**08/16** Praise the Lord for Emily Umulis, the new InterVarsity/USA Graduate and Faculty Ministries National Training and Leadership Development Director. Ask God to use her in strengthening this ministry area.

**08/17** GBU Canada asks us to pray that this summer would be a time of rest and envisioning for students who have experienced a year of deadlines and accumulated fatigue, even more so after a year of distance learning.

**08/18** InterVarsity/USA Black Campus Ministries program seeks to educate, empower, and encourage students that we serve a God with a heart of justice. Ask God to bless this ministry.

**08/19** “Pray for wisdom and guidance as we navigate COVID realities while planning how to proceed with summer camps.” – Rachele Low, InterVarsity Canada, Saskatchewan

## 20 – 25 AUG | Francophone Africa

**08/20** Intercede for movements in countries impacted by political instability. Pray in particular for students from UJC Chad, GBU DR Congo and UJC Central Africa Republic.

**08/21** Pray for *Small Groups at the Center* - a GBUST Togo nationwide training project to equip student leaders to work in “small, strong and uplifting groups.”

**08/22** GBU DR Congo student Hosea started studying the Bible with GBU students he met. Praise God that the more he studied the Bible, the more he understood that God was in control.

**08/23** Ask for God’s blessing and empowering for the IFES Francophone Africa team as they serve the 19 movements in the region.

**08/24** Give thanks for GBEEG Guinea encouraging their students to love their Muslim friends and neighbors. Pray for wisdom in sharing the love and hope to be found in Christ.

**08/25** Intercede for students across the Francophone Africa region struggling with access issues on their campuses.

**08/26** Praise God for online ministry allowing regular training for pioneers in a closed country.

**08/27** Ask God to provide resources and energy to movement staff in East Asia in need of more in-depth scriptural training.

**08/28** Praise God for SONOKO Cambodia student leadership training in May. Thank God for his provision and guidance and ask that students would be implementing the lessons learned.

**08/29** “We held 6 camps in January and February. Although under the threat of CoViD-19, there were about 619 students and 190 volunteers. May the Holy Spirit lead attendees to keep growing in God’s word and make their actions and behavior please the Lord.” – CEF Taiwan

**08/30** Give thanks for the radical and sacrificial witness of staff to students in a closed country who are cultivating a fishery to feed students rejected by family when they converted.

**08/31** Thank God for the opportunity FES Singapore students had to meet Buddhist and Muslim students. One shared: “understanding equips us to better share with them the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

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.

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