



# IFES Daily Prayer Guide

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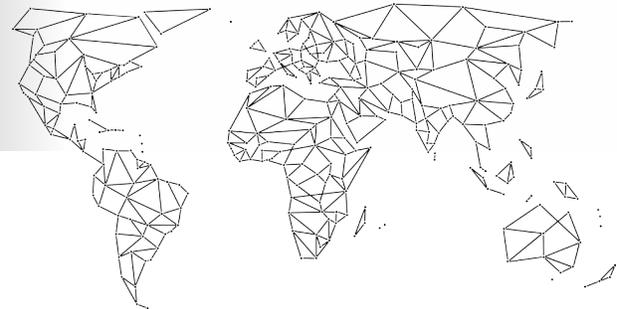
Students have always asked big questions. IFES seeks to help answer them, shining the light of the Gospel into their situations and choices. A global pandemic and social changes are adding to the wider questions being asked. IFES Europe has identified three key questions for these times: 1. How can I find community in an isolated world? 2. How can I find equality in an unfair world? 3. How can I find hope in an uncertain world? The Gospel answers these questions powerfully. As we pray on World Student Day (October 15) and each day, please pray for Christian students globally to share God's acceptance, justice and hope at this and every moment and for non-Christian students' eyes and hearts to be opened.

P.S. You may have noticed that there are more prayer points than usual this time. We are adjusting the schedule slightly but will revert to a quarterly publication in January. Thank you for praying.

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### SEPT 01 - 06 | Latin America

**09/01** IFES Latin America team members are running Mission in the University workshops for GEU Guatemala, CECE Ecuador, CBU Uruguay and three other movements. Pray for students to be equipped.

**09/02** Like many movements' camp and event venues sitting empty, Compa Mexico's Camp Citlali has struggled to cover costs. Ask God to provide for the needs of this and other facilities globally.

**09/03** UCU Colombia created processing and prayer spaces for students to process grief, loss and challenges of COVID. Pray comfort for those mourning family members.

**09/04** Three Hispanic Caribbean movements are in leadership transition. Ask God to guide their boards as they recruit and appoint new candidates with the skills to build strong ministry.

**09/05** Pray for ABU Puerto Rico students sharing Christ in a secular and hostile environment. Pray for boldness and faithfulness.

**09/06** Gisela Munoz of the IFES Latin America team gives thanks that IFES gives students access to new ideas from other movements and regions, helping make ministry less insular.

### SEPT 07 - 12 | Pioneering

**09/07** Praise the Lord for connections made at the last *Urbana* conference in the US that led Sam Hala'ufia to move to Guam in the South Pacific. He planted the first student group there in July.

**09/08** Pray for SEAM North Macedonia who are planning outreach in two cities.

**09/09** Give thanks that an African graduate teaching in Northern Cyprus has been able to begin a Bible study group in his university. Pray that it would thrive.

**09/10** Intercede for EEÜ Estonia staff Kirsi as she works to grow the group in the capital city of Tallinn.

**09/11** Pray for plans being put in place now to repioneer PSFC ministry in northern Fiji in 2022.

**09/12** Thank God for L, a new staff member pioneering student ministry in a closed country in East Asia. Her calling is a blessing. Ask that God would equip her for the challenges ahead.

## SEPT 13 – 18 | Caribbean

**09/13** Praise the Lord for anniversary celebrations in the Caribbean region this year marking 60 years of ministry in Barbados and 65 years of ministry in Trinidad and Tobago.

**09/14** Ask that God would be with the IFES Caribbean team as they look to partner with an existing student movement in the Bahamas.

**09/15** Pray for GBEUH Haiti in a time of political instability. Ask God to protect and to inspire students to offer eternal hope at this time.

**09/16** Pray for those throughout the region still experiencing extended periods of lockdown; ask for comfort and patience.

**09/17** Thank the Lord for the generosity of the IFES fellowship that the funding target was surpassed to provide emergency aid to those dealing with the fallout from the St Vincent volcanic eruptions in May.

**09/18** Ask for God's guidance as the new communications team work on a regular newsletter and a new website to help serve movements and make resources available.

## SEPT 19 – 25 | Caribbean

**09/19** Thank God for the online GBUCH Chile *Euangelion* conference in May. Students prepared short evangelistic talks. Pray for fruit as they use them in their groups.

**09/20** Pray for the conclusion of FOCUS Zimbabwe's online training conference today, that students will have been equipped and encouraged to take the gospel back to their campuses.

**09/21** Pray for Eurasian students using local festivals, outdoor treks and language clubs to reach out to international students. Pray that the welcome shown would reflect Christ.

**09/22** Many younger students globally have not yet had a 'normal' experience of university, or of IFES group outreach. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire them to share Christ.

**09/23** Pray for UCCF Great Britain students as they prepare to welcome the new first years to campuses. Pray for Christians and non-Christians to join Bible study groups.

**09/24** Give thanks for the student who came to faith at the TSCF New Zealand *Summit* event in July.

**09/25** In coming months, many student groups will be planning Christmas outreach events. Pray for creativity and new ideas to engage many with the Good News.

## SEPT 26 – OCT 02 | Europe

**09/26** Ask God to equip and refresh GBU Italy students as they meet for their student leader training conference this week.

**09/27** The BCSU Bulgaria team asks us to pray that the summer gave their students good rest after a tough year so that they are ready to serve well.

**09/28** Give thanks for IFES Europe team *Relaunch* workshops where staff encouraged each other with idea sharing and prayer.

**09/29** Thank God for OSM Austria's recent 'People of OSM' Facebook video series where they shared encouraging stories from staff and students across the movement.

**09/30** Pray for the new IFES Europe *Young Staff Network* cohort as they learn ministry skills and build peer mentoring relationships.

**10/01** Ask the Lord to strengthen and equip ChSA Poland students Kasia and Sysmon as they become Bible study leaders this coming year.

**10/02** Praise God for the encouragement from Sabine Kalthoff, IFES Secretary for Spiritual Formation, to SMD Germany students that "we can complain to God" because he cares for us.

## OCT 03 – OCT 08 | Leadership Development

**10/03** IFES Regional Secretary for Francophone Africa, Dr Klaingar Ngarial, is on sabbatical. Pray for this period to be one of rest and refreshment in Christ and that this would inspire other leaders to seek God's face.

**10/04** Pray for wisdom for Alice Larke, serving with GBU Italy, who is moving into a new role as team leader in Turin.

**10/05** Ask that InterVarsity Canada staff would be encouraged, and would "adapt to change, gel as a team and become a family serving together."

**10/06** The East Asia IFES team have been running training for new General Secretaries. Pray that they are all settling well into their new roles and are trusting God to guide them in ministry.

**10/07** Give thanks for the IS/IVCF Trinidad and Tobago summer leadership training conference. Ask that as these students return to campus, they are equipped to reach out to their peers.

**10/08** Give thanks for IFES Eurasia *Formación* student leader training events in July. Ask that students would serve faithfully in their local groups.

## OCT 09 – 14 | South Asia

**07/09** Give thanks for the diligent prayer of UESI India as they share regular and in depth Covid prayer requests with supporters and students. Ask God to comfort those mourning friends and relatives.

**07/10** Pray for radical unity in areas of conflict amongst Christian groups. Pray that they would experience freedom and peace and be united in hope.

**07/11** Pray that students will be encouraged by discussions with a group of four legal professionals as part of a new FOCUS Sri Lanka interest group on "Work, Faith and the Law."

**07/12** Praise God for Shukla, a student who accepted Jesus into her life at a BSFB Bangladesh camp earlier in the year. She said, "I have become free by being connected with Jesus."

**07/13** Ask that God would renew his Spirit in the lives of students in South Asia in need of his grace and healing.

**07/14** UESI India ministry is blessed by graduates in India and elsewhere. Praise God for all who pray, give and volunteer in the ministry.

## OCT 15 – 20 | International

**10/15** Today is IFES World Student Day. Ask that students would seek God's face about how he wants to use them in this moment and follow his guiding.

**10/16** Pray for fruit from recent meetings with IFES/USA supporters, updating them on how God has been working in the pandemic and asking them to continue in partnership.

**10/17** Thank God for the provision of staff joining new General Secretary Tim Adams to serve our movements, for George Ogalo as Chief Operations Officer and David Bahena as Associate General Secretary.

**10/18** Pray for perseverance for staff in IFES International Services (Asia) who have spent most of 2021 working far from their team members due to lockdowns.

**10/19** Ask God to continue to bless the Communications team working on the new Prayerline podcast and other upcoming podcast projects.

**10/20** As several new staff continue to settle into life in the IFES/USA office, pray that they would be reminded of God's faithfulness in all they do.

## OCT 21 – 26 | Middle East and Northern Africa

**10/21** Give thanks for students in a conflict-ridden country who met for several *Unity* worship evenings. Attendees expressed that these events were "life-giving and hopeful."

**10/22** Ask that God would stir the hearts of those he wishes to serve throughout the region but especially in countries in need of key leaders.

**10/23** With significant opposition common in MENA, ask that the Lord would open doors to IFES movements to make contacts on university campuses where they cannot operate openly.

**10/24** Ask God for wisdom and discernment for student leaders in areas with few staff members.

**10/25** Pray for peace across the region, and that students would find comfort in the word and joy amid overwhelming challenges.

**10/26** Praise the Lord that *Inspire*, the IFES MENA publishing house, has continued to be able to print and distribute material throughout the pandemic. Pray that these Arabic language resources would be a blessing to all they reach.

## OCT 27 – NOV 01 | Francophone Africa

**10/27** Ask that God would help students who attended the GBU Gabon training conference in Moanda earlier this year implement what they learned.

**10/28** Praise God for the student leadership training over recent months in national movements with support from the IFES Francophone Africa team.

**10/29** Celebrate with UGBM Madagascar as they "give glory to God for these fifty years of existence and ministry."

**10/30** Give thanks that GBUCI Cote d'Ivoire has been mobilizing and training students to revitalize waning Bible study groups with training from their "Army of volunteers."

**10/31** Thank God for faithful staff across the region like Jean in GBEE Mali. "My greatest motivation is the salvation of the pupils and students. My joy in ministry is to see students grow and become disciples."

**11/01** SCF Mauritius launched their newsletter this year where friends of the movement shared the impact of SCF of their lives. Pray God would continue to work in the hearts of graduates after university.

## NOV 02 – 07 | Leadership Development

**11/02** Give thanks for IFES *Global Leadership Initiative* participants serving on the IFES World Assembly 2023 planning teams. The program has helped provide advanced training for national movement leaders from all over the world.

**11/03** AFES Australia is planning their *National Training Event*. Pray for student leaders from Australia to be able to be inspired as they learn together.

**11/04** Pray for the *Graduate Impact* team working to help graduates be faithful witnesses to Christ in their workplaces and lives.

**11/05** Praise God for generous donors to the IFES scholarship program allowing key national movement and regional staff and volunteers' further studies to be subsidized.

**11/06** Ask God to guide those settling into new terms in fresh leadership roles. Ask him to give them strength and wisdom.

**11/07** Pray for the 35 catalysts on the Logos and Cosmos Initiative and for their mentors (*djadus*) supporting them. Ask that participants would be built up.

## NOV 08 – 13 | Eurasia

**11/08** Give thanks that both evangelistic Bible camps and student leader training were able to go ahead in a sensitive country last summer.

**11/09** Pray about border conflicts in the region as there have been civilian casualties. Pray for the safety of students and their families.

**11/10** Give thanks for the students in Moldova and Central Asia being trained in Bible exposition. Pray for opportunities for them to practice new skills.

**11/11** Praise God for the intern volunteers in the movements in Eurasia. Ask God to help them disciple students and model Christian leadership.

**11/12** Ask that students would continue to grow after CCX Ukraine was able to hold 100 hours of *Mark Camps* where students could study the Gospel of Mark deeply in the summer months.

**11/13** Give thanks for students in Armenia inviting their non-Christian friends to study God's word. Ask God to speak clearly to them.

## NOV 14 – 19 | Strengthening National Movements

**11/14** Give thanks for the appointment of Blas Lopez to the IFES Latin America team as Graduate Coordinator.

**11/15** Pray for the IFES *Scripture Engagement* team. Ask God to continue to guide them as they strengthen IFES ministry with the Word.

**11/16** In countries with few staff, IFES regional teams are a vital encouragement and source of support. Pray for strength and a sense of God's presence for these movement leaders.

**11/17** Pray for Femi Adeleye, new editor of IFES *Word and World*, as he curates content to help the IFES Fellowship see theological and cultural perspectives on big issues.

**11/18** Three new IFES Europe Interaction volunteers are joining local teams this year. Pray for them to build strong, discipling friendships with students.

**11/19** As work continues to equip national movement boards, lift to the Lord the Governance Development team of Mirek, Christy, Pierre, Gisela, Kerwin and Johan.

## NOV 20 – 25 | South Pacific

**11/20** Give thanks for the appointment of two young PSFC Fiji staff. Ask God to equip them and help them grow in faith.

**11/21** Pray for the outreach of AFES Australia's FOCUS (international student ministry) group in Wollongong as they hold Mandarin and Indonesian Bible Study groups.

**11/22** Ask for God's wisdom and guidance for IFES Regional Secretary for the South Pacific David Walter as he continues to think of ways to encourage and support indigenous ministry.

**11/23** Praise God for a church that is supporting eight staff to work with students as part of SIU-CF Solomon Islands.

**11/24** Poor internet infrastructure has hampered online ministry in this region. Ask God to help students engage in spite of slow connections.

**11/25** Students from GBU New Caledonia have been able to meet on campus more often than many movements. Praise God for the growth of this young movement.

## NOV 26 – DEC 01 | International

**11/26** Pray for staff members' families to be rooted in the Word and in service of the Lord. Ask God to be particularly close to those who have seen changes this year, whether through marriage, birth or loss.

**11/27** Praise God for groups of graduates across the world meeting to pray for student brothers and sisters, and for those who serve as volunteers in national movements.

**11/28** Ask God to guide those on the World Assembly planning team as they develop plans for the conference program and logistics.

**11/29** Pray for guidance for the IFES Board and staff members as they review IFES governance structures.

**11/30** Give thanks for an encouraging IFES Staff Together meetings in 2021, for connection and time to pray for one

another and give thanks for the Lord's work happening through staff across the globe.

**12/01** The IFES strategy review process has allowed movements around the world to feed in their challenges and priorities. As it is finalized, pray that God would build thriving ministry.

## DEC 02 – 07 | North America

**12/02** Ask for wisdom for the *Urbana Student Missions Conference* team as they prepare for the 26th conference that, God willing, will be held in Indianapolis in 2022.

**12/03** Praise the Lord for the continuing work of InterVarsity/USA's *Multiethnic Ministries* among students from different backgrounds, reflecting the beauty of Christ's global family.

**12/04** Pray for GBU Canada students to grow in maturity through the time they spend being disciplined by staff.

**12/05** Give thanks for the creativity of InterVarsity Canada's *International Friendship Group*, as they gather students in new ways.

**12/06** Mental health issues have been a serious concern facing more students than ever this year. Pray for them to know God's comfort and pray for staff across North America as they offer pastoral support.

**12/07** InterVarsity/USA American-Egyptian student Tim has begun a ministry called *Salaam* ("peace" in Arabic) for Middle Eastern students to bond and "examine Scripture through their unique cultural lens." Pray for Gospel fruit and a sense of community.

## DEC 08 – 13 | English and Portuguese-Speaking Africa

**12/08** Give thanks for online materials which have encouraged students unable to meet, including NIFES Nigeria's online blog and ZAFES Zambia's YouTube Bible studies.

**12/09** Give thanks that most FOCUS Uganda student group meetings have been able to resume. Ask that God would provide more volunteers to sustain groups.

**12/10** Pray for movements and students in conflict and terrorism impacted areas to be shining lights of peace and reconciliation in their communities.

**12/11** Praise the Lord for the faithfulness of LIFES Liberia students. One wrote: "We remain 'messengers of hope' even in these times of Corona virus pandemic."

**12/12** GBCEA Angola staff met for a leaders' retreat recently. Rejoice with one who shared: "Hallelujah, it is good and wonderful to live in union."

**12/13** The IFES EPSA team has been staying in touch with movement leaders to mentor and advise them. Give thanks for this support.

## DEC 14 – 19 | **Strengthening National Movements**

**12/14** Since last year's online IFES Governance Board Forum, the 20 Latin American Board Chairs have stayed in touch. Praise God that they feel less isolated in their roles.

**12/15** Pray for the IFES Eurasia team working on new Bible study resources to be inspired, and that resources would bless the movements.

**12/16** Give thanks for the ongoing development of the IFES *eLearning* platform, especially allowing staff and volunteers in smaller movements to be equipped. Pray for new courses in development.

**12/17** Ask God to guide the Indigenous Support Development team as they work to ensure movements become more sustainable.

**12/18** Praise God for the hard work of the team behind the new *IFES Connect* platform, allowing IFES staff and students the opportunity to gather and share online.

**12/19** Pray for refreshment and joy for students across the world as they serve in their churches over Christmas.

## DEC 20 – 25 | **East Asia**

**12/20** Pray for unity amongst students in FES Singapore. New General Secretary Jeremiah Goh asks that those within the fellowship who disagree should focus on the blessings of "diversity, solidarity and reconciliation."

**12/21** Thank God for the creativity of FES Malaysia as they continue to develop resources for a Sports ministry, that it would engage students in a new way.

**12/22** Ask that God would give staff in CEF Taiwan wisdom as they begin to think about their 2022 *Youth Mission Conference* planning amid uncertainty.

**12/23** Intercede for the movement in a sensitive country as they try and spread resources fairly across their regions and provide training with lasting benefits.

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?**

**12/24** Pray for students in IVCF Philippines that, despite a year of online fellowship, students would develop deep friendship with each other that point to Jesus.

**12/25** As we celebrate Jesus' birth today, ask that Christian students in closed countries are kept safe and can enjoy fellowship at this joyful time.

## DEC 26 – 31 | **Pioneering**

**12/26** Thank God for the gift of technology, allowing staff to connect with students far away. Whether from another city or country, staff were able to stay in touch with students online.

**12/27** Ask that God would provide funds for new Caribbean movement ISCF St Kitts and Nevis to support a volunteer to become full-time staff.

**12/28** Ask that, as borders reopen, meetings with church leaders can resume to give new movements a strong start.

**12/29** Pray for Nigel Pollock as he leads the IFES *Breaking New Ground* project, supporting pioneering staff around the world, and for Sarah Edwards as she administers the project.

**12/30** Give thanks that the pioneering movement in a closed country has been able to help feed students with a fishery. Pray as they begin a vegetable garden to accompany it.

**12/31** Praise the Lord for Filip and Sara, sent by KFS Denmark to Greenland. Pray that meetings with students would continue to be fruitful and events would attract many students to the gospel.

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