IFES Daily Prayer Guide
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DEAR FRIENDS

A new year – a time to take stock and reflect on God’s goodness to us in this last year. Even more, as IFES’ 75th anniversary approaches, a time to thank God for the incredible expansion of Christian student ministry across the globe. From the 10 movements who gathered in 1947, IFES is now supporting ministry in more than 180 countries. Some of those countries host large, strong movements, some a single student group, but it is cause to praise God and to come before him humbly to ask that this ministry be strengthened. Pray that IFES movements will be able to reach more students with the gospel and able to disciple and train them for lives of service. Please praise God with us this year for his love for students and for his provision not just in 2021, but throughout the last 75 years.

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IFES Supporter Relations
01/01 As we begin a new year, pray for leaders across the fellowship – student leaders, national and regional staff and international leaders. May God guide them all this year.

02/01 IFES movements across Eurasia will be gathering this month for student leadership training and national conferences. Ask God to inspire students as they meet with peers from other cities.

03/01 Give thanks for the plans for a third cohort of the IFES Global Leaders Initiative, which invests in senior national movement staff.

04/01 Jessica prays that student leaders would engage well with the second ABUB Brazil Leadership Mentoring Program, focusing on Engaging the University and Scripture Engagement.

05/01 Pray for the 11 student groups in South Asia working on the Speak Out programme, learning to give short talks on important topics and their implications for South Asian Christians.

06/01 Several IFES East Asia movements’ leaders have been in post for less than a year. Pray that the new General Secretaries would support and encourage each other after their training in 2021.
07 – 11 JAN

South Asia

07/01 UESI India student Hemnicks asks for prayer that peers would have wisdom about how best to engage with events and activities of other faith groups.

08/01 Pray that God would protect international students whose home countries are continuing areas of conflict in the region.

09/01 Pray with us for FOCUS Sri Lanka graduates working in healthcare. Ask for strength, refreshment, wisdom, discernment, courage and patience.

10/01 “Pray for universities in India with no student witness, especially in Gujarat.” – Prabahar, UESI India

11/01 Give thanks for Sunita, a student in NBCBS Nepal, who, through meetings has learnt the importance of Bible study and how studying God’s word helps her to share the gospel with those around her.
12 – 16 JAN
Francophone Africa

12/01 “Pray that God would destroy the power of terrorism in Burkina Faso, that God would provide a way through the challenges that the country is facing.” – Eunice, UGBB Burkina Faso

13/01 Dominique in GBUSS Senegal asks us to pray they would be able to effectively mobilise people and resources on campus this year.

14/01 Pray for preparations for the IFES Francophone Africa PANAF conference in August 2021 and that God would be glorified through teaching for and salvation of attendees.

15/01 The IFES Logos and Cosmos Initiative participants in the region will be gathering for their fourth workshop. Pray for them as they learn more about how to apply their faith in their studies and research.

16/01 GBEEC Cameroon staff Joseph asks us to pray that all in the movement would have “Christ-like compassion for souls who are lost”.
17/01 Ask for God’s strength for CCX Ukraine students, that God would guide them through the challenges of a broken grading system, online classes and a lack of respect from classmates.

18/01 Pray that students in CSC Moldova who completed IFES Eurasia Formación student leader training would serve their student groups and campuses well.

19/01 Beth from CICI Armenia asks for prayer that students would be open to the gospel as some aspects of normal life return.

20/01 Interns across the national movements in IFES Eurasia work to support local student groups. Pray that they would stay close to God and that he would guide them in their work.

21/01 “Pray for stability and discipline in student ministry. Pray that God would give students readiness to serve.” – Pavel, Russia

22/01 Ask that God would continue to provide for the work of Graduate Impact and its ministry supporting graduate transitions in Europe, Eurasia and further afield.
23 – 28 JAN
Latin America

23/01 Praise God that *Logos and Cosmos Initiative* workshops for Latin American participants have just finished, helping foster dialogue between Theology and the Sciences.

24/01 “Pray that students would overcome the challenges of speaking the gospel and that they would be heard.” - Esther, CCU Bolivia

25/01 Give thanks for the appointment of Carmen Castillo as IFES Regional Secretary for Latin America. Ask God to guide her as she settles into her role.

26/01 Soleil from Compa Mexico asks that God give them strategies to share the message of salvation and that God would strengthen the online Bible studies at the School of Psychology in Coahuila state.

27/01 Pray for those across the region still dealing with the ramifications of the pandemic, with most universities still meeting online and most students knowing grief and personal loss.

28/01 Ask that God would be with Allesandro from CECNIC Nicaragua. He asks for prayer that he would be challenged to show more of Christ to others and to have more love for them.
29 JAN – 03 FEB

English and Portuguese-Speaking Africa

29/01 NIFES Nigeria General Secretary Rex asks for prayer that God would bring insecurity and opposition to an end, especially in the north.

30/01 Pray with Moses for “wisdom and maturity in Christ for students stepping into leadership roles” and for the grace to reach out to the lost across the region.

31/01 Give thanks for the success of FOCUS Kenya’s Commission conference. Having it online meant people joined in fellowship from round the world.

01/02 Pray for Pedro, a university teacher in the military academies of Angola, as he supports GBECA through a tough season. Give thanks that God has placed him there.

02/02 ESWAFES eSwatini staff Simo asks that we persist in prayer for those who face barriers to accessing online study and Bible teaching.

03/02 Pray for Simon Masibo and colleagues preparing for the IFES EPSA Institute of Staff Development and Training this coming summer.
04 – 09 FEB

Strengthening National Movements

04/02 Give thanks for the IFES Francophone Platform, which helps French-speaking movements to share resources and learn from each other.

05/02 Pray for the Scripture Engagement team led by Ricardo Borges as they continue to offer e-learning courses to staff around the world.

06/02 IFES Sobremesa initiative provides resources to help student groups develop their international student ministry. Pray that these would bear much fruit.

07/02 IFES national movements will be reviewing 2021 activities and compiling reports this month. Pray that the IFES Ministry Impact team’s tools will help them to reflect and plan effectively.

08/02 Ask God to guide and bless the IFES regional teams working with national movement leaders – listening, encouraging and advising.

09/02 Pray for IFES scholarship recipients Shu Yin, Gattam, Carmen, Anya, Salome, Vera, Seema and Katia. Ask that God would stir the hearts of more women across the fellowship to study theology.
10/02 The new academic year is starting in the South Pacific. Pray that Christian students would link up with IFES groups and non-Christians would hear the gospel through Christian course mates.

11/02 Pray for PSFC Fiji students and staff, as the effects of Covid on a small island have led to significant problems. Ask that God would comfort, strengthen and transform in the face of these challenges.

12/02 Continue to pray for Sam, a pioneering staff worker in Guam. The Lord has so far sent three students to the new group.

13/02 Kathryn from AFES Australia asks we pray for wisdom for incoming student committees who have only experienced university and ministry online since they joined university.

14/02 Pray for the IFES South Pacific team as they navigate restrictions to support student ministry. Ministry visits not being able to take place has caused disruption to several pioneering efforts.

15/02 Ask that God would provide more field staff for TSCF New Zealand as well as a communications manager to support the movement.
16/02 Jesse from InterVarsity/USA asks us to “pray for community college students facing homelessness, that God would lead them to physical and spiritual homes”.

17/02 Ask God to guide and bless Ruth Hubbard and her team preparing for the Urbana conference in December. The theme this year is “Rise up”. Pray that many students would hear God’s call to a life of mission.

18/02 “Pray for God to uplift and comfort the many students struggling with anxiety and depression.” – Lynda, InterVarsity Canada

19/02 Kanakaraju asks that we pray for Oversea Friends of UESI India, a group of Indian students studying in Portland and meeting together to read through the book of Daniel.

20/02 In November GBU Canada ran “Scripture engagement - for a transformed life” training for 40 participants. They ask us to pray “that each group may grow in the invitation that is made to us to meet Jesus through the Word”.

16 – 20 FEB
North America
21 – 25 FEB
Pioneering

21/02 Ask God to be with Emmanuelle, a pioneering GBU France staff worker on Corsica. Pray that she can make strong connections with local churches to support student ministry.

22/02 In IFES Latin America and Europe, several movements are re-pioneering significant numbers of groups. Ask God to bless the efforts of staff, who are often travelling long distances from other cities.

23/02 Praise God for the support from the IFES Breaking New Ground project for ministry to refugee students in the Caribbean region. Pray for this ministry to grow.

24/02 Pray that God would continue to resource and protect staff in areas of great opposition, as they witness by sharing the gospel and their lives with the students they serve.

25/02 IFES Breaking New Ground is supporting a pioneering consultation in Eurasia this summer, which will draw students from sensitive countries for training. Pray for smooth planning and running of this event and that all who would benefit can attend.
26/02 Pray that God would be with the team and students of SONOKO Cambodia meeting today for their monthly Zoom fellowship call. Ask that the call would be an encouragement to those who feel alone and far from fellowship.

27/02 Kenny from Perkantas Indonesia asks us to pray for strength and wisdom from God for students “amid boredom, fatigue, and internet problems”.

28/02 Praise God for the expanded IFES East Asia team – Annette, Jongho and Lisman. Pray that God may give them wisdom and renewed energy to serve the region in the best possible way.

01/03 May God grant wisdom to the student leaders of FES Hong Kong. Ask him to strengthen cohesion in the fellowship.

02/03 Ask that God would continue to guide those building up the work of FCS Mongolia’s graduates ministry. These groups are a valuable support to graduates, as few in their workplaces share their faith.

03/03 Lift up students in KIVF South Korea who are facing challenging times. Pray for their physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing.
04/03  Thank God for IFES supporters like you who pray and give faithfully to help student ministry thrive. Ask that God would encourage each person in their walk with him.

05/03  Ask God to continue to guide Sabine Kalthoff in her role as Secretary for Spiritual Formation, guiding staff in how to connect better with God and each other.

06/03  Give thanks for God’s guidance for IFES national movement board members through IFES Governance Development training that correctly handled disagreement can bring unity.

07/03  Praise God for the IFES staff working in finance, the IFES Finance Committee and IFES’ external auditors. Ask God to help them in preparing the latest accounts.

08/03  Pray for IFES staff like Eugene, Joshua and Kenneth in Malaysia, Andrew and David in the UK and Derek in the US who develop and support local and global IT systems and tools.

09/03  Give thanks for new staff in the IFES International Services offices. Pray for them as they get to know people across the Fellowship.
10/03 Nesrine asks us to continue in prayer for political and financial stability in the MENA region. Ask God too for his continued protection of Christian students throughout the region.

11/03 Pray for students in Egypt to be used by God to show his love to others as they live and study in a majority Muslim context.

12/03 Give thanks for international students studying in the MENA region, that those from hard-to-reach countries are hearing the gospel. Pray for them to be saved.

13/03 Ask God for wisdom for national movement leaders in the region, who met last month for Regional Support Group meetings. Pray that God would continue to bless them with open doors for ministry.

14/03 Pray for student leaders who have been able to make it to national training events, that the fruits of the Spirit would be evident in their lives as they pursue their studies.
15/03 In a context where people are encouraged to conform rather than step out in faith, pray with Mireya from AGEUP Peru that God would help students publicly bear witness to the gospel.

16/03 Pray for women involved in the *Passion for Evangelism Greenhouse* mentoring scheme, that the programme run by IFES Europe would nourish their skills to evangelise in new and engaging ways.

17/03 Thank God for GBU Canada student Gregory, who invited his friend to a meeting where she heard another student’s testimony and later gave her life to Christ.

18/03 Frank asks us to pray for revival in the universities of Ghana, especially for the GHAFES group at the University of Ghana’s Legon Campus.

19/03 KGK Japan staff Yasu asks that we pray for KGK’s outreach to international students – there are over 270,000 studying in Japan.

20/03 Ask God to speak through FEUER evangelists and student teams during events and mission weeks this spring. Pray too for follow up Bible study groups across Europe and Eurasia.

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*Passion for Evangelism Greenhouse*
21 – 25 MAR
Caribbean

21/03  “Pray for unity amongst Christian students and graduates engaging in evangelism despite Covid’s continuing challenges.” – Casilda, IS/CCF St Lucia

22/03  Katie from IS/IVCF Trinidad and Tobago asks that we pray for wisdom, guidance and opportunity for student leaders to share God’s love with Hindu classmates and peers.

23/03  Give thanks for the prayerful hearts of student leaders across the IFES Caribbean region, meeting regularly locally and nationally and regionally to intercede for their peers.

24/03  IS/IVCF Trinidad and Tobago ask us to pray for “God to move among young people, to give them the courage and willingness to be obedient and do what is right despite the influence of today’s society”.

25/03  SCF/SU Jamaica student Mae asks us to pray for ISCF Grenada, that the Lord would provide staff workers there.
Europe

26/03 Pray with Andreas from NKSS Norway that, by God’s strength, “students will overcome their fear of sharing their faith”.

27/03 Ask God to continue to provide graduate trainees for GBU Belgium. Give thanks for the four who served faithfully with them last year.

28/03 Claudia from ÖSM Austria asks that God would bless students with motivation to continue taking part in online meetings and draw more unbelievers to the group.

29/03 Pray with Katerina, SEAM North Macedonia General Secretary, for Christian students reaching out to their friends in a context where it is difficult to start conversations about God.

30/03 SMD Germany student Nathalie asks us to join her in prayer that German students would have a “spirit of revelation over how real and relevant God is today”.

31/03 Give thanks with Marion from GBU France that even in their often very secular context Covid has offered openings to talk about the gospel.
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