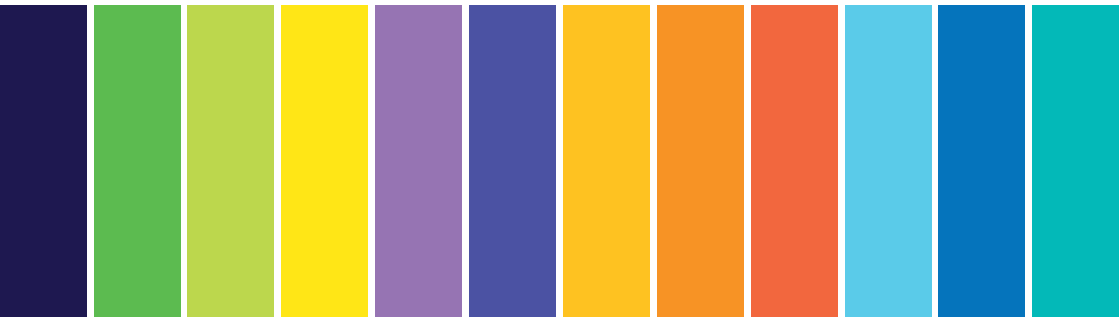




# IFES Daily Prayer Guide

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# DEAR FRIENDS

In 2022, IFES marks 75 years of student ministry. From 10 countries in 1947, there is now Gospel witness in universities through 160 affiliated national movements – and more are being pioneered. Praise God with us for all that he has done in writing this IFES story. He has worked in and through each student who has acted on their calling to reach their university and their course mates. He has worked in and through each staff member and volunteer who has mentored, disciplined and trained students. He

has worked in and through each supporter who has prayed and donated. As we build on this rich history and look to the future with a new strategy, please pray with us that the next chapter of the IFES story would glorify God powerfully and see students follow and grow in Christ faithfully.

*Jill Bain*  
*IFES Supporter Relations*



01 – 06 APR

## South Asia

01/04 N., a BSFB Bangladesh student, says through student leaders training she “understood and realized God in a new way”. Pray that she uses her experience as she shares Christ with friends/course mates.

02/04 Pray for IFES South Asia’s Academic Network as they work to produce a booklet on big issues for students to let their faith speak into their studies.

03/04 Give thanks for the life of Rev PT Chandapilla, the first General Secretary of UESI India, who was remembered by many at an online memorial service in January.

04/04 Praise God for the continuation of the IFES South Asia Women’s Network, a place for female staff to encourage and uplift one another and an opportunity to increase their input into ministry.

05/04 Pray for the provision of funds to support a new staff member in a sensitive country. Pray too that the Lord would bring peace in their context.

06/04 Pray for students across South Asia who are still being treated for COVID or are supporting family members. Pray for God’s healing.



## 07 – 12 APR North America

**07/04** Give thanks for the InterVarsity USA *Believers in Business* conference at the end of February. Pray that it would impact their MBA studies.

**08/04** Pray with Deirdre Walters, InterVarsity Canada staff at Carleton University in Ontario, for students beginning to think about summer plans. Ask God to guide them.

**09/04** Ask that God would be with GBU Canada students and volunteer staff at the Université Laval in Quebec City so that their group would be a welcoming one for new students.

**10/04** Give thanks for the *Hero Study*, a resource created by InterVarsity USA's Black Campus Ministries to teach students of their identity in Christ through the life of Peter.

**11/04** Pray for students across North America to be resilient in their faith and that, through each ministry and outreach program, new fruit would be seen.

**12/04** Praise God for a faithful faculty prayer group at Red Deer Polytechnic who labour in prayer for InterVarsity Canada students' missional activities.



## 13 – 18 APR International

13/04 Pray for staff moving into new leadership roles. Praise God in particular for the appointment of Kenneth Seow as Chief Technology Officer and head of IFES International Services (Asia).

14/04 Give thanks that the new core leadership team are all settling well. Pray for God's continued wisdom in their decisions.

15/04 Ask God to be with the Perkantas Indonesia team who are working with IFES staff elsewhere to plan the upcoming World Assembly in 2023.

16/04 Praise God for many years of faithful service by Nick Addo (Chief Financial Officer) and Martin Haizmann (Associate General Secretary) who are retiring this year. Pray for them as they adjust to a new rhythm of life.

17/04 Thank God today for the blessing of Easter and the opportunity it gives students to share the good news of Christ's death and resurrection.

18/04 Praise God for the launch of the IFES Connect app, for a smooth project rollout and the chance to link up the fellowship using the blessing of technology.





19 – 23 APR

## Middle East and North Africa

**19/04** Ask for God's provision and guidance in the search for a new General Secretary for a movement in a sensitive country. May God provide a strong and faithful leader.

**20/04** Pray for a new FCSI Israel initiative where students meet with non-believing friends to discuss big issues and hear from an expert over coffee. Ask God to move as they listen and share their views.

**21/04** Pray with students in a sensitive country experiencing pressure from

the government. Ask that God would overrule worldly authorities.

**22/04** Ask God to provide safety and protection for the upcoming IFES MENA Emerging Leaders' conference in May. Pray that God would equip and encourage through the time spent together.

**23/04** Praise God for the new LIVF Lebanon General Secretary who will take up the position in the summer. Pray too that the movement's recent training sessions will build wise leadership.



## 24 – 29 APR Latin America

**24/04** Emely, a COMPA Mexico student in Sinaloa, says God has led her peers to be open to hear the gospel and ask questions. Pray that her group would encourage each other in evangelism.

**25/04** Ask that God would enable movement leaders across the region to meet to be encouraged and energised after a challenging season in leadership.

**26/04** Pray as the roll out of evangelism workshops continues across Latin America. The IFES Latin America team recently ran sessions for CCUH Honduras and ABUB Brazil. Pray for students to use what they have learned.

**27/04** Ask that God would make a way for travel to be less restricted across the region, that leaders would be able to make in-person trips to support ministry.

**28/04** Give thanks for the support provided by the IFES Latin America team in the Spanish-speaking Caribbean sub-region. Ask that God would continue to strengthen their bonds of encouragement.

**29/04** Pray for a movement in a sensitive country looking to restart fellowship amongst medical science students.





## 30 APR – 05 MAY East Asia

**30/04** Pray for a staff member currently undertaking theological training. Pray for God's favour from authorities to enable them to re-enter the sensitive country in which they are called to serve.

**01/05** Ask God to be with SONOKO Cambodia student leaders in Phnom Penh. Pray that they would serve faithfully and creatively.

**02/05** Give thanks for the FES Malaysia Graduating Students Conference in April. Cecelia, staff in the Klang Valley, asks that they would see their work as a mission given by God.

**03/05** Pray for staff in a closed country to be guided by God to raise up the next generation of student leaders.

**04/05** Give thanks for the joy of fellowship and kindness from families in Singapore who host FES Singapore's international students for "meals-at-home".

**05/05** Pray for upcoming elections in the Philippines and that IVCF Philippines students would "use God's Word as the standard of how each person is called to engage in politics".



## 06 – 11 MAY Pioneering

**06/05** Give thanks for Cecy Cárdenas who is pioneering a new CCU Bolivia group in La Paz.

**07/05** Pray that the Lord would provide a new BCSU Bulgaria staff member to work in the city of Plovdiv. In their context, outreach is challenging, and students would benefit from more support.

**08/05** Ask that God would be with IFES staff members as they support pioneering staff in their regions, that the bonds of discipleship would bless the countries and cities in which they reach out with the good news.

**09/05** Give thanks for connection between Sam in Guam, Joel in the Solomon Islands and Taniela in Fiji to learn a new Bible study technique. Pray that this will be useful for them in their planting efforts.

**10/05** Pray for the team in Timor Leste running their first ever student leader training event this year. Ask God that this would equip students to lead their fellowship groups on campus.

**11/05** Ask that God would be with teams re-pioneering student ministry in Namibia. Pray that God would make the work there flourish.



## 12 – 17 MAY South Pacific

**12/05** Give thanks for AFES Australia international student Bible studies in Indonesian, Mandarin and soon, God willing, Japanese.

**13/05** Pray for staff working in isolated places far away from colleagues. Ask that technology and connectivity would be stable for them to connect within the region to learn and share together.

**14/05** Praise the Lord for the kindness of students in PSFC Fiji reaching out to struggling peers with food parcels in a project called 'Five loaves and two fish'.

**15/05** Ask that God would make it possible for more travel within the region and allow national movement boards to gather and lead.

**16/05** Give thanks for the opening of 'The Well', an TSCF New Zealand intentional Christian student residential community at Lincoln University. May it be a place that God's presence will dwell.

**17/05** Ask that God would make a way for smaller movements and more remote groups which closed before or during the pandemic to be replanted this year.



## 18 – 23 MAY

# Europe

**18/05** Praise God for the appointment in February of David (Monty) Montgomery as IFES Regional Secretary for Europe. Pray that he would depend on the Lord to equip and guide him.

**19/05** An international student in Pitesti was given a Bible for the first time recently. Pray with his friend Andreea, an OSCER Romania student, that as he reads it the “Lord would open his eyes”.

**20/05** Give thanks for the BCSU Bulgaria students who gathered to learn about discerning and living God’s will.

**21/05** Students in GBU France continue to benefit from GBU Artistique, a

creative tool for them to express what they read in Scripture. Give thanks for staff like Nia using this tool to help students to connect to the Word.

**22/05** Praise God for students who have decided to be part of a VBH Slovakia group for the first time. Pray for student leaders to model Christ to them.

**23/05** Give thanks for staff mentoring student leaders, like GBU Italy staff worker Hannah, who is mentoring Victor, a Kenyan international student.





24 – 28 MAY

## English and Portuguese-Speaking Africa

**24/05** Praise God that the IFES movement in a majority Muslim country has been able to run more open training events for student leaders and graduates.

**25/05** Give thanks that 60 students came to Christ at FOCUS Kenya's *Commission* conference in November. Pray they would now be being disciplined effectively by their peers

**26/05** Eurico, newly appointed General Secretary of ABEMO Mozambique, asks

us to praise God with him that student leaders have been able to gather for fellowship and encouragement.

**27/05** Pray for initial pioneering efforts in São Tomé and Príncipe and Cape Verde. Ask that God would bless meetings with local church leaders.

**28/05** Pray for FOCUS South Sudan who have been able to run capacity building workshops for students throughout the country. Ask that God would sustain them throughout the term.



## 29 MAY – 02 JUN

# Strengthening National Movements

**29/05** Give thanks along with Ellen, General Secretary of SCOM Malawi, for financial support which allowed the movement to run staff training recently.

**30/05** Ask that God would make provision for serving staff to spend times of retreat in the Word and that this would light their paths in ministry and deepen relationships with Christ.

**31/05** Pray for those who have had to postpone ministry activities due

to security reason or the ongoing pandemic effects in their contexts. Ask that God would bless them with patience.

**01/06** Praise God for staff and volunteers being trained in Indigenous Support Development. They have been seeing generosity spring up in their diverse contexts.

**02/06** Pray for the team who worked on the new IFES strategy *Thriving Together*. Ask God that this would be used to help movements connect, learn and serve God as a global fellowship.



03 – 08 JUN

## Caribbean

03/06 Give thanks that, despite challenges, new groups have been planted in high schools by GBU Martinique.

04/06 Ask that God would provide for projects looking to equip staff and provide them with Bible study resources contextualised for island ministry.

05/06 Jean-Davy Frair, IFES Caribbean team member, asks us to pray with him that he would be ever more creative in the service of students on French-speaking islands.

06/06 Pray for new board members serving IS/IVCF Trinidad and Tobago - for

God's guidance, wisdom and protection in service.

07/06 Give thanks for student leaders' training in ISCF Grenada. Menelik, a high school student, said, "It allowed me to properly understand how to share the Gospel with persons who are not Christians so they can know the Lord and His mercy".

08/06 In 2021, online prayer meetings were a huge blessing to the movements. Pray that this desire to seek God's face will continue to deepen students' reliance on God.



## 09 – 14 JUN Eurasia

**09/06** An IFES movement in Central Asia ask us to pray with students in a new city for God's equipping to start ministry in the universities there for the first time.

**10/06** Pray for the safety of staff, volunteers and students in a country where restrictions mean uncertainty and instability in ministry.

**11/06** Praise God for the opportunity to create Bible resources within a country that has experienced great upheaval. May the Word be a lamp in their challenging context.

**12/06** IFES Eurasia movements are currently planning summer camps and outreach activities. Pray for God to use these for his glory.

**13/06** Praise God for the blessing of a meeting place for students to safely gather in a context that is hostile to Christian groups. Ask that this venue would be a welcoming place for seeking students.

**14/06** As their intern year comes to an end, pray for the 11 interns in nine movements in this region to flourish in their faith as they decide on their next steps.







15 – 19 JUN

# Leadership Development

**15/06** Praise God for the IFES Europe Young Staff Network, through which 19 national movement staff from 15 different countries are being trained this year.

**16/06** Ask God to guide FCS Mongolia as they look to renew human resources and finance policies that facilitate the work they do among students and graduates.

**17/06** Pray that God would continue to provide for IFES staff who are equipping IFES national movement

board members to lead with integrity, efficiency and diligence.

**18/06** Praise God for the opportunity to continue offering E-learning courses to staff globally, allowing them to connect, even in non-restricted times, across borders.

**19/06** Give thanks for the current cohort of catalysts, blending their faith and study with the support of the IFES Logos and Cosmos program.



## 20 – 24 JUN Francophone Africa

**20/06** Pray with Murielle for new groups in GBUSS Senegal in Saint-Louis and Diourbel. Ask God to build sustainable, welcoming groups where his name is praised.

**21/06** Pray that God would continue to unify staff across all levels of GBEEB Benin as they work to bring students to salvation.

**22/06** Ask that God would continue to encourage students in GBEEC Cameroon who are learning how, through faithful prayer and service, the Lord can develop ministry.

**23/06** Praise the Lord for the creative ways that students in UGBM Madagascar have been meeting to pray, taking walks and prayer retreats in addition to regular meetings.

**24/06** Give thanks for the team planning the *Panaf22* regional conference which takes place 6–13 August. Pray that the attendees would be blessed by the teaching they receive and the chance to share and learn from the experiences and ideas of students from different countries and contexts.



## 25 – 30 JUN Evangelism

**25/06** Ask that God would be guiding the team planning the next FEUER university evangelist training conference in Thessaloniki, Greece in October.

**26/06** Pray that first year students would have the boldness to share Christ with their friends and invite them to study the Bible.

**27/06** Give thanks that UCCF Great Britain and Christian Unions Ireland mission weeks were able to happen in person this year. Pray those who chose to follow Christ are growing and deepening their relationship with God.

**28/06** Continue to ask God to strengthen and build up graduates taking part in IFES South Asia's *Speak Out* topical evangelism training.

**29/06** Pray for students in Siem Reap to have courage to invite their friends to SONOKO Cambodia group meetings again in person.

**30/06** As students are once again able to meet in person in many places, pray for plans to stage the Mark Drama, and that students would be enthusiastic to invite course mates to watch this story of Jesus' life.



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