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# IFES DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

## DEAR FRIENDS

It is exciting to be able to tell stories of in-person events and ministry after so long spent sharing about online events. For FOCUS Sri Lanka, this included student leaders' training designed for those who have shown leadership capacity and commitment to engage with their universities as Christians. The FOCUS team is running training in four sessions, each of several days, during the year. The first was held in February and 14 students were able to attend in person, with a further four joining online. The feedback received and the decisions they have already made have greatly encouraged the FOCUS team. However, the current instability and cost of living crisis in Sri Lanka is adding further challenges for these students and their ministry on campus.

Pray that this and similar events run by other movements would equip student leaders to live out the gospel on their campuses and lead the ministry at their universities, for God to give wisdom, and to protect and provide for them.

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## Jul 01 – 06 | EURASIA

**7/1** CSC Moldova ask for prayer that God would bless their camp for believers and non-believers this week. They will learn the Manuscript Bible Study method and discuss the theme “[God] who do you say I am?”

**7/2** Give thanks that a Central Asian staff member was able to join a MENA movement for training – gaining more experience of student ministry in an Islamic context.

**7/3** Pray for the strength of those in CCX Ukraine, who share: “God’s mission continues under all circumstances” and who are “reshaping our ministry to the reality of war.”

**7/4** Give thanks for worldwide generosity for the region so that trauma and emotional support can be provided for staff impacted by the war.

**7/5** Ask that God would guide those who have been serving Eurasian movements as interns. May they continue in God’s will, whether as staff or in other graduate roles.

**7/6** Give thanks for SKSK Georgia students who stood in the streets with signs about the love of God and were featured on the local news.

## Jul 07 – 12 | LATIN AMERICA

**7/7** Praise God for the appointment of Francisco Flores and Oscar Ocampos, new General Secretaries for GBUCH Chile and GBUP Paraguay respectively. May their leadership sustain and grow these movements.

**7/8** IFES Latin America is planning several events in the coming months. Pray for those planning, and that God would use these events to grow capacity in the movements.

**7/9** Thank God for MUEVE Venezuela’s “Day of Prayer and Offering,” bringing students together to think about how to share the gospel in light of the second coming of Jesus.

**7/10** More IFES e-learning courses are now available in Spanish. Ask God that they would serve to equip more staff and students in the region.

**7/11** Pray with UCU Colombia students in Bogota that God would continue to teach them about the importance of loving each other well as they meet to encourage one another to evangelize.

**7/12** Pray for God to work through ABU Brazil's publishing group to spread the gospel by translation and publication of new materials.

## Jul 13 – 17 | **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

**7/13** IFES global leaders are preparing to host an online General Secretaries Gathering for all leaders of IFES movements on July 29. Ask that the event would be encouraging for all participants, even those whose time zones might make it hard to engage.

**7/14** Pray for those using the new IFES Graduate Impact resource Transition, launched last month, which supports graduates moving into working life to stay rooted in their faith.

**7/15** Each year thousands of student leaders across the IFES fellowship receive training which equips them to serve on campus. Pray that this training would be of benefit in later life too, as they serve in churches and other Christian groups.

**7/16** Pray for IFES movement staff across the globe undertaking theological and ministry studies with the help of IFES scholarships.

**7/17** Ask that God would encourage student leaders to make time for deep personal Bible study, so that as they lead their groups, they would be challenged by the example of biblical leaders.

## Jul 18 – 23 | **MENA**

**7/18** Join with FCSI Israel international student Kate in praising God for staff "courageously choosing to talk about what our generation most needed to talk about: Identity and Sexuality."

**7/19** Ask God to sustain those reaching out in the south of a MENA country. Movement leaders write: "May the Lord open doors and provide for the needs of the expansion."

**7/20** Give thanks that movement leaders from across the region could gather earlier this year. Pray that this fellowship and encouragement would sustain them.

**7/21** Pray for students in a sensitive country who work as well as study, that despite having little time to devote to evangelism, they might be a light wherever God places them.

**7/22** Ask that God would bring continuity and growth in the student ministry in a closed country in conflict.

**7/23** Thank the Lord that he continues his work despite the frustrations of a "stressful living situation – high prices, corruption and bad infrastructure" in a Middle Eastern country.

## Jul 24 – 29 | **SOUTH PACIFIC**

**7/24** Praise God for TSCF New Zealand students at Victoria University Wellington, where "student leaders are making a great effort leading discussions and growing in confidence as they do so."

**7/25** Pray with PSFC Fiji that students would "become fully mature followers of Christ" and that "they may seek God and His purpose" in all they do.

**7/26** Give thanks for staff like Sam, leading the new ministry in Guam. Pray that the Lord would draw more students to faith through their outreach.

**7/27** Ask that God would bless the students of GNYF Vanuatu with the courage and boldness to share with their peers what they have learned in Bible study.

**7/28** May God bless those planning, interceding and fundraising so that replanting can begin on Vanua Levu, the second largest island of Fiji.

**7/29** Pray for Yuka, an AFES Australia volunteer leading a Japanese language Bible study group for international students. Ask that students' hearts would be open to the good news.

## Jul 30 – Aug 04 | **EAST ASIA**

**7/30** "Pray for staff, students and graduates to enjoy Bible study, have a daily quiet time, be willing to fellowship with others and have courage to share the gospel." - SONOKO Cambodia

**7/31** Pray with FES Singapore "that new graduates can be connected to the larger fellowship of Christians in the workforce and be prepared for the next phase of life."

**8/1** Ask that God would work through a KIVF South Korea coloring book project so that students take time for their mental wellbeing.

**8/2** Pray with Hannah, staff in a sensitive country, that God would speak to students during the IFES East Asia webinar series Clash of the Gens, exploring together the key challenges for new generations of students.

**8/3** Give thanks that female staff in the region are meeting together to be encouraged on topics such as "building deeper relationships with others," "understanding self better" and "coping with stress and burnout."

**8/4** Give thanks for those in sensitive countries serving extremely sacrificially to show the love of Christ to students who hunger to study the Bible.

## Aug 05 – 09 | **FRANCOPHONE AFRICA**

**8/5** Praise God with UJC Chad for 65 vibrant years of ministry among students.

**8/6** Give thanks for Panaf regional conference which starts today. Pray that it would be "a crucible for finding solutions to the challenges of African societies in the light of the Word of God."

**8/7** Pray that God would speak to students through GBU Togo's Lomé University group's new project with short videos on topics related to student life and the heart of Jesus in the university.

**8/8** Ask that time spent in training this year would help GBEEEN Niger students and graduates to be godly role models for their families, churches and for society.

**8/9** Thank God for GBEEG Guinea students serving their communities by donating blood. Pray with them that "the Lord [will] reveal Himself to the recipients of these blood bags and to the students and that it allows an increase in the impact of GBEEG."

## Aug 10 – 15 | **INTERNATIONAL**

**8/10** Praise God for 75 years of IFES ministry and the many thousands of students who have been led to Christ and disciplined through national movements.

**8/11** Praise God for donors who have left gifts to IFES in their wills. Such gifts help IFES ministry to grow and develop, investing in new generations of students. Pray too for God's comfort for their families.

**8/12** Pray for the IFES World Assembly planning teams. Key representatives visited Indonesia in July, and exciting plans are being prepared.

**8/13** Ask God to be with the teams working on a new online giving website and a new database to help IFES serve our supporters better. Pray for smooth transition in the coming months.

**8/14** Most staff in IFES International Services offices in Malaysia, the UK and the US have jobs with many mundane tasks. Pray for faithfulness in the small things.

**8/15** Pray for movements who are preparing applications to affiliate to IFES at World Assembly in 2023.

## Aug 16 – 20 | **NORTH AMERICA**

**8/16** Pray for InterVarsity camp ministry taking place over the summer months across Canada; may school and university students be emboldened in their witness once they return to campus.

**8/17** Praise God for the creativity of InterVarsity/USA students harnessing the video application TikTok to spread messages of encouragement to students evangelizing and exploring faith for the first time.

**8/18** Ask that God would bring new students to join GBUC Canada groups in Montreal and across Quebec restarting next month.

**8/19** May God use an encouragement shared by InterVarsity/USA that students ask questions of their peers to move them from indifference, to curiosity, to begin their journey of exploring faith.

**8/20** Give thanks for this year's Urbana World Changers Cohort, a grouping of passionate students and alumni who want to dig into teachings in the run up to the conference in December 2022.

## Aug 21 – 26 | **EVANGELISM**

**8/21** "A coffee for life and a prayer for the soul" - With this evangelism initiative we were able to connect with students of UNAN-Managua. Glory to God for giving us the opportunity to meet face to face and share with students, teachers and caretakers." - CECNIC Nicaragua

**8/22** Give thanks for the IFES Europe Global Impact conference in Bulgaria. International Student Ministry staff and student leaders left motivated and inspired to help more international students meet Christ.

**8/23** Ask that God would inspire creativity in student evangelism through the beauty of fellowship in diverse student groups. May they be encouraged by Revelation 7:9.

**8/24** UCCF Great Britain's staff have identified changing contexts and a need for new ways of doing evangelism. Pray for IFES movements to be able to speak into local issues biblically.

**8/25** Ask that God would bless the CECE Ecuador Student Leader Training next month, inspiring students to serve their campuses with joy.

**8/26** Praise God for his provision of a new ChSA Poland staff member to take on their Russian language Bible study group for international students.

## Aug 27 – Sep 01 | **EPSA**

**8/27** Give thanks for the FOCUS Kenya Eneza Amani project that encourages students in their pursuit of good governance, peaceful elections and responsible citizenship.

**8/28** Pray for the Namibian re-pioneering consultation last month, drawing together church leaders, alumni, representatives of other IFES movements, a potential missionary and key Namibian student leaders.

**8/29** "God's purpose shall stand" was the theme of the online SCO South Africa National Conference earlier this year. Pray that students would be using what they heard in campus ministry now.

**8/30** Pray with Issac from FOCUS South Sudan about the impact of climate change in the country.

**8/31** Pray for TAFES Tanzania in their staff and board transitions. Ask God to guide and direct.

**9/1** IFES EPSA staff arrive in Angola today to encourage and envision movement leaders. Pray that they would be a blessing to GBECA Angola staff.

## Sep 02 – 07 | **SOUTH ASIA**

**9/2** Praise God for the renewal of UESI India's Amritsar Christian Union in the Punjab.

**9/3** Ask for God's protection of strong student leaders in a sensitive country who continue to meet despite opposition.

**9/4** In a context where ministry cannot be done on campus, give thanks for Amar and Pooja and other couples across India who boldly proclaim Jesus' message and welcome UESI India students into their homes.

**9/5** Pray for the students and staff of FOCUS Sri Lanka in a prolonged season of unrest in their country.

**9/6** Ask that God would give protection to cross-cultural staff with MFES Myanmar, and that they can witness to students despite the country's turmoil.

**9/7** Give thanks with Sagorika from BSFB Bangladesh, that through her brothers and sisters in the movement, God showed her his character in providing for her in a time of extreme financial hardship.

## Sep 08 – 13 | **EUROPE**

**9/8** Give thanks for ZVEŠ Slovenia street outreach in the city of Maribor. Pray that many would be drawn to the message.

**9/9** Ask God to continue to work through those who attended the IFES Europe Young Staff Network gathering earlier this year as they use their new skills and ministry ideas.

**9/10** Praise God for the creativity of BCSU Bulgaria. At their "Amazing Race" event, students completed tasks to reveal a quote from CS Lewis and were invited to read Uncover with members of the group.

**9/11** Ask that God would continue to work through the equipping of women through IFES Europe's Passion for Evangelism network and especially the book club.

**9/12** Give thanks for the IFES Europe Instagram Live prayer events, where CCX Ukraine staff and others impacted by the war shared with students from across Europe.

**9/13** Rejoice in the work of God in the lives of students like Rugile from Lithuania who testified at an IFES Netherlands international student retreat how God had saved her from addiction and New Age beliefs.

## Sep 14 – 19 | **PIONEERING**

**9/14** Give thanks that God is sustaining new ESWAFES eSwatini groups in Mbabane.

**9/15** SKSK Georgia asks that God might bring students back to campus in person in Kutaisi, so that it would be easier to restart student meetings to spread the gospel there.

**9/16** Pray for those planting in the new campuses of the University of Fiji, especially for alumni to feel called to give their time and resources to support this.

**9/17** Praise God that students in two cities in a sensitive country are meeting together in groups of 30, despite staff being unable to support them in person due to ongoing restrictions.

**9/18** Pray with Sharad, NBCBS Nepal General Secretary, that more staff would be provided to serve new universities in the far west of the country.

**9/19** Ask God to help GBUR Rwanda staff identify passionate Christian students on campuses that do not yet have a GBU group, so as to soon see the gospel impacting those unreached campuses.

## Sep 20 – 25 | **CARIBBEAN**

**9/20** Give thanks with students from ISCF Grenada for volunteer staff sharing the gospel on social media and local radio stations.

**9/21** Ask that God continue to encourage all who took part in the regional "40 Days of Prayer" online sessions in May-July.

**9/22** Praise the Lord for the growth of St Vincent Grammar School Christian Union from 25 to 40 students who are taking the gospel to their classrooms.

**9/23** Join SCF/SU Jamaica in praising God for Ann Goodison who has been on staff since 1982: "Ann has taught us the importance of staying connected as a leader in her local church and community, and a keystone in her family."

**9/24** Ask that God would work through IS/IVCF Trinidad and Tobago students' witness in their families after their three-part webinar "Go Home."

**9/25** Praise God for ISCF Barbados school group member Akayra (8 years old) who bravely unmuted after a class lesson on Zoom and invited her classmates to a meeting. May we all be inspired by her courageous witness.

## Sep 26 – 30 | **STRENGTHENING NATIONAL MOVEMENTS**

**9/26** Give thanks for the testimony of an EvaSUE Ethiopia staff member after Scripture Engagement training: "The course led to a shift in my attitude/perspective. For me it was a calling from God - into a deeper relationship, to go deeper with the Word."

**9/27** Pray for national movements who have lost income this year as a result of conflict, rising cost of living and other challenges. Ask God to provide.

**9/28** Lift up the 11 IFES Regional Secretaries in prayer, asking God to bless and give wisdom as they advise, train and encourage national movement leaders in their regions.

**9/29** IFES Governance Development has just launched a new eLearning course "Caring for your General Secretary." Pray that this resource would help movement boards to support key staff members.

**9/30** A new cohort of 20 staff from 11 EPSA movements joined the IFES EPSA Institute of Staff Development and Training. Pray that their two sessions in June-July 2022 and 2023 will grow their theological understanding and ministry skills.

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