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## IFES DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

### DEAR FRIENDS

As we mark 75 years of IFES ministry, what lessons have IFES leaders of the past learned?

In preparation for an online celebration for movement leaders and IFES staff members, IFES East Asia team member Lisman Komaladi asked former IFES leaders that question. Here are some of their answers:

"The wonder of Christian leaders who combine both the Word and the Spirit – this is the unbeatable combination." – Chua Wee Hian

"The role of IFES is to act as servants of the gospel and the national movements." – Lindsay Brown

"Learning to be completely dependent on God. Trust God and trust people." – Daniel Bourdagné

"The work belongs to the Lord." – Felicity Bentley-Taylor

"No crisis, no growth!" – Koichi Ohtawa

"Preserve your relationship with the Lord." – Rhona Lawrie Goveia

In these next three months, please pray that IFES students and staff worldwide would trust God in good times and crises, stay close to him and thrive in their ministries.

*Kevin Van Horne, IFES Executive Director*

### Oct 01 – 06 | EUROPE

**10/1** Craig Weyrens, formerly General Secretary of BCSU Bulgaria, has been appointed Associate Regional Secretary for Europe. Pray for him, and for two other new team members as they settle into new roles.

**10/2** Praise God for generosity to the Eurasia Emergency fund. One of the grants is going towards a ChSA Poland ministry center in Warsaw to support Ukrainian and international students to get practical and spiritual support.

**10/3** Praise God with Ichtus Belgium who are this year celebrating 50 years of vibrant student ministry amongst Flemish students.

**10/4** Ask God to continue working through the mission weeks of GBU Portugal. Filipa, a student who attended in Porto, has since started attending church!

**10/5** Give thanks for UCCF staff who travelled to serve at an EUS Montenegro summer camp this year.

**10/6** Pray that God would continue to work through volunteers like Milica, who, having come to faith herself eight years earlier at an EUS Serbia camp, this summer joined the team to help run it.

### OCT 07 – 12 | LATIN AMERICA

**10/7** Give thanks for AGEUP Peru's Huancayo group, which met for an away-day of fellowship and prayer. Pray for the students as together they ponder Christ's character.

**10/8** Ask God to provide for GBU Chile's Temuco group, who served free breakfasts at their evangelistic event at the end of August.

**10/9** Pray for regional staff who are planning an upcoming training for movement staff and student leaders on mental health awareness.

**10/10** UCU Columbia's Medellín group shared: "Jesus' way of life has dazzled us and urged us to follow in his footsteps". As they read the book of Matthew together, pray that Jesus would continue to inspire them to live lives of witness.

**10/11** Pray for students graduating from CECE Ecuador groups. Staff are running transition sessions to help them settle into professional life that displays Jesus' heart.

**10/12** Give thanks for Jael from Ensenada, who attended COMPA Mexico Bible training on Job and said: "God showed me his love and encouraged me to stay firm, as Job did."

## Oct 13 – 17 | **INTERNATIONAL**

**10/13** Pray for IFES South Asia Scripture Engagement multipliers who have returned to their national movements after meeting for training last week in Thailand.

**10/14** Pray for the team preparing for World Assembly 2023. May God guide them as they design the program, logo and sessions, as well as work out complex logistics.

**10/15** Give thanks for communications staff members like Karina, in IFES Caribbean, and Andrea, in IFES South Asia, and all they do to help people pray for regional ministry.

**10/16** Praise God for the joyful time earlier this year when over 130 national movement General Secretaries met online to celebrate God's faithfulness over 75 years of ministry.

**10/17** Ask God to be with national movement leaders as they prepare applications for scholarships for their students and staff to attend World Assembly. May God provide the funds needed.

## Oct 18 – 23 | **MENA**

**10/18** Praise God for providing Abby, a Canadian international student, and four peers to lead a new FCSI Israel student group in Tel Aviv.

**10/19** Pray for student leaders in a sensitive country starting Bible studies in new cities.

**10/20** Praise God for Bible studies hosted by churches in the Middle East, that safe havens are provided for students to consider their faith in relation to their studies.

**10/21** Give thanks for World Student Day today, when you will be joined in prayer by many across the fellowship! Pray for a heart of prayer to grow in students around the world.

**10/22** Pray for continuity and growth of student ministry in a closed country.

**10/23** Ask that God might protect staff and student leaders in areas of high insecurity, that they would be blessed by opportunities to share the gospel despite their complex circumstances.

## Oct 24 – 29 | **SOUTH PACIFIC**

**10/24** Give thanks for William, a student leader who has begun a PSFC Fiji group at FNU Namaka. Seeing so many students attend, including students from a nearby flight school, brings him joy.

**10/25** May God continue to soften the hearts of those who saw one of six TSCF New Zealand performances of the Mark Drama by students in Tauranga and Waikato.

**10/26** Pray for those preparing talks for the upcoming AFES Australia National Training Event. May God use them to encourage and uplift student leaders.

**10/27** Ask that God would make a way for connections to be made on islands in the region that are as of yet without student witness.

**10/28** Pray that God would continue to grow ministry through SIU-CF Solomon Islands.

**10/29** Praise the Lord for the time student 'J' spent at TSCF Papua New Guinea's Bible Summit earlier this year, and her revelation that "God is forgiving, merciful and loving".

## Oct 30 – Nov 04 | **SOUTH ASIA**

**10/30** Pray for those staff and students in UESI India's Meghalaya group who were affected by floods and landslides earlier in the year.

**10/31** Ask that God would provide resources for BSFB Bangladesh's Living Water Center, a place for gathering and teaching.

**11/1** Pray for international students across the region, may God break into their hearts and into the communities to which they will return.

**11/2** Praise God for the provision of Yohan Abeynaike to the IFES South Asia team. He has been working with movements across the region to develop their Scripture Engagement skills.

**11/3** Pray that God would work through the hospitality of MFES Myanmar as they host baking evenings and English classes for students.

**11/4** Give thanks for the beginning of a new IFES South Asia project producing a booklet of academic essays showing students how they can weave their faith into all kinds of studies, with topics from Fashion Technology to Law, Economics and more.

## Nov 05 – 10 | **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

**11/5** Ask that God might refresh those serving across the world as leaders of national movements. Many feel run down after a challenging few years of leadership.

**11/6** Pray for God to provide supportive partnerships that are local to student work as the Indigenous Support Development team work to coach staff on support raising.

**11/7** Pray for programs in each region dedicated to raising up gifted staff into leadership roles. May God reveal to current leaders those with true hearts for sacrificial servant leadership.

**11/8** Give thanks for Andolan Lama, a graduate of IFES Nepal and a newly qualified Master of Theology thanks to an IFES theological studies scholarship.

**11/9** Ask that God will continue to use those who have been through the Global Leadership Initiative program as they serve in key roles across the fellowship.

**11/10** May God give more opportunities for ministry visits to movements by regional staff members in the coming year, especially amid such vast global travel challenges.

## Nov 11 – 16 | **EAST ASIA**

**11/11** Give thanks for staff like Bang, serving PERKANTAS Indonesia's Jakarta groups, leading Bible studies on becoming growing and fruitful disciples of Christ.

**11/12** Pray for students in their first term of leadership in CEF Taiwan groups. May God make them courageous to take the gospel out to their campuses and may he soften the hearts of peers across the country.

**11/13** Rejoice today with FES Malaysia as they celebrate 60 years of thriving student ministry. May God bless them with many more years filled with vibrant testimonies from Malay students.

**11/14** Pray for 'L,' a staff worker in a closed country who is meeting with students regularly to eat together and study the Bible. May God continue to protect her and provide for the ministry.

**11/15** Ask that God would provide many faithful and passionate people to serve on national movement boards across East Asia.

## Nov 16 – 20 | **STRENGTHENING NATIONAL MOVEMENTS**

**11/16** Pray with Eric Makon, IFES Francophone Africa Governance Development lead, that God may remove all the barriers to the practice of good governance.

**11/17** Praise the Lord for the provision of P, a gifted staff member serving as Associate Secretary for Scripture Engagement since January.

**11/18** Pray for the Graduate Impact team as they run a conference November 17-20 for young professionals who are graduates of movements across Europe.

**11/19** Pray for Ukrainian Olena Welch, Head of Global Resource Ministries, and her family, who have settled for now in Budapest and continue to serve from there.

**11/20** Pray for the IFES Steering Committee and their online connections, as they meet this coming week to make stewarding decisions for the fellowship.

## Nov 21 – 25 | **EPSA**

**11/21** Pray for those attending the NIFES Nigeria Mission conference, that God would encourage and inspire student leaders.

**11/22** Give thanks for FOCUS Kenya's Eneza Amani group, which encouraged students to act peacefully and vote for leaders of integrity in their recent election season.

**11/23** Pray with volunteer Thubelihle, ESWAFES Eswatini: "May [students] read the word of God with the intention of learning as it will direct us and lead us into the right path by teaching us the heart of God."

**11/24** SCO South Africa asks us to pray for a fruitful second term of ministry amongst students in schools and universities.

**11/25** Praise God for the connections made across EPSA that allow for stronger movements to share knowledge and resources to encourage and build up smaller movements there.

## Nov 26 – Dec 01 | **EVANGELISM**

**11/26** As we daily give thanks for all that God does and reveals through his word to students, may they each be using their lives to be witnesses to their university peers.

**11/27** Pray for those across the fellowship preparing for Christmas Carol outreach events on campuses or in local churches.

**11/28** Pray for international student ministry in a sensitive country in Francophone Africa, that God would grant safety to those reaching out with the hope of the gospel.

**11/29** A shipment of Uncover Mark gospels translated into Spanish have been delivered to Latin America. Ask God to give students boldness to give them to friends.

**11/30** Praise God for his protection this year over staff, volunteers and friends of IFES and our movements who have travelled long distances to speak at outreach events. Pray this same protection over students travelling to be trained to share their faith in 2023.

**12/1** Advent begins today! Give thanks for the way students engage with the nativity story in Scripture and share this joy with their course mates.

## Dec 02 – 07 | **FRANCOPHONE AFRICA**

**12/2** Give thanks for a refreshing time for the region earlier this year at the PANAF conference in Burundi. May the ripples of learning be reaching students on campus and inspiring them to be bold witnesses.

**12/3** Pray for those in UGBM Madagascar, that student groups which contracted or closed due to COVID may be revitalised.

**12/4** Pray for students in GBG Gabon to develop resilience and integrate well with their peers.

**12/5** Oscar Nduwarugira is in his last month as General Secretary of UGBB Burundi. Pray that he finishes well and for the new General Secretary to be preparing well. Give thanks for faithful leaders.

**12/6** Ask that God would settle the violence in Burkina Faso and that students would be physically and spiritually protected, especially those fleeing to Ghana as refugees.

**12/7** Pray that the GBUR Rwanda conference in October equipped students well for the outreach they are now doing on campus.

## Dec 08 – 13 | **EURASIA**

**12/8** The run up to Christmas is an important time for evangelism. Pray for outreach events across the region in this month, up to Orthodox Christmas on January 7 .

**12/9** Pray for CCX Ukraine students and staff who have lost homes and loved ones in the war to be comforted by God.

**12/10** Ask God to equip Christians in majority Muslim countries in this region to be true friends to Muslim course mates, and to share Christ's hope and assurance of salvation.

**12/11** Give thanks for the gatherings that have been able to happen in sensitive countries, that students have been equipped with ministry skills and encouraged to share their faith invitingly and courageously.

**12/12** IFES Regional Secretary Sergei is on sabbatical. Pray for rest and refreshment for him and his family, and for God to guide Acting Regional Secretary Kanat.

**12/13** Several Eurasian movements are planning national conferences in January. Pray for staff and external speakers as they prepare and for students to sign up and be inspired and trained.

## Dec 14 – 19 | **PIONEERING**

**12/14** COMPA Mexico staff worker Abdiel is traveling to La Paz, Bolivia to teach and visit the pioneering group there. Pray for fruit from the trip.

**12/15** Ask God to draw together efforts from across the EPSA region in order to re-pioneer the movement in Namibia.

**12/16** "Over 800 campuses in the US still have no witnessing community. Pray that God would raise up volunteers, students, churches, alumni, and campus ministers to reach these places." – InterVarsity/USA

**12/17** Ask that God would provide more strong and faithful staff to coordinate ministry in a sensitive country within the MENA region.

**12/18** In many countries open evangelism can be dangerous. Pray that local churches would be a safe place for students to gather, and that non-Christians would be ready to come.

**12/19** Praise God for a breakthrough of ministry in two new Serbian cities, may God continue to make a way there and raise up strong student leaders.

## Dec 20 – 25 | **CARIBBEAN**

**12/20** CIA Guadeloupe is now able to host meetings of 35 "active and enthusiastic" students . Praise the Lord.

**12/21** Give thanks for the local churches that support the ministry of IS/IVCF Cayman Islands. Their continued endorsement is a blessing to the work.

**12/22** Pray for a revival among Christians in French Guiana and for the Lord to raise up passionate student leaders in GBU groups there.

**12/23** God has provided gifted students in IS/IVCF Trinidad and Tobago student groups. Ask that each student club would uniquely flourish in their outreach.

**12/24** May God provide staff members for ISCCF St Vincent & the Grenadines as well as more volunteers to support and uplift the ministry.

**12/25** As we give thanks for the birth of our Savior today, give thanks for the joy of students around the world experiencing their first Christmas after coming to faith through an IFES movement.

## Dec 26 – 31 | **NORTH AMERICA**

**6/25** Pray with Melody, InterVarsity Canada staff in Eastern Ontario, for the student leadership team at Nipissing University, that they would draw near to God and to one another as they as they serve their campus.

**6/26** Pray for InterVarsity/USA staff serving overseas in the Link program, in Thailand, Austria, Canada, Romania, England, and France.

**6/27** Praise God for those attending the Urbana conference that starts today, that many students from across North America would be inspired to get involved in world mission.

**6/28** Give thanks for new InterVarsity/USA staff like Sophie who rejoices, "I get to laugh with people, cry with people, and see how God is impacting their lives in new ways. This is the best job!"

**6/29** GBU Canada doctoral student Olson shared the challenges of embodying Christ in an engineering school and how Bible study helps him in this. Pray that the sharing of testimonies would be inspiring and encouraging.

**6/30** As many across the world reflect on the past year of life and ministry, ask that God may be stirring hearts in the fellowship to generosity.

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 strategic vision, 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.

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