



# IFES Daily Prayer Guide

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## DEAR FRIENDS

IFES continues to reflect on 75 years of God's faithfulness in ministry. Stories of God's miraculous leading, sustaining and protection show his power.

One fairly recent story from a regional general secretaries' meeting in Asia is of a raid by the local security services. They examined participants' laptop computers for information about the ministry in that country – and found nothing. When they left, everyone praised God as they had missed something very obvious. The laptop belonging to that movement's leader was lying on a table, connected to the projector – but it had been completely ignored! God blinded the security service agents and protected the students, volunteers and staff.

Please take some time to reflect on your own experience of student ministry and praise God for what he has done for you or for someone that you know.

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## JAN 01 - 05 | LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

01/01 May we thank God as we enter a new year for the faithful witness of leaders across the fellowship as they offer us stability and point us to the Lord.

01/02 Give thanks for the InterVarsity USA Urbana Student Missions Conference that has just concluded that many students and graduates would feel called to serve in mission across the world.

01/03 Pray for Logos and Cosmos Initiative Catalysts across Latin America and Francophone Africa that the light of the gospel will shine through the academic papers they are each producing on a wide variety of topics.

01/04 As we build toward IFES World Assembly in August, keep administrative staff working on logistics and details across the fellowship in your prayers.

01/05 Pray that those in receipt of IFES scholarships, as they study, would grow in their love of God and in the knowledge and understanding of God's word.

## JAN 06 - 11 | SOUTH ASIA

01/06 Pray for FOCUS Sri Lanka students experiencing economic crisis, that God would be peace and justice to society through the witness and service of those who love him.

01/07 Ask that God would calm the hearts of students in a sensitive country who are not able to meet in colleges and universities. Ask that God would provide places to meet.

01/08 Join students in UESI India in prayer for them to be more deeply concerned for those around them who do not know Christ - that they would be stirred to reach out to their peers with the gospel.

01/09 Praise the Lord for the time in November when the General Secretaries of the region's movements gathered for a period of encouragement and refreshing.

01/10 Continue to pray for students in MFES Myanmar, may God give them peace in their challenges, and bring calm to their communities.

01/11 Pray God would protect and comfort international students whose home countries are continuing areas of conflict in the region.

## JAN 12 - 17 | INTERNATIONAL

01/12 Pray for different movements around the world registering their delegations for IFES World Assembly this month. Pray that all would be able to attend.

01/13 Give thanks for travel opportunities for global staff teams, allowing teams to meet in person for encouragement and training.

01/14 Praise the Lord for generosity across IFES movements, brothers and sisters across the globe sharing to allow the opportunity to gather and share the blessings of the Lord.

01/15 Praise God for the IFES finance staff, the IFES Finance Committee and external auditors. Ask God to help them in preparing the latest accounts.

01/16 Thank God for IFES supporters like you who pray and give faithfully to help student ministry thrive. Ask that God would encourage each person as they see how God is using their sacrifice.

01/17 Pray for IFES staff 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.

## JAN 18 - 23 | EURASIA

01/18 IFES Armenia students reaching out to friends ask us to pray for those “on their way to Christ.”

01/19 CSC Moldova invite us to “pray that we will speak openly with a Christian perspective of what is happening in the world.”

01/20 A picnic in a central city park was the first event held by Christian students in a country in Eurasia where no student group exists yet. Pray that this would be the foundation of a thriving ministry.

01/21 Please pray for a student from an underground church in a closed Eurasian country who is beginning to share the gospel directly with her friends.

01/22 “We are waiting for a miracle... to live in peace and security. Please pray for the safety of team members and their families, some of whom are still in occupied territories.” – CCX Ukraine

01/23 Please pray for students in a closed country in Eurasia who plan to begin Uncover seeker Bible studies with their friends. Ask that their enthusiasm would be sustained.

## JAN 24 - 29 | PIONEERING

01/24 Pray for pioneering movements seeking to strengthen their structures, in particular St. Kitts and Nevis, Greenland and Equatorial Guinea.

01/25 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.

01/26 Give thanks for the resources available for IFES to make Breaking New Ground grants to movements looking to expand into new cities and campuses.

01/27 KFS Denmark's Sara was inspired to pioneer in Greenland when she attended World Assembly 2015. Ask that God would be identifying and preparing some who will be at World Assembly this year to do likewise.

01/28 Give thanks for AGEUP Peru's Moquegua group who, by God's grace, have flourished and were able to host a camp for the groups in the south of Peru late last summer.

01/29 Pray for the IFES board meetings taking place this week, especially as the members consider the papers of several movements seeking to affiliate to IFES.

## JAN 30 - FEB 03 | ENGLISH AND PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING AFRICA

01/30 TAFES student Roy asks: “Let's join in faith to pray for consistency in student groups on campuses in Tanzania.”

01/31 Praise the Lord for the many students able to attend the NIFES Nigeria Witness'22 Missions Conference in November. May they bless their campuses and communities.

02/01 Ask that “God would be glorified even as we face a lack of freedom of speech politically in our country” – Pedro, GBECA Angola

02/02 Give thanks for those across the region who chose to serve despite the financial challenges this presents.

02/03 Pray with GHAFES staff Bright “for the unity of the Christian groups and leadership on all campuses in Ghana.”

## FEB 04 - 08 | **STRENGTHENING NATIONAL MOVEMENTS**

02/04 Give thanks for the global Scripture Engagement team's meeting in Ethiopia. They encouraged each other, interceded and shared ideas to help students across the fellowship engage with God's word.

02/05 Ask God to strengthen the resolve and give wisdom to IFES staff and student leaders reaching out to those struggling with mental health issues.

02/06 Take time today to pray for the Governance Development team: Mirek in Poland, Christy in the Philippines, Eric in Cameroon, Gisela in Puerto Rico, Kerwin in St Lucia, and Johan in Italy.

02/07 IFES national movements are reviewing 2022 activities and compiling reports. Pray that the Ministry Impact team's tools will help them to reflect and plan effectively.

02/08 Pray for Kehinde Ojo, the IFES Program Director for Indigenous Support Development as he uses sabbatical time this year to study and rest.

## FEB 09 - 14 | **SOUTH PACIFIC**

02/09 Pray for shy student leaders in GBUNC New Caledonia that God would help them to overcome and make 2023 a year of meaningful and intentional encounters.

02/10 Give thanks with TSCF New Zealand student leader Lelea for the opportunity to share the gospel with peers who would call themselves "spiritual."

02/11 Mari from the AFES Australia University of South Queensland group asks us to give thanks with her that they have access to meet on campus, and that this blessing would spur them on to be bold in their evangelism.

02/12 Pray with Joel that God would solidify a new group at the National University of Vanuatu Education School. Give thanks for unity amongst Lineth and other student leaders.

02/13 Ask God to build up students across the region who face great opposition during lectures, and ridicule for their faith, so that they would be bold.

02/14 Pray for new PSFC Fiji student leaders that God would make Jonacani and others faithful to speak the gospel boldly.

## FEB 15 - 19 | **NORTH AMERICA**

02/15 Pray "for Christian students on campus to be a part of healthy communities that allow them to grow in their faith." - Inter-Varsity Canada

02/16 Mailin asks us to join her in prayer for InterVarsity/USA campuses where there is rebuilding and replanting happening, "for staff resilience and strategic contacts to be made."

02/17 Jane from Inter-Varsity Canada asks us to pray: "May we not grow complacent but see each new friend as an opportunity to share the love of Jesus."

02/18 Praise God for the Urbana missions conference that happened over the New Year break. Representatives from a number of IFES movements from elsewhere attended. Pray that this conference would have been an encouragement and inspiration to them and to the North American students.

02/19 GBU Canada ask for prayer for their student leaders at Université Laval - "that God give them creativity, wisdom, love and perseverance to serve all the students whom He has brought to the group."

## FEB 20 - 24 | **MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA**

02/20 Students in Jordan ask for prayer "that the Lord would open new doors so we can talk to people more easily about Jesus in our university."

02/21 Give thanks for the opportunity in November for staff to gather and hear from experts and share their experiences on engaging with Muslims in varied contexts. Pray that they would use what they learned to reach out in love.

02/22 Praise God for pioneering efforts in various sensitive locations, supported by training for local church leaders. Ask God to bless this work.

02/23 Let us praise God together for the times in 2022 that he protected meetings across the region. May he offer the same blessings this year.

02/24 A student in a sensitive country asks: "pray for our Bible study groups among students and graduates, especially that new participants would feel welcome, truly seeking and finding Jesus."

## FEB 25 - MAR 02 | EAST ASIA

02/25 FES Singapore student Agape shares: "Thank God for the opportunity to gather with fellow Christian students and walk together with them in Christ."

02/26 Pray with Abraham from Perkantas Indonesia that God would "bless students so that many of them will accept the gospel and be followed up with discipleship in small groups."

02/27 Give thanks for IVCF Philippines graduates. May God continue to stir them to pray and, when needed, draw them into supporting roles in the ministry.

02/28 "Pray for Christian students to love and seek God and stand strong in faith. Pray that God would open the hearts of those who don't know him to receive his good news." - Sina, SONOKO Cambodia staff

03/01 "May I be found as the one who points only to Jesus. As John says, Jesus must increase but I must decrease." - Eddyrl Teo, FES Malaysia staff.

03/02 Give thanks for FES Hong Kong's 65th anniversary. May God protect and grow their ministry for many years to come.

## MAR 03 - 08 | LATIN AMERICA

03/03 Every day Aranza, from GBUCH Chile, encounters opposition at her university. "We have use of university buildings, so pray that students would feel welcome."

03/04 Pray for MUEVE Venezuela students as vandalism is rampant on campuses. "Pray that students will proclaim in Christ things are made new, and not only can restore the physical, but our soul and heart."

03/05 CECNIC Nicaragua ask us to "Pray for the emotional and spiritual health of the students and for the Lord to encourage and strengthen them."

03/06 Pray with the CCU Bolivia La Paz group "that God would fulfil his purposes for the small groups, especially the new ones... that each member would be a living testimony to the gospel."

03/07 "The challenge is to evangelize a university in a very polarized society with many mental health problems. We need to develop young leaders for society." - Diego, AGEUP Peru

03/08 Kennia from MUC El Salvador asks: "Please pray for more students to draw near and follow Jesus. Pray that we would be courageous."

## MAR 09 - 13 | FRANCOPHONE AFRICA

03/09 Give thanks for Fernando and students in GBUST Togo who meet together to pray in small groups. Pray for the hearts of their peers to be softened to the gospel message.

03/10 On the final day of the IFES Francophone Africa Team Consultation, pray that this will have been a productive and encouraging time.

03/11 Pray for the Francophone Africa General Secretaries Consultation over the coming week. May God guide them as they encourage each other, and learn and fellowship together.

03/12 Pray "that we would know that the Holy Spirit is with us when we have difficulties in prayer and evangelism." - Maïva, GBEEC Cameroon

03/13 "Please pray that God would awaken and raise up passionate and dedicated witnesses who are ready to bring reformation in this country." - GBU DR Congo staff

## MAR 14 - 19 | EVANGELISM

03/14 Pray for UESI India theology students, that their degrees would enable them to serve God more fully and richly in all to which he calls them.

03/15 Students in IS/CCF St Lucia want to be ready to defend their faith in the face of opposition and discouragements and to live out the gospel. Ask God to help them.

03/16 Give thanks for students like Liam in AFES Australia, as they seek to focus as much on spreading the gospel as they do now on discipleship.

03/17 Pray for women involved in IFES Europe's Passion for *Evangelism Greenhouse* mentoring scheme, that the program would nourish their skills to evangelize in engaging ways.

03/18 Rachelle from GBU CI Côte d'Ivoire asks us to join her in prayer for her and fellow students to be good witnesses during exam season.

## MAR 20 - 25 | CARIBBEAN

03/20 "Please pray with us for renewed power in the Holy Spirit. May we be protected from all kinds of spiritual attacks." – Petra, IS/CCF St Lucia

03/21 Give thanks for the faith of Georgette from SCF/SU Jamaica who asks us to pray "that the Lord would grow my 'mustard seed faith' (Matthew 13:31-32), making me into a powerful witness."

03/22 Intercede for dormant IS/IVCF Trinidad and Tobago groups. Ask that student leaders would see revival there.

03/23 "Thank God that I found a community of young people who want to know God as I do." Praise God for this testimony from Abigaël in CIA Guadeloupe.

03/24 Some islands in the region face insurmountable challenges, unemployment and drugs crises as well as political unrest and natural disaster. Pray that Christian students can bring the Lord's light and hope.

03/25 "Thank God for the young people who, despite the lockdown, continued online, and for the small group of students and graduates who recently began new work."- Edmond, GBU Martinique

## MAR 26 - 31 | EUROPE

03/26 Pray for Diana, a MEKDSZ Hungary student, who says she finds making friends as a Christian challenging. Ask that God would soften the hearts of those around her to friendship and to the gospel.

03/27 Give thanks for the growth of ÖSM Austria. Pray with Chris, a medical student in Vienna, as he begins a new group there.

03/28 "Pray for students' hearts to be stirred and ignited to search for God. They are overwhelmed with so many possibilities. Please pray that God would break through into their lives." – Toni, OPKO Finland

03/29 Pray with Emanuelle that local churches would be open to support GBU France groups in a vast and challenging mission field.

03/30 Stefan asks us to join him in prayer for BCSU Bulgaria, that groups would be places where God's love is visible, places for deep Bible study and where non-Christians can meet Jesus.

03/31 Ask God to bless Ivie and others from NKSS Norway as they plant a new group in the city of Drammen.

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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