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# IFES DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

## DEAR FRIENDS

Birthdays and anniversaries are always such times of joy. They are occasions for the family to gather, to celebrate, and to remember all of the stories that make up our lives. Looking back gives us the hope to look ahead.

As IFES celebrates 75 years of global student ministry this year, our global fellowship is doing a lot of that. We are sharing the stories, celebrating God and what he has done, and we are looking forward to being together in Jakarta this August. What a celebration that will be!

You are part of these stories and part of this family as well. Your prayers have carried us through dark and challenging times. You have sustained the ministry – the students, the staff, and the programs – and brought about the fruit we now see.

Thank you. Thank you also for the fact that you have picked up this booklet to continue your support of this ministry. You are an essential part of all that we do and all we hope for in the future.

*Kevin Van Horne, IFES Executive Director*

## APR 01 – 06 | SOUTH ASIA

**04/01** Praise the Lord for 40 years of FOCUS Sri Lanka, may the Lord bless this fellowship and touch many more hearts through their ministry.

**04/02** Give thanks for the BSFB Bangladesh team who have overseen the translation of the Bible into 4 new local dialects. Praise the Lord for those who can now read in their heart language.

**04/03** Pray with us for NBCBS Nepal staff as they engage with church leaders, helping them to see the value of student ministry.

**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.

**04/05** Ask that UESI India groups in Rajasthan would have meaningful prayer meetings and that God would provide for their staffing needs.

**04/06** Pray for countries across the region experiencing 'brain drain' (where graduates move abroad for perceived better opportunities). Pray that graduates would feel called to stay and serve their communities.

## APR 07 – 11 | NORTH AMERICA

**04/07** Pray "that the Holy Spirit would guide the InterVarsity coaches Kathy, Justin, Christy and Anne in equipping staff to multiply their effectiveness in ministry." - Anne, InterVarsity Canada

**04/08** 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.

**04/09** Pray for James, a staff worker supporting InterVarsity Canada graduates to transition into the workplace after studying and learning what it means to be a Christian in their professions.

**04/10** Praise God for the GBU Canada groups in 11 universities and 11 CÉGEP (colleges) across Quebec. Ask God that these groups would be counter-cultural on their campuses, showing students who do not know Christ what it means to follow him.

**04/11** InterVarsity/USA's Link staff serve in IFES movements around the world. Ask God to guide those considering serving in cross-cultural student ministry next year to the right location and ministry area.

## **APR 12 – 17 | INTERNATIONAL**

**04/12** IFES International Services staff have been working hard to support the transition to a new database and online giving system. Pray that these new tools help engage more people with IFES ministry.

**04/13** Pray for staff moving into new leadership roles, that God would give them wisdom and clarity in decision making.

**04/14** Pray for David Bahena, who supports IFES Regional Secretaries to reach out to staff in their regions to train, uplift and encourage them.

**04/15** Give thanks for those covering the sabbaticals of other staff members, that the resting staff would feel refreshed and that those covering would be fully equipped by the Lord.

**04/16** Praise God for the faithful service of the IFES Board members, many of whom are ending their period of service this summer. Ask God to guide them in their final months.

**04/17** 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.

## **APR 18 – 23 | MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA**

**04/18** Ask God to bless the work of those pioneering ministry in very hostile contexts. Pray for creative ideas to reach students who do not have Christian friends.

**04/19** Praise God for the opportunity to gather Christian students from different ethnic groups at regional and national movement events, that their faith gives them a bridge to reconcile cultures.

**04/20** Continue to keep those from Syria in your prayers as the country copes with the continued aftermath of the earthquake earlier this year.

**04/21** Pray with students in a sensitive country experiencing pressure from the government. Ask that God would overrule worldly authorities.

**04/22** Pray for God to continue working in the ministries of those able to attend the region's North African Emerging Leaders training.

**04/23** Give thanks for the servant hearts of students in LIVF Lebanon who have been reaching out to those less fortunate in the community despite their own great economic hardships.

## **Apr 24 – 29 | LATIN AMERICA**

**04/24** Pray for the recovery of those brothers and sisters in Chile in the aftermath of the wildfires that destroyed large areas of land in early February, especially those serving the national movement conference center which was directly affected.

**04/25** Students in CBUU Uruguay met earlier this month for fellowship and training. Pray they would be bold as they return to campus.

**04/26** Pray for the raising up of new student leaders across the region, that they would be courageous and boldly rooted in the faith.

**04/27** Ask that God would continue to equip and provide for national leaders like Idalcy Aguilar, General Secretary of CEC Panama.

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

**04/29** Ask God to provide strength for students in ADEE Dominican Republic as they start their academic year.

## **APR 30 – MAY 04 | EAST ASIA**

**04/30** Pray for the refreshing of staff who have been serving long-term and for God to raise up more men to be staff workers in FCS Mongolia.

**05/01** "We hope that the number of students participating in activities in Okinawa will increase and fellowship will deepen through monthly meetings held face-to-face once a month." - KGK Japan

**05/02** Lisman Komaladi recently started serving as IFES East Asia Regional Secretary. Pray that he would listen to the Spirit's guidance as he seeks to invest in movement leaders in the region.

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

**05/04** Praise the Lord for the creativity of students and staff in IVF Korea for sharing clear and engaging posters for their fellowship meetings on Instagram. Ask that social media activity will draw in new students.

**05/05** Give thanks for CEF Taiwan as they run cross-cultural missions for students to reach out to the many migrants working in Taiwan.

## **MAY 06 – 10 | LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

**05/06** Give thanks for the current cohorts of catalysts, blending their faith and study with the support of the IFES Logos and Cosmos Initiative.

**05/07** Praise God for the opportunity to offer E-learning courses to staff globally, allowing them to connect and learn across borders.

**05/08** The IFES Europe Young Staff Network, through which young staff are mentored, is a huge blessing to small movements in the region. Pray for them as they gather May 9-12 for encouragement and fellowship.

**05/09** Give thanks today as we remember Jesus Christ our risen Lord, give thanks that he is Lord over students' hearts and over their campuses around the world.

**05/10** Recent training for new Governance Program trainers expanded the team which equips IFES national movement board members to lead with integrity, efficiency, and diligence. Ask God to encourage the new trainers with fruit from their labors.

## **MAY 11 – 16 | SOUTH PACIFIC**

**05/11** PSFC Fiji staff ask us to pray for students "that maturity will be the outcome of their fellowship with God and one another".

**05/12** God has placed keen students in GBU New Caledonia. Ask that he would resource and inspire groups there for mission.

**05/13** 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.

**05/14** TSCF Papua New Guinea held an Easter conference in April. Pray that students' lives would have been changed by God's Word, and that their testimonies would encourage others.

**05/15** The pandemic led to replanting of many groups across the South Pacific. Pray for those in this ministry to find local graduates and churches who can help mentor student leaders.

**05/16** Pray for Christian first year students across AFES Australia to settle into university life and that they would have the courage to reach out to those around them.

## **MAY 17 – 22 | EUROPE**

**05/17** Give thanks for LKSB Latvia's discipleship groups where students are equipped in Bible study and encouraged in their faith walks.

**05/18** Pray for Pierre and other staff working with graduates across Europe to help them become gospel beacons in their workplaces.

**05/19** SEAM Macedonia students are holding a mission week next week. Ask that God would provide for their needs and give them the boldness to reach out on campus.

**05/20** Pray for STEP Croatia students as they seek to deepen their personal relationships with God.

**05/21** Give thanks for CREDO Sweden students who are thinking about how their faith influences the part they have to play in being climate conscious. Ask God to help them share about God's care for each person and for creation.

**05/22** Ask God to work through the outreach GBEU Switzerland are doing through revision retreats, may these times be encouraging for the non-Christian friends brought along.

## **MAY 23 – 27 | ENGLISH AND PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING AFRICA**

**05/23** Give thanks for creative evangelism. In SCOM Malawi this includes sharing student testimonies on local radio stations.

**05/24** Pray that the Holy Spirit would speak to the hearts of students in ABEMO Mozambique as they consider apologetic questions. May they feel comforted by God's strength in the face of trials.

**05/25** Ask God to bless the farmland of FES Gambia, who have created the farm project to give the ministry a sustainable source of income and teach student new skills.

**05/26** Praise the Lord that FOCUS Zimbabwe were able to gather 250 students for their national conference last year. Ask that the Lord would provide for more events to take place this year.

**05/27** ZAFES Zambia will be running training in the coming weeks to prepare students to evangelize with courage. Pray that they would be inspired and would apply what they learn.

## **MAY 28 – JUN 01 | STRENGTHENING NATIONAL MOVEMENTS**

**05/28** New IFES staff met for induction and training recently. Pray that relationships built and the skills learned will help them to serve movements to grow sustainably.

**05/29** Student leaders will be attending Committee Members Training Camps across UESI India throughout the month of June. Pray they learn what it is to faithfully serve in their roles.

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

**05/31** Pray for those who have had to postpone ministry activities due to security or other reasons. Ask that God would bless them with patience and inventive new ways to run programs and events.

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

## **JUN 02 – 07 | CARIBBEAN**

**06/02** Ask for God's blessing upon what the regional team is calling a post-covid 'remnant' of students serving faithfully across the region. Ask that God would sustain their resilience.

**06/03** Give thanks for Latavia, the only full-time staff member of IS/IVCF Cayman Islands, who moved from Jamaica to answer the call for staff.

**06/04** Ask that God would provide for projects looking to equip staff and provide them with Bible study resources contextualized for their ministry contexts.

**06/05** "Love never fails! Pray for the Christian students at the University of Belize as they show the love of God to students on campus." - IS/IVCF Belize

**06/06** Pray for students in ISCCF Saint Vincent and the Grenadines who recently spent time thinking about how God's goodness compels us to evangelize.

**06/07** IFES Caribbean team gathers movements online for prayer regularly. Ask God that this commitment to prayer from staff would be an example to students.

## **JUN 08 – 13 | EURASIA**

**06/08** Give great thanks for students in a sensitive country who are discipling each other and seeing many of their peers come to know the Lord.

**06/09** Praise the Lord for ministry being funded in a new country through another meeting of students within the region.

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

**06/11** 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.

**06/12** Ask that God would bring unity amongst students and the wider community in CSC Moldova, especially between those of different languages.

**06/13** 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.

## **JUN 14 – 19 | PIONEERING**

**06/14** Pray for the FOCUS Kenya team as they look to double their staff team as the government is opening many new technical training colleges.

**06/15** Ask God to be with IFES staff as they support pioneers in their regions, that the bonds of discipleship would bless the countries and cities in which they reach out with the good news.

**06/16** IFES Europe's InterAction program recruits graduates as cross-cultural volunteers in pioneering movements or with international students. Pray for the expansion of this program.

**06/17** Praise God for two UCCF Great Britain students, one in Scotland, one in England, the only Christians at their universities, who have faithfully invited friends this year. Ask God to give this persistence to students everywhere.

**06/18** KFS Greenland are looking for a new staff member to support this pioneering movement. Ask God to provide.

**06/19** IFES Breaking New Ground project's latest funding round supports pioneering ministry by movements around the world. Praise God for experienced pioneers providing mentoring.

## **JUN 20 – 24 | FRANCOPHONE AFRICA**

**06/20** Ask that the Lord would protect those working in areas under threat from radical groups and give boldness to students sharing with their peers in the face of such extreme opposition.

**06/21** Praise the Lord as the movement in Burkina Faso celebrates 50 years of ministry, may the Lord bless the next fifty years of their work amongst students.

**06/22** Let us continue to pray for GBU Togo so that resilient young people, ready to sacrifice themselves for God's work and ready to trust in God, will become even more committed.

**06/23** Pray for the sustaining of groups of students in UJC Chad who have been trained in inductive Bible study. May the Lord reveal to them his glory through the Word.

**06/24** Give thanks for graduates across the region who are hungry and eager to serve even alongside their work or family commitments.

## **JUN 25 – 30 | EVANGELISM**

**06/25** Pray for the Caribbean regional team working to begin a project this year - the CARIFES Academy - to train students across the region in evangelism and Bible study.

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

**06/27** Give thanks for students like Gian and Albert from GBU Spain who with boldness asked their fellow students 'What makes you feel loved?' in the lead up to their events week 'Human'.

**06/28** Pray for those who gathered recently for a special French-speaking conference of European evangelists, an extension of the FEUER program.

**06/29** SKSK Georgia recently held their "Zero" conference, a weekend retreat for non-Christian students interested in finding out more about Christianity. Ask God to continue to draw them to him.

**06/30** Praise God for IFES donors who have left gifts to IFES in their wills, allowing IFES to invest in new evangelism tools to help students preach Christ on campus.

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, discipled 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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