



# IFES Daily Prayer Guide

JULY – SEPTEMBER 2023

## DEAR FRIENDS

Praise God with us for God's provision for the World Assembly scholarship fund, which is providing full and partial scholarships to allow delegates to share what God has been doing in their contexts, and to learn from their peers in other countries. Please continue to pray that visas and travel bookings would not be a barrier for movement delegates to participate fully in an event which has proved so effective in the past at connecting movements and opening eyes to God's power to transform lives and campuses. In these final days before the event starts, please ask that God would prepare hearts and bring participants safely to Indonesia ready to hear from his Word and to share what he has been doing in their movements. Please keep an eye on social media for the latest updates from World Assembly, including teaching sessions, most of which will be posted on YouTube after the event.

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## JUL 01 - 06 | EAST ASIA

**07/01** This highly populated region has a huge, diverse student population. Please pray for new Regional Secretary Lisman Komaladi.

**07/02** TCS Thailand recently held three student camps. Pray that the teaching students received will continue to take root in their lives.

**07/03** Thank God for his faithfulness in pioneering: "over and over again God has been preparing the path and working behind the scenes to coordinate and orchestrate everything." - Jongho Kim, IFES East Asia

**07/04** In a closed country, many students come to the city from poor rural areas; pray for the movement which provides affordable accommodation, helps them grow food and offers Bible studies.

**07/05** Several countries in this region present extreme security risks for Christians: pray that God would protect, strengthen and inspire Christian students to share their faith.

## JUL 07 - 12 | SOUTH ASIA

**07/07** Praise God for the recent NBCBS Nepal Graduates Gathering in Pokhara. Ask that attendees who heard God's call to make their work a ministry can find new ways to witness to Christ sensitively in their workplaces.

**07/08** IFES South Asia is launching Jars of Clay, a leadership training program for staff from national movements. Ask that participants would be equipped to lead and serve their movements.

**07/09** Ask God to help a national movement working hard to keep hope alive in students against a backdrop of extreme violence and conflict.

**07/10** Pray for opportunities in South Asian movements to share the gospel with courage and wisdom with students from other faith traditions.

**07/11** Pray for UESI India's regional team's pioneering visit to a city in the far north of India and that two key vacancies will be filled.

**07/12** Give thanks for a new staff member within a sensitive, majority Buddhist country and pray they will be able to travel to India for training.

## JUL 13 - 18 | PIONEERING

**07/13** Pray for IFES' Breaking New Ground initiative to support national movements' pioneering ministry. Ask that pioneers with vision and energy would drive the work forward.

**07/14** Pioneering requires good relationships with church leaders. Pray that pioneers would clearly communicate how student ministry serves the church.

**07/15** Praise God that pioneers Philipp and Sarah from KFS Denmark have seen real encouragements in Greenland. Ask God to provide replacements as they return to Denmark.

07/16 Thank God for the new team in Equatorial Guinea developing the constitutional and doctrinal foundations for sustainable and lasting ministry.

07/17 Give thanks that "pioneering the Bahamas was like discovering that God had already been at work... like expecting to find a baby but discovering an adult. It glorifies God and makes us humble." - Marc Pulvar, IFES Regional Secretary for the Caribbean

07/18 "Pray that God would enable us to start new ministries under Christ to be thoughtful and patient, bold and connective." - Savithri, IFES Regional Secretary for South Asia

## JUL 19 - 24 | SOUTH PACIFIC

07/19 Pray that long-established movements such as AFES Australia and TSCF New Zealand "continue to deepen their commitment to Jesus and have clarity on the gospel." - David Walter, IFES Regional Secretary

07/20 "Sister Rose Kana is doing Bible reading with a student... God is slowly bringing students closer to him through his Word. Please keep on praying." - Edward Wate, SIUCF Solomon Islands

07/21 Regional Secretary David Walter is planning a series of visits to movements to encourage and train staff and student leaders this year. Pray for fruit.

07/22 Give thanks that PSFC Fiji now has an Indian-origin Fijian staff member, demonstrating God's love for all peoples.

07/23 TSCF Papua New Guinea students recently responded to the culture of tribal conflict and ensuing trauma with a Bible Summit based on the Psalms. Give thanks for the large numbers, including non-believers, who were able to process hurts and forgive.

## JUL 25 - 30 | EURASIA

07/25 A Eurasian movement needs funding for a major training conference for leaders. Please ask God to provide.

07/26 Pray for wisdom for the new General Secretary of a Central Asian movement; and for students there to impact university, church and society as disciples of Jesus.

07/27 SKSK Georgia asks us to pray for students to grow as leaders, for God's help organizing a project with the university, for street evangelism and for the students' finances.

07/28 "Despite challenges, the gospel is still bearing fruit in a sensitive country. Praise God for the courage of students and staff. Pray that they would remain faithful and be encouraged as they see students coming to faith." - Michael Ots, FEUER network of university evangelists

07/29 Ten students from two Central Asian countries who attended a pioneering camp last August signed up for the regional Formación student leadership program this month. Pray for the experience to be transformative.

07/30 Praise God for the interns in a sensitive movement in Eurasia, who have helped expand ministry and support for the General Secretary.

## JUL 31 - AUG 05 | WORLD ASSEMBLY

07/31 The Student Gathering starts today, allowing student delegates to share their experiences and plan their participation in World Assembly. Pray for good communication and cooperation.

08/01 IFES staff conference and a meeting of francophone movements are happening today. Ask God to build relationships for long term ministry collaboration.

08/02 For the first time, some sessions will be streamed live. Pray for movements to create their own remote groups to watch the live event, and spend time worshipping, sharing and encouraging one another and against technical problems.

08/03 Give thanks for the four national movements affiliating to the IFES Fellowship this week, including CEF Taiwan and SCM Bahamas.

08/04 Pray for all the speakers and workshop and worship leaders; pray that participants would be open to receive Spirit-inspired ideas and solutions to meet their specific needs.

08/05 Pray for all those involved in the practical aspects of running World Assembly, especially the Indonesian host movement, PERKANTAS, and their team of volunteers.

## AUG 06 - 11 | WORLD ASSEMBLY

08/06 Ask God to touch each delegate during the Sunday Praise and Worship sessions. May each hear his voice and gain new confidence in their calling.

08/07 Ask the Holy Spirit to prompt meetings of individuals who can share, support and inspire each other no matter how far apart they live and serve.

08/08 Pray that the international Fellowship will be able to thrive as God's people, develop student leaders, have an impact through graduates and make a difference around the world.

08/09 Pray for agreement among all stakeholders on the way forward for their national movements, especially where change is needed.

08/10 Pray for safety as delegates travel back to their home countries - especially those returning to dangerous contexts. May each one feel nourished by the fellowship shared at World Assembly.

08/11 The newly elected IFES Board is meeting today. Ask God to guide and give wisdom as they learn to work together to support the Fellowship.

## AUG 12 - 16 | EPSA

08/12 GHAFES Ghana and SMD Germany teams served together in a university mission in Legon that also reached the local police, prisoners and children. Praise God.

08/13 Following a visit from IFES EPSA staff Lawrence Gomez to GBU Guinea Bissau in 2022, pray that the movement would continue to invest in students effectively. Ask that such visits by regional staff would continue to encourage movements.

08/14 LIFES Liberia has been training new staff and new student leaders in three regions. Pray for participants to grow in confidence and skills.

08/15 Pray for all affected by the conflict in the countries of this region, for the restoration of peace and for reconciliation across ethnic, religious or other divisions.

08/16 Give thanks for the SLEFES *Family Retreat* in Sierra Leone this year and pray that supportive friendships would continue to grow between the students.

## AUG 17 - 21 | NORTH AMERICA

08/17 InterVarsity/USA's Link staff serve in other IFES movements around the world. Ask God to be close to those feeling far from home at this time, and encourage them.

08/18 Ask God that the children and students who are part of InterVarsity Canada's ministries would go on to be influential leaders wherever Jesus calls them.

08/19 Join with GBU Canada in praying for the restart of a group at Université du Québec in Outaouais, St-Jérôme campus. "A small team of student leaders is present and motivated; the outlook is good for a group to begin again this fall."

08/20 Please pray that more InterVarsity Canada students would boldly ask questions and investigate Jesus.

08/21 InterVarsity/USA ask us to pray for peace between races and an end to violence in the USA. Especially pray for Asian Americans "who feel the pain of discrimination and racism... of not belonging, feeling invisible... and considered the 'other.'"

## AUG 22 - 26 | FRANCOPHONE AFRICA

08/22 Thank God for the positive impact of the Logos and Cosmos catalysts' projects, bringing together science and faith, on students, researchers, staff workers and members of the university in this region. Pray for wisdom and good partnerships in the year ahead.

08/23 Pray for the success of GBUR Rwanda's project to reach the high numbers of international students at the many western universities' campuses.

08/24 16-year-old Emmanuel was planning to convert to Islam until a camp run by GBEEG Guinea where he was deeply touched by "immeasurable peace and joy." Pray that he will grow in his faith and be used by God to reach others.

08/25 Pray for boldness, protection and resources for the underground ministry in a sensitive country where Christianity is forbidden among citizens. Pray for plans to expand into two new cities with large international and local student populations.

08/26 Pray for the 50 young people who made discipleship pledges at mini camps run by GBEEB Benin - especially for Sara, Sosthenes and Faoziath.

## AUG 27 - 31 | LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

08/27 The new Global Leadership Initiative participants have returned to their home countries after their first in-person training session. Pray for supportive relationships to develop between cohort members and their mentors.

08/28 Continue to pray for IFES' Indigenous Support Development strategy. Give thanks for a recent fundraising training webinar for staff in Eurasian movements.

08/29 Ten new catalysts from Latin America have joined the Logos and Cosmos Initiative, together with ten from Francophone Africa. Pray that their projects will make a real impact on their universities and IFES movements.

08/30 Ask God to bless a transformative program run by GBUSS Senegal and GBU Niger to help university and secondary school student leaders achieve their potential and contribute positively to their communities.

08/31 Many student groups use New Student Outreach teams to encourage younger students into leadership, sometimes for the first time. Pray for successful events and good experiences for young leaders to equip them for further leadership roles.

## SEP 01 - 06 | LATIN AMERICA

09/01 Praise God that IFES staff were able to visit Cuba to provide training in university mission and Scripture engagement earlier this year for 39 students and volunteers. Students were inspired to go deeper into God's Word and share Christ with their friends.

09/02 Give thanks for a training event in May run by ABUA Argentina and pray for the new students joining the movement.

09/03 Twelve CCUH Honduras students have been studying Eugene Peterson's *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instantaneous Society*. Pray each will develop resilience, patience and faithfulness in their journey with God.

09/04 ECU Costa Rica and GEU Guatemala both held student camps in the first half of this year. Give thanks for their impact and pray for encouragement for those who took a step of faith.

09/05 Praise God for new Breaking New Ground projects to pioneer groups in this region. Ask God to inspire students to reach out boldly and to follow up well with seekers after outreach events.

09/06 Pray against the impact of national political tensions on the internal dynamics of the student movements in this region. Pray that staff are able to find the will of the Lord in this journey, and to generate spaces for dialogue and growth without unnecessary divisions.

## SEP 07 - 12 | MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

09/07 IFES coordinates group meetings for Arabic- and French-speaking movements respectively to share experiences, evaluate programs, strategize, and support each other in prayer. Ask God to bless this regional collaboration.

09/08 Praise God for recent training for eight student leaders from a Middle Eastern country. Ask Him to use them to reach more students with the gospel.

09/09 Pray for the key leaders in another Middle Eastern country as they work to revive the student ministry there.

09/10 Pray for the formation of a new board for a North African movement. Ask for wisdom as they recruit a new General Secretary.

09/11 Ask God to give students and staff in a Middle Eastern country eyes to see, ears to hear and hearts to understand what He is doing and wants to do on their campuses.

09/12 Pray for the new General Secretary in a movement in the Middle East who recently moved to the country from Europe with their family.

## SEP 13 - 18 | EVANGELISM

09/13 Praise God for the enthusiastic response to mission events among international students in a Eurasian country. "Each evening the numbers grew, as did the interest. I've never known so many questions after the talks."

09/14 Pray for funding, staff workers and a vehicle to support JSSM's field evangelism in Suriname. Ask that students will have the boldness to proclaim the gospel.

09/15 Ask the Holy Spirit to open up hearts and minds at CCX Ukraine Lviv group's Ukrainian Club for international students.

09/16 In some areas the best way to reach young people is while they are still at school. Pray especially for pupils in St Vincent and the Grenadines hearing the gospel for the first time.

09/17 Give thanks for the GBU Italy student-led missions in Florence and Naples: despite the challenges, pray that seeds of their

faithful work would grow.

09/18 Give thanks for student training in a MENA country about answering common Muslim objections to the gospel; pray for deeper conversations with Muslim students.

## SEP 19 - 24 | CARIBBEAN

09/19 Scripture Engagement camps were held in July for students from Francophone territories across the Caribbean. Pray that these groups have encouraged students in small movements to be active in sharing their faith.

09/20 Pray for the formation of a new ISCCF Dominica board and that student leaders will emerge with the passion to reactivate dormant groups there.

09/21 Thank God for Mrs. Grant of the British Virgin Islands who wants to see ministry pioneered and for the prayer meetings being held to pave the way for ministry there.

09/22 Pray against gang violence and violence against teachers in Guyana and for the 15 students who made decisions for Christ and those who recommitted their lives to Him at camps this year.

09/23 Give thanks for CARIFES Academy, a new regional training program supporting staff and students which will launch next year.

09/24 Movements across the region invite us to ask the Lord to give Christian teachers wisdom and opportunities to pour into the lives of students with whom they interact.

## SEP 25 - 30 | EUROPE

09/25 Pray for the EUS Bosnia and Herzegovina team working to reach students in Banja Luka and Sarajevo following outreach events.

09/26 After a challenging period, student ministry in Estonia is growing. Pray for seeking students who attended EEÜÜ evangelistic events before the summer to come back to the groups in this new academic year.

09/27 Two new UKH Czech Republic board members began their term of office this year. Ask God to help the new team work together well.

09/28 Praise God for BSKSH Albania's Evangelistic Football Tournament and other creative outreach activities in the region supported by the FEUER network of university evangelists.

09/29 KFS Faroe Islands ask us to pray for those who attended their discipleship school last year. Pray that they would be witnessing to Christ where they are now.

09/30 Give thanks that five weeks of SMD Germany outreach to schools reached over 300,000 young people. Around a third of them were unbelievers, many of whom came to faith.

## WORLD STUDENT DAY

FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER 2023

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