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IFES DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

DEAR FRIENDS

This August, IFES in the South Pacific will be trying something new: they will host a subregional event focusing on all of those engaged in francophone ministry. Previously, all regional events have used English as the common language for staff and students across the 21 countries in this region. Currently, the island nations of Vanuatu and New Caledonia are the only French-speaking movements in this region, but there is a vision to pioneer ministry in French Polynesia. This event will launch this new initiative and bring a sense of unity among these student groups.

As you pray, please keep this event in mind. Also, please pray for Anne Christine in New Caledonia as the current state of unrest in the country is putting this event – as well as student ministry in this country – under threat. Pray also for students and staff in Vanuatu and French Polynesia. Finally, pray this event will galvanize unity not only in the South Pacific, but among other Francophone nations in IFES who are ready to support with resources of their own.

Kevin Van Horne, Executive Director IFES/USA

JUL 01 – 06 | EAST ASIA

7/1 Give thanks that students in a sensitive country have been inviting friends to explore Luke's Gospel together – pray for life-changing encounters with Christ.

7/2 "Please pray for the Lord's guidance as we put more thought and work into graduate ministry this year – especially as we adapt to today's needs and challenges." - FES Singapore

7/3 The "Voice Matters" six-day IFES East Asia regional conference starts today in Thailand – pray it inspires a new generation of students to listen to God's voice and be his voice to call for love and justice.

7/4 Pray for IVCF Philippines, holding a national leadership camp this month – they're asking, "God to raise up transformed, missional, and relevant student leaders."

7/5 Give thanks for CEF Taiwan's affiliation to IFES last summer and pray for them as they take steps to improve organizational culture and refresh their ministry focus.

7/6 Pray for FES Malaysia students – their national conference in August will encourage them to live out their calling on campus with the theme "ring it, live it".

JUL 07-12 | EURASIA

7/7 CSC Moldova's evangelistic summer camp ends today – pray that those who decided to follow Jesus will remain in him during the summer break and that the undecided will keep searching.

7/8 Give thanks for an international team visiting Central Asia, August 18-29. Pray for deep, open relationships with the local believers as they support them in pioneering ministry.

7/9 One movement in Central Asia is hoping to take on two interns – ask the Lord to provide the necessary funds and suitable personnel.

7/10 Thank God for answering IFES Armenia’s prayer for new student leaders in Vanadzor: having attended last year’s evangelistic summer camp and subsequent discipleship program, two students are now leading that ministry.

7/11 The leader of a movement in one of the region’s sensitive countries asks: “Pray for our safety and our growth in our reality. Pray for peace in our region.”

7/12 Give thanks for IFES Georgia’s ongoing ministry among international students in Kutaisi – pray especially that those from “closed countries” will respond to the gospel.

JUL 13-17 | SOUTH ASIA

7/13 Give thanks for an NBCBS Nepal discipleship camp that explored 1 Peter. Pray that the Word will inspire and shape their witness.

7/14 Students and staff from UESI India will be engaging with a National Day of Prayer on 12 August – pray for a widespread, unified, passionate wave of intercession to bring tangible change.

7/15 Christian academics from the region have contributed to three books on the humanities, the social sciences, and science and technology. Please pray that these essays – and forthcoming publications in economics, environmental science, and information technology – will enhance the formation of Christian students who apply faith to their studies.

7/16 Pray for FOCUS Sri Lanka who ask that they will “find new ways of teaching and engaging around this year’s theme ‘God of the poor/downward thrust of the Gospel’”

7/17 Give thanks for how BSFB Bangladesh has partnered with Wycliffe Global Alliance to publish translations of the New Testament in four ethnic languages. Pray this will lead to a deeper engagement with Scripture.

JUL 18-23 | PIONEERING

7/18 Give thanks for all those who donated on Global Giving Day, raising \$52,000 from 75+ countries to support pioneering ministry. Praise the Lord for his provision through this act of global fellowship.

7/19 Pray for newly appointed staff Kristina in Greenland – that she will connect well with students from GUX and Ilimmarfik campus.

7/20 Thank God that a staff worker in a sensitive East Asian country has been able to hire a safe place for student gatherings.

7/21 Pray for Anabel, a distance learning student in CECE Ecuador – for creative ideas that will build meaningful relationships and facilitate engaging discussion through their online meetings.

7/22 Praise God for the official launch of GBU Cabo Verde in January and pray for the IFES EPSA team, working with local volunteers in São Tomé and Príncipe.

7/23 FCS Mongolia's team in Khovd "desire to create a family for the lonely, a refuge for students who are struggling, an open door for those seeking a greater purpose in life". Please pray.

JUL 24-28 | INTERNATIONAL

7/24 Give thanks for behind-the-scenes staff in IFES service centers in Malaysia, UK, and USA – ask God to bless their endeavors in finance, HR, communications, supporter relations, and IT.

7/25 The theme for this year's World Student Day (October 18) is 'Sanctuary'. Pray for good engagement from students and supporters over coming weeks so that thousands can unite to seek peace.

7/26 Today is IFES Global Fellowship Day – a focused opportunity for our 164 movements to care for each other through listening, encouragement, and prayer. Give thanks for the diversity of IFES and pray that today's activities will deepen fellowship and build connectedness.

7/27 Pray for all staff taking holidays at this time of year – that they will return to ministry feeling rested and refreshed.

7/28 Pray for students, staff, and graduates from Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia gathered for the Andean University Christian Meeting (July 25-31) – that the 'Echo of hope' theme will inspire them to "give faithful, fruitful, and relevant testimony to the gospel of Jesus Christ".

JUL 29-AUG 02 | NORTH AMERICA

7/29 Thank God for GBU Canada's group in Trois-Rivières – for "a great community, a healthy balance between Bible studies and social activities, and an enthusiastic, talented team". Ask that this strong witness will touch many lives.

7/30 Pray that Tim Adam's (IFES General Secretary) recent visit to current and potential supporters in the USA will secure and boost vital prayers and gifts for global ministry.

7/31 Give thanks for the recent growth of InterVarsity/USA ministry in various art institutions. Two students recently came to faith at The Curtis Institute of Music, where a group was planted two years ago.

8/1 Pray that graduating students who were part of InterVarsity Canada groups will plug into the Alumni program to help their transition into the workplace and to stay connected with campus ministry.

8/2 Give thanks for InterVarsity/USA's resource on Peace Feasts. Pray that these meals between Muslims and Christians will lead to heartfelt sharing and respectful listening so that the gospel can be shared in an atmosphere of friendship and trust.

AUG 03-08 | LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

8/3 Give thanks for the sense of community amongst the current Global Leadership Initiative cohort and ask that their “journey in context” meeting in October will be a helpful conclusion to the program.

8/4 Pray for high school students taking part in InterVarsity Canada’s Leaders in Training program at camps this summer – that they will discover gifts for ministry.

8/5 The European Student Leadership Formación starts today – pray that ‘Upside down Kingdom’ will help participants live out God’s values in their universities.

8/6 A regionwide program in South Asia is building resilience and fellowship among 30 national staff. “Pray for insights into how to nurture a deeper Christlikeness” – Savithri, IFES Regional Secretary

8/7 Thank God for the Ministry Apprentice program in Papua New Guinea: it only began two years ago but now has five apprentices.

8/8 In May 30 staff from 13 movements in Latin America gathered in Ecuador for regional training. Pray for a lasting impact in their ministry.

AUG 09-14 | CARIBBEAN

8/9 Give thanks for IS/IVCF Belize’s Teachers’ Workshop last month and pray that Christian professionals in schools and colleges will grasp the vision for student ministry.

8/10 The six-day in-person element of CARIFES Academy starts today. Pray that students, staff, and graduates will be refreshed by regional fellowship and further equipped for godly leadership.

8/11 Pray that ISCCF Dominica’s recent webinar, enabling Christian teachers to share about the impact of student ministry, will increase local support.

8/12 Pray for an end to violence and a path to lasting peace in Haiti. Ask the Lord to strengthen GBEUH students and staff as they witness to the love and hope found in Christ.

8/13 Give thanks for last month’s Francophone camp in Martinique, when Dieudonné Tindano (Burkina Faso) helped students engage with Scripture. Pray that enthusiasm for the Word will spread through each movement.

8/14 ISCF Jamaica’s national camp runs August 18-23 – pray that their slogan, “It’s more than a summer camp, it’s a life changing experience” will be true for participants.

AUG 15-19 | STRENGTHENING NATIONAL MOVEMENTS

8/15 Thank God for funds that enabled the Eurasia Institute to go ahead in June. Pray for the national staff from across the region who attended – that they will be fruitful as they apply what they learned.

8/16 Pray for the Governance Development team’s “Passing the Torch” e-course, starting next month – that national boards and staff will better grasp how to positively manage leadership succession in their movements.

8/17 An advanced e-learning course on developing indigenous support runs 2 September – 11 October for Spanish speaking movements. Pray it will foster thriving, sustainable ministry.

8/18 Pray for the Graduate Impact team as they support students who recently graduated.

8/19 Messay Imru from the IFES Scripture Engagement team is leading seminars at EvaSUE Ethiopia’s National Summit for student leaders this week (August 19-23) – pray that delegates will be inspired by the depth and relevance of God’s Word.

AUG 20-25 | FRANCOPHONE AFRICA

8/20 Pray that UGBB Burkina Faso’s “mission and resilience” theme will encourage and empower students amid war and displacement; and ask that attendees at this month’s missions convention will hear God’s call.

8/21 Give thanks for Josué, GBUST Togo’s new General Secretary. In a context that “lacks young, balanced, well-mentored leaders”, pray that their discipleship program will form godly leaders.

8/22 Pray for UGBM Madagascar as it navigates the Ministry of Education’s new demands to have Bible study groups authorized.

8/23 Pray GBU DR Congo students in eastern war zones and thank God that they continue to study the Bible with great hope and resilience despite rebel attacks and occupations.

8/24 GBEEB Benin: “Pray that God will show us how to face the ban on activities in certain colleges and universities.”

8/25 At its national conference this month, GBUCI Côte D'Ivoire renewed its leadership (Student Council, General Secretary, national board). Ask the Lord to equip and guide all those elected.

AUG 26-31 | EPSA

8/26 Give thanks for a talk “Renewing minds, restoring hope: let’s talk mental health”, organized by ZAFES Zambia groups. Pray that engagement with this pressing issue will bring healing to many.

8/27 Students and staff in EvaSUE Ethiopia ask: “pray for us passing through so many hardships, including civil war, famine, and economic crisis”.

8/28 SLEFES Sierra Leone’s conference “Engage – Reconciling the University to God” starts today (till 1 September) – ask that a new generation will be inspired to live out their faith.

8/29 Pray for students in GBU Guinea-Bissau – that “God may move them to initiate groups for Bible study and prayer.”

8/30 The GHAFES Ghana mission at Adanwomase Senior High School led to 65 accepting Christ. Praise God for these new believers and pray for their growth.

8/31 Pray that graduates in GBECA Angola will become more engaged and support the ministry.

SEP 01-06 | EUROPE

9/1 Give thanks for IFES InterAction volunteers and staff who recently gathered for orientation. Pray for them as they go to serve cross-culturally, supporting movements across Europe.

9/2 “Forum” – UCCF Great Britain’s camp for student leaders – starts today. Ask that the Spirit will impart creative ideas and visionary courage for the year ahead.

9/3 Give thanks for BCSU Bulgaria’s staging of The Mark Drama in Varna earlier in the year, when more than 180 guests watched students present the gospel.

9/4 Pray for IFES Nederland as they seek to help “students really read Scripture again – not just some verses on their phones but diving in deep.”

9/5 Praise the Lord for a new ChSA Poland group in Bydgoszcz this year – with 13 students coming to the first meeting. Pray for their growth and witness.

9/6 Young academics and professionals will attend SMD Germany’s camp ‘Discovering the heartbeat of God’, September 13-21. Pray they realize how “God wants to involve us in his goals for the world with everything we are and do.”

SEP 07-11 | MENA

9/7 A regional conference, planned for October, will bring together 120+ graduates from 12+ countries under the Habakkuk-inspired theme “Yet I will rejoice in the Lord.” Seek God’s favor for all the preparations and logistics.

9/8 Give thanks that seven students and graduates from a sensitive country were able to receive training on leadership and Bible study this year. Pray for them as they apply what they learned.

9/9 Pray for all students and staff living in hostile contexts. One General Secretary says, “We pray for the day when we’ll be able to freely serve in our country and live without threat or fear.”

9/10 Thank God for 24 underground campus groups in one Gulf country and for the increasing numbers attending weekly discussions.

9/11 Give thanks for significant work among international students in one North African country despite the restrictions on ministering to locals.

SEP 12-17 | EVANGELISM

9/12 Praise God that IS/IVCF Trinidad partnered with ISCCF St Vincent & Grenadines for an evangelistic tour of high schools in February, resulting in thousands making commitments to follow Christ.

9/13 Pray for GEU Guatemala following up their June performance of The Mark Drama.

9/14 A leading apologist gave talks at MEKDSZ Hungary's conference in August – pray that students who attended will have new confidence to address questions from their peers.

9/15 Thank God for an event in a sensitive country in Eurasia: students explored the symbols and significance of Easter, enjoyed food and laughter, and took away memento cards.

9/16 STEP Croatia ran its fourth “Festival of Free Thought” in Zagreb “to encourage open and honest conversations about life, faith, and God”. Pray that those who engaged will respond to God's call.

9/17 Give thanks for the many campus groups taking part in AFES Australia's “Meet Jesus” mission this year. Pray that students who heard the gospel at last month's large-scale events will find abundant life in Christ.

SEP 18-23 | SOUTH PACIFIC

9/18 Give thanks for Hanniel, a first-year student at the Solomon Islands National University, who turned to follow Jesus after joining a Bible study group and reading the Bible one-to-one.

9/19 Pray for students in TSCF Auckland (New Zealand) serving their campus with “Choc n Chat” – for meaningful conversations and lasting connections.

9/20 In Papua New Guinea, TSCF groups organized evangelistic talks in several colleges earlier in the year. Pray for them as they follow up those who attended.

9/21 Earlier this year, student leaders from major universities across Fiji gathered for PSFC training – “Witnesses for Christ”. Ask that the encouragement and skills received will impact their campuses.

9/22 Pray for Sam, who has moved to Tonga to help revive student ministry – ask for the Lord's favor in language learning and immigration processes.

9/23 Give thanks for the region's first Francophone student conference August 30–September 2), aimed at bringing together students from New Caledonia and Vanuatu as well as building connections with French Polynesia. Pray for enduring, supportive relationships.

SEP 24-30 | LATIN AMERICA

9/24 Give thanks for openings in Fray Bentos and Paysandú for CBU Uruguay. Pray that newly trained student leaders will have an encouraging start to campus ministry.

9/25 Álvaro Pérez leads an IFES Logos and Cosmos Initiative project in Ecuador, promoting dialogue about bioethical and Christian perspectives on gene editing. Pray for good engagement and gospel impact.

9/26 Pray that the fellowship enjoyed by 203 staff and student leaders across Compa Mexico's six national camps will strengthen partnerships and solidarity in mission.

9/27 Give thanks for 55 years of UCU Colombia and pray for them transitioning to a new General Secretary.

9/28 Staff in MUEVE Venezuela ask us to “pray that God will raise up students willing to preach Jesus Christ.”

9/29 Pray that CCU Bolivia's initiative introducing students to the purpose and benefits of small groups will result in new, thriving groups.

9/30 A group in CBU Peru held a seminar "Toxic Relationships", engaging with psychology and highlighting Christ's love. Pray their ministry will bring healing and renewal.