



Daily Prayer Guide

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2024



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DEAR FRIENDS

IFES students face many challenges in their varied contexts. Some Christian student groups operate entirely underground due to persecution from other faith communities. Others can hold mass outreach events on campus – but are opposed by denominational groups which distrust Christians from other churches. Some groups serve campus communities divided by ethnicity, politics, income levels, social class or caste. Students can suffer from stress and pressure from their parents to achieve. All face pressure to conform

to the lifestyles of their peers. In all the challenges students face, God is the true sanctuary. Rest, peace and comfort can be found in his arms, and support and practical help in Christian community. On World Student Day on 18 October, pray for IFES movement student groups to places of sanctuary and care for students already following Christ and for students still searching for the meaning, acceptance and hope to be found in him.

*Jill Bain,
IFES Supporter Relations*



📅 01 – 06 OCT

Latin America

01/10 Give thanks for *The Blessing of Doubt*, ABUB Brazil's new ebook that encourages questions as a way to better knowing God and others.

02/10 CCUH Honduras students were recently invited by a church to lead the Sunday service and share ministry stories. Praise God for this partnership and ask for more such opportunities.

03/10 Give thanks for the organic ways students are ministering to peers.

Natalie in CEC Panama started reading the Bible with a classmate who couldn't attend their group and offered prayers for her class before an exam.

04/10 ADEE Dominican Republic recently hosted an IFES Latin America conference for the Spanish-speaking Caribbean. Pray that the deepened relationships will strengthen these geographically dispersed movements.

05/10 Pray that the IFES e-learning about developing indigenous support (Sept-Oct) will impart fresh ideas and useful skills to the region's movements.

06/10 "Academia, Christian Faith, and Society" will gather scholars from across the region from 30 Oct – pray it will "affirm the Christian academic vocation and nurture relationships among scholars".



📅 07 – 12 OCT

South Asia

07/10 Give thanks for the ongoing support for a network of young graduates through regular webinars. Pray that the challenges of connectivity issues, political uncertainties, and personnel needs will be overcome.

08/10 Pray for Bangladesh after the turmoil of recent months, for fair and peaceful elections and for renewed strength for the student movement as it celebrates 50 years of ministry.

09/10 Give thanks for contacts made through recent English & computer classes in MFES Myanmar. Pray that they will feel the love and hope of Christ.

10/10 Pray for students and staff taking part in a webinar series called “Equipped to Engage” – that they will find encouragement and resources to help deepen relationships with Muslim students.

11/10 UESI in Odisha, India, ask us to “pray that each graduate will mentor a student, and that every student and graduate will be involved in personal evangelism”.

12/10 Pray for the practical needs of NBCBS Nepal – “staff are really in need of laptops – may God provide the financial support for this”.



📅 13 – 17 OCT

Pioneering

13/10 Give thanks for Domenico, a GBU Italy staff worker in Sicily who's been building partnerships with local churches and explaining campus ministry to students. Pray that his goal of starting groups in two cities will be realised.

14/10 Despite the closure of three churches in one Middle Eastern city, students decided to meet for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. Praise God for their resilience and for support which

enabled them to offer all students a friendly meeting place with meals.

15/10 Thank God for 15 students in FOCUS Kenya who are seeking to establish new groups. Pray that the training and connections from national conference will continue to inspire and sustain them.

16/10 Pray for a team planting student ministry in three cities in the Brazilian Amazon – that the Lord will guide, protect, and provide as they seek and train student leaders.

17/10 Tomorrow is IFES World Student Day – pray that small, isolated groups in pioneering contexts will be strengthened and encouraged by this global wave of prayer.



📅 18 – 23 OCT

International

18/10 Thousands are praying for students today – for 'Sanctuary', this year's IFES World Student Day theme. Ask the Lord to give a special measure of peace to those living under persecution or in war zones.

19/10 The Digital 243 project (see Proverbs 24:3) is reviewing how IFES uses technology and how it can be utilised for ministry. Pray for informed insights and useful recommendations.

20/10 Praise God that the Logos and Cosmos Initiative has helped movements in Francophone Africa and Latin America integrate science and faith. Pray for God's guidance for its future.

21/10 CUI Ireland will be hosting IFES World Assembly in 2027. Pray that the Lord will guide their steps as they begin planning.

22/10 Thank God for the enthusiastic response to the new IFES WhatsApp channel. Pray that it will help students, staff, and supporters stay informed and engaged.

23/10 Give thanks for ongoing ministry in Ukraine in Ivano-Frankivsk, Lviv, and Kyiv and pray for the team as they work towards groups in Cherkasy and Ternopil.



📅 24 – 29 OCT

Europe

24/10 The annual FEUER conference (Fellowship of Evangelists in the Universities of Europe) starts today in Greece. Pray that delegates will return with fresh enthusiasm for campus evangelism.

25/10 Give thanks for students who committed to taking their walk with Jesus more seriously at OSCER Romania's summer camp. Ask the Lord to sustain them amid termtime pressures.

26/10 NKSS Norway and Credo Sweden celebrate 100 years of ministry this year. Give thanks for their faithful witness and pray for the new generation seeking to make Jesus known.

27/10 Pray that those who responded to the good news at BSKSh Albania's evangelistic camp in August will grow in grace this term.

28/10 A team from KFS Denmark will visit EUS Montenegro next month to partner in ministry. Ask that this inter-cultural, missional opportunity will be a blessing to both movements.

29/10 Pray for H₁, a student who's been attending a ZVEŠ Slovenia group. She has good questions and an openness to reading John's gospel – ask that she will encounter the risen Jesus.



📅 30 OCT – 03 NOV

English- and Portuguese-Speaking Africa

30/10 Thank God that 70+ students participated in GBECA Angola's first ever national conference. Pray that the fellowship and solidarity they experienced will affirm them in their ministry.

31/10 Only 10 ICMB Botswana groups remained active after COVID. Give thanks that in the last two years 40 groups have

been revived and pray for the funding needed to employ staff to support them.

01/11 Pray for LIFES Liberia as it seeks ways to sustain student and graduate participation in ministry over the long term.

02/11 Give thanks for new student leaders in ABEMO Mozambique who are "very motivated and involved in ministry". Ask that the Lord will direct their plans, deepen their faith, and develop servant heartedness in them.

03/11 Pray for FOCUS Zimbabwe's national conference (10-15 Dec) - that many students will be equipped to reach their peers.



📅 04 – 09 NOV

Leadership Development

04/11 The current Global Leadership Initiative cohort recently had their final gathering. Pray they will pass on their experiences to their movements and the global fellowship, serving as God calls.

05/11 The in-person component of CARIFES Academy connected 90 participants in August. Ask that the event and online mentoring will foster a network of influential leaders for the Caribbean.

06/11 Training for SIUCF Solomon Islands staff helped them train student leaders. Pray they will all flourish in their faith and giftings.

07/11 Sixteen national staff attended Francophone Africa's Center for Contemporary Christianity in July. Pray for "transformative leaders who refuse to simply endure difficult, seemingly insurmountable situations but instead work to transform them".

08/11 Give thanks for Disciple Summer Exposure, FES Hong Kong's school leavers' program. Pray that participants will grow into leadership roles on campus.

09/11 Pray for the IFES Europe Young Staff Network gathering in Germany (11-15 Nov) – that interactions between movements will deepen intercultural ministry collaboration.



📅 10 – 15 NOV

South Pacific

10/11 During orientation week, a TSCF New Zealand group at Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology ran an interactive stall. Pray that those who pinned “curious to find out what Christians believe” will connect with them.

11/11 Continue to pray for New Caledonia after the violence earlier this year – for “God’s wisdom and love to navigate these uncertain times and remain his faithful witnesses.”

12/11 Pray for students in Vanuatu reading John’s gospel as part of GNYF’s “Who is Jesus?” outreach – that they would know Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

13/11 Give thanks for the growth of ministry in Guam and ask that more students and volunteers will step into leadership roles.

14/11 Pray for regional iterations of AFES Australia’s National Training Event over the next month, starting 23 Nov, with the “prayerful hope of making gospel-centred, self-sacrificial disciple-makers of all nations”.

15/11 Students from TSCF Papua New Guinea will travel to AFES training in Queensland called “The Edge of Eternity” – pray they will return with renewed vision and commitment.



📅 16 – 20 NOV

North America

16/11 Pray for those who recently started InterVarsity Canada's Workplace Discipleship Year, a one-year community-based spiritual formation program that helps new or recent graduates transition well into working life.

17/11 With the aid of InterVarsity/USA's resource "The Ministry Playbook", Adriana, an Emory University student, was enabled to replant a Latino Fellowship group on campus. Thank God

that it's now thriving with 20 students and with new leaders-in-training.

18/11 Give thanks for the development of resources by InterVarsity Canada that are helping students engage with "digital discipleship", treating life online as part of whole-life discipleship.

19/11 Earlier this year, around 60 participated in GBUC Canada's camp "God, Money and Me". Pray that the thought-provoking teaching and encouraging conversations will continue to shape godly stewardship among students.

20/11 Pray for Christian students in the USA and Canada who started at university or college this term but have not yet joined a student fellowship group. Ask the Lord to lead them to the right person and place so they can connect.



📅 21 – 26 NOV

Francophone Africa

21/11 Give thanks that Laurent in UGBB Burundi can continue his Logos and Cosmos Initiative project on strengthening peace through dialogue. Pray for the student leaders he's training in conflict management.

22/11 Amid ongoing unrest and sanctions, GBU Niger ask us to pray that "students will continue to grow in the Word and share their faith with peers."

23/11 Give thanks for the engagement of graduates in GBUR Rwanda, with a Fellowship Day in August and ongoing graduate prayer meetings each month.

24/11 Pray that God will bless IFES regional staff with courage, compassion, endurance, and wisdom as they support staff and students in countries where there is war, political instability, and scarce resources.

25/11 In GBG Gabon "there is a desire to plant new groups in universities but a lack of support". Ask the Lord to provide.

26/11 Pray for a relatively new movement in a sensitive country – that their work amongst international students will continue to flourish.



📅 27 NOV – 01 DEC

Strengthening National Movements

27/11 Give thanks for Ricardo Borges' ministry as Scripture Engagement Secretary. Pray for him, moving on to a church role, and for the remaining team resourcing staff and students to love and live the Word.

28/11 Praise God that the Indigenous Support Development team met for

consultation last week. Pray that their work with movements will build sustainable ministry.

29/11 Give thanks for Mirek Pieszka's ministry as Director of Governance Development. Pray for him as he retires and ask the Lord to guide the team taking this vital support forward.

30/11 Today is IFES Global Governance Day – pray that the online gathering for movement leaders will provide useful best practice and develop supportive relationships.

01/12 Pray that International Student Ministry training at the AFES Australia National Training Event (1-4 Dec) will lead to wider and deeper outreach to internationals.



📅 02 – 07 DEC

East Asia

02/12 Give thanks that 19 SONOKO Cambodia graduates formed a fellowship earlier in the year. Pray that it will support them and the movement.

03/12 Pray with KGK Japan for some students in Abashiri and Nayoro to connect with KGK so that they can launch activities there.

04/12 Praise God that intensive training for student ministry could take place in a sensitive country, with about 30 staff

from five cities. Pray that the Lord will protect and grow new groups.

05/12 Pray that KIVF South Korea groups will actively use specially prepared posters and gift packs to welcome new students when the academic year starts in January.

06/12 Thank God for a Women's Day celebration in a sensitive country: "They expressed their belief in God's promises and supported one another with stories of personal growth and answered prayers."

07/12 Give thanks that two new campus groups started in Timor Leste this year – they ask us to pray "students would encounter Jesus in their conversations and study of the Word".



📅 08 – 13 DEC

Middle East and North Africa

08/12 Pray for 120 young graduates who met together in October around the theme “Though the olive crop fails... yet I will rejoice in the Lord... the Sovereign Lord is my strength.” (Hab 3:17-19) – ask they will remain resilient and hopeful.

09/12 Keep praying for peace in the Holy Land – and for Christian students to live as ambassadors of God’s peace and justice.

10/12 In one sensitive country, the movement simply asks us to pray for “the courage to share God’s love”.

11/12 Give thanks that despite the political tensions and economic pressures in Lebanon, new groups have sprung up with more students leading.

12/12 The IFES regional team is developing a three-year plan for MENA around “thriving together” – pray that they will discern the most effective ways to strengthen and expand the work.

13/12 Give thanks for the MENA representative on the IFES Board and pray for the board as it meets online today – for fruitful discussions and wise decisions.



📅 14 – 19 DEC

Evangelism

14/12 Give thanks for UJC Chad's three-day training on evangelism through arts and culture. Pray that participants will eagerly use their gifts in painting, music, and theatre to spread the good news.

15/12 Pray that non-Christian students attending Christmas outreach events will receive the greatest gift of all.

16/12 Student leaders at IFES Europe's Formación conference considered how to relate their faith to their studies and

campuses. Pray that they will see and grasp new missional opportunities.

17/12 Give thanks for SICE (Students In Community Evangelism), a GHAFES Ghana initiative that combines gospel preaching with social action. Pray that students will gain confidence in evangelism as they participate.

18/12 Pray for campus groups planning an "event week" in 2025 – for creative, engaging programs that faithfully present Christ Jesus.

19/12 In August, a team from InterVarsity/USA joined in creative evangelism with MUC El Salvador to reach their central and western universities. Thank God for this collaboration and pray that many similar partnerships will evolve and bear fruit in 2025.



📅 20 – 25 DEC

Caribbean

20/12 Give thanks that ISCF Grenada has helped students engage with issues related to families, women, and motherhood this year and pray for a greater hunger for whole-life discipleship.

21/12 Seven student leaders from JSSM Suriname took part in the CARIFES Academy this year. Thank God for them and pray they will be compelling witnesses amid a spirit of suicide.

22/12 Pray with ISCCF St Lucia that “young men will turn their hearts to God instead of a life of crime and that Christian students will take a stand for righteousness.”

23/12 Despite setbacks, Yahel reached the IFES French-speaking camp in Martinique in July and decided to follow Christ. Pray he will grow in faith with CIG French Guiana.

24/12 Praise God for the 37 students who came to faith through IS/IVCF Guyana camps earlier this year.

25/12 Give thanks to God for the world-changing gift of Jesus Christ and pray that the region’s 20 movements will see the destinies of many lives changed this year.



📅 26 – 31 DEC

Eurasia

26/12 Give thanks for continuing opportunities to pioneer work in central Asia, especially for the 30+ students who joined a camp in August. Pray for lasting fruit.

27/12 Pray for IFES Georgia as they navigate new legislation. Ask that the Lord will watch over them, direct their steps, and give them fresh strength for ministry.

28/12 Pray for Eurasian delegates to a consultation on pioneering in November

– that they have become part of “raising a new generation of ministry multipliers in Eurasia”.

29/12 Thank God for students coming to personal faith through IFES Armenia who are “willing to learn how to serve and have a heart for non-believers.” Pray for their growth.

30/12 Give thanks for ongoing partnership with Langham Preaching, including in-person training in sensitive countries. Pray that the faithful handling of Scripture will strengthen both student movements and churches.

31/12 CSC Moldova ask us to pray for “a well-structured, sustainably supported, well-governed national movement that honours God” – a good prayer for every IFES movement in 2025!

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