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IFES DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

DEAR FRIENDS

As we embark on a new year, there is a sense of anticipation and hope. While the plans made by IFES teams, movements, and student groups hold great potential, they are seasoned with faith. We trust that God will bring invited students to events, and we trust that God will provide interns and staff to fill the needs of National Movements. We trust that groups will be able to gather on campus or nearby, fostering community and growth. We are hopeful that more graduates will secure jobs or receive pay rises, enabling them to support the student movements and IFES regional events that have nurtured them. While challenges may arise, we believe in the Lord who can carry us through. Please pray for IFES ministries to flourish in God's will this year. From the newly converted first-year student to the experienced senior staff member, and the supporter who left university behind decades ago, may we all seek God's guidance and recognize our dependence on Christ, our perfect Savior, throughout this year.

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JAN 1 – 6 | SOUTH PACIFIC

1/1 Give thanks for TSCF New Zealand inviting staff from the region's smaller movements to join their annual training. Amelia (SIUCF Solomon Islands) said, "God is doing something new – bringing people together."

1/2 Pray for students in Tonga – for "a genuine thirst for God." Pray that steps towards campus ministry will move students beyond dutiful church involvement to deep longing for Jesus.

1/3 Ask the Lord to guide the regional team exploring new opportunities in Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, Samoa, American Samoa, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, and French Polynesia.

1/4 Pray for the USP fellowship in PSFC Fiji – "for effective evangelism and students who are deepening in their love for Christ and his Word."

1/5 In PSFC Guam, staff worker Danielle says, "we'd love to see students take on greater ownership, step out in faith, use their gifts and testimonies."

1/6 Pray for a student from China who's been attending a TSCF New Zealand group. Impressed by Christian hospitality and amazed by the resurrection, he's seriously considering Christ.

JAN 7 – 12 | FRANCOPHONE AFRICA

1/7 Give thanks for doctoral student Lesly's Logos and Cosmos Initiative project in Cameroon. She's aiming to improve women's education by integrating theological and humanitarian approaches to gender and equal access.

1/8 Koula in GBUCI Côte d'Ivoire says, "universities are becoming increasingly hostile to the gospel" and asks that students will be "upright and dedicated to making a difference."

1/9 Give thanks that Celine in GBEEG Guinea invited others to form a Bible study group – please pray for them.

1/10 Pray for the GBEEB group at the University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin "to integrate well into campus life and make an impact at various levels."

1/11 Give thanks that students from GBUSC Congo, GBU Democratic Republic of Congo, and GBG Gabon united online for World Student Day, worshipping, sharing testimonies, and interceding.

1/12 Pray for Spirit-led ideas and wise planning for the seventh PANAF conference (August 1-9), when 1,500+ students will gather from across the region under the theme 'Growing into communities of impact.'

JAN 13 – 18 | EAST ASIA

1/13 Give thanks for a growing number of students from a sensitive country who are joining FCS Macao. Pray for the movement as it seeks to enhance its care and hospitality for them.

1/14 The CEF Taiwan national Bible camp starts today (till 18th). Pray that immersion in inductive study will inspire and equip students to read the Bible for themselves.

1/15 Pray for those planning the IFES East Asia Graduates Conference (August 7-11) – for wisdom, energy, and unity among the committees.

1/16 Give thanks for a recent seminar about identifying and dealing with addictions, run by a Perkantas group in Jakarta, Indonesia. Pray that students will find liberation through Christ.

1/17 Pray for FES Singapore, preparing its first Faith and Academic Conference – for effective cooperation among university professors, seminary professors, FES staff, and students.

1/18 Give thanks for those who attended TCS Thailand's graduates camp, despite their ongoing political situation and economic concerns. Pray they will faithfully serve in their workplaces and offer support to the movement.

JAN 19 – 24 | PIONEERING

1/19 Give thanks for the ministry in Kosovo and pray for a good response to Blendona and her team as they engage in outreach on campus in Pristina.

1/20 International and locally-based staff recently gathered for a consultation about pioneering in Eurasia. Pray that the Lord will lead them forward, opening doors and providing key people for ministry in these sensitive countries.

1/21 Thank God for a "mission-minded student" who's started university in Caracas, Venezuela. Ask the Lord to guide him and the MUEVE team in their hopes to launch a group there.

1/22 Ten years ago, four students from GBU DR Congo in Kisangani pioneered ministry in Kindu. Pray for the finances needed to enable GBU staff to visit and help sustain the work.

1/23 Ask that today's IFES Global Prayer Day will be an impetus to ensure that all existing and pioneering ministry is firmly rooted in prayer.

1/24 Pray for peace and the re-commencement of ministry in New Caledonia after last year's political unrest.

JAN 25 – 30 | EURASIA

1/25 Give thanks for 125 years of student ministry in Russia. Pray for the Father's protection and the Spirit's guidance for the current movement in very challenging times.

1/26 Pray with CSC Moldova that "God will raise student leaders who are witnesses for Jesus in times of war, who openly speak with a Christian perspective."

1/27 Thank God for collaboration between staff and a local church in a sensitive country, enabling them to reach out through a teaching English resource.

1/28 “Be and Do” is a new series of monthly zoom meetings for the region’s General Secretaries. Pray this combination of catering for practical needs and spiritual development will strengthen staff and movements.

1/29 Two students in Armenia have been eagerly attending Bible studies since last year’s camp – ask that they will fully encounter Christ.

1/30 Pray that the “great spiritual hunger” experienced at the IFES camp in central Asia will continue – one participant was planning to secretly read the Bible with a friend.

JAN 31 – FEB 5 | EPSA- ENGLISH AND PORTUGUESE SPEAKING AFRICA

1/31 Give thanks that SWAFES eSwatini graduates united with students for the National Conference, with some sponsoring places for students.

2/1 Pray for the recently launched postgraduate Christian fellowship in FOCUS Uganda – for supportive fellowship and fruitful outreach.

2/2 Ask the Lord to provide funds for FES Gambia’s campsite project in Busumbala.

2/3 Thank God for the rich legacy of SCOM Malawi’s social engagement and pray for them as they adapt to a shifting education landscape that’s affecting student meeting spaces, timetables, and accommodation.

2/4 Khanya in SCO South Africa asks us to pray “for students who’ve known Christ but fallen along the way – that they might stop condemning themselves, repent, and return to the Lord.”

2/5 Ask that those who attended NIFES Nigeria’s “By Prayer & Fasting” National Conference will cause breakthroughs in prayer, especially against the prevalent strongholds of gambling and false teaching.

FEB 6 - 10 | STRENGTHENING NATIONAL MOVEMENTS

2/6 Give thanks for board members who participated in Global Governance Day last November. Ask the Lord to give them discernment, humility, and faithfulness in their role.

2/7 Graduates in Latin America continue to enthusiastically use IFES Graduate Impact’s ‘Cross-Current’ resource. Thank God and pray for their witness in the workplace.

2/8 Thank God for 40 student leaders who deeply engaged with Scripture at an IFES Europe gathering last year. Pray that online group sessions and mentoring will further the Word’s influence in their lives.

2/9 Pray for the Engaging the University team, following up their visit to IVF South Korea, IVCF Philippines, and KGK Japan – that they can help inspiring vision become grassroots action.

2/10 Give thanks that advocates for Indigenous Support Development could share ideas together in November and pray that their passion and skills will improve the sustainability of movements.

FEB 11 - 14 | SOUTH ASIA

2/11 Give thanks for a suite of regional webinars – “Being a people of God in the cities of men” – addressing topics like mental health, dowry, and domestic violence. Pray that staff will be better equipped to help students biblically challenge harmful norms in their societies.

2/12 Pray that God will open doors for UESI India students and staff to start groups at Sircilla JNTU's engineering, medical, and agricultural colleges.

2/15 Thank God for FOCUS Sri Lanka's successful AGM, with "great discussions, inspiring ideas, and a united vision for the future". Pray that this renewed enthusiasm will invigorate their ministry.

2/13 Pray for MFES and Myanmar, where most students are either trying to leave the country or join defense forces. Ask that God will end the crisis and use MFES students and staff to bring positive change and restoration.

2/14 Give thanks that many students in BSFB Bangladesh joyfully participated in World Student Day despite recent political unrest and ongoing uncertainties. Pray for the movement as it navigates these challenges.

FEB 16 - 20 | NORTH AMERICA

2/16 Give thanks that the region's three movements are reaching international students from countries that are hostile to the gospel. Pray for generous hospitality and genuine conversations about Christ.

2/17 Pray for the rebuilding of InterVarsity Canada's high school ministry – for students to be wise and courageous in approaching principals and administrators – and for openness from them.

2/18 The InterVarsity/USA group at Virginia Commonwealth University has applied to become a recognized campus group. Pray that its official status and loving witness will draw in new students.

2/19 Olson in GBUC Canada asks us to pray for "one (or more!) Bible discovery groups on Montreal campuses" – and for God to connect them with those who want to explore Scripture.

2/20 Bookings are now open for InterVarsity/USA's triennial Urbana conference (December 28-31), "where 17-28 year olds unite to explore God's work in the world and embrace their role as Global Christians." Pray for all those preparing this huge event and for God to use it to invite many more into cross-cultural ministry.

FEB 21 - 26 | INTERNATIONAL

2/21 Give thanks for the truly global fellowship of last October's World Student Day – over 34,600 students, staff, and supporters from 140 countries and territories united to pray for students' needs.

2/22 Pray for the communications team and regional advocates preparing for Global Giving Day (April 2) – and for God to prepare hearts that will respond with joy and generosity.

2/23 Give thanks that the International Services finance team have been able to upgrade donation and accounting systems so that supporters and staff can be better served.

2/24 Pray for those involved in fellowship-wide consultations on the shape of IFES regions – for honest feedback, attentive listening, mutual understanding, and positive steps forward.

2/25 Thank God for a renewed focus on prayer within IFES, with new global forums such as the virtual prayer room and monthly online prayer meetings for office and field staff.

2/26 Pray that the rollout of the digital transformation project will lead to more efficient, secure, and user-friendly systems, for the benefit of all.

FEB 27 – MAR 3 | LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

2/27 Give thanks for last month's European Staff Consultation in Poland, offering practical training, biblical teaching, and regional sharing. Pray that the interactions will inspire and strengthen national staff for the year ahead.

2/28 Young staff in the South Asia region's leadership development program have just studied Colossians and explored issues around the digital age. Pray that this will shape and sharpen their ministries.

3/1 Pray for the staff who just finished their time in the Global Leadership Initiative – that they can successfully apply what they've learned and bring positive change to their own contexts.

3/2 Thank God for FES Malaysia's retreat for 10 "intermediate staff" – it gave them space to review ministry journeys and receive support and prayer.

3/3 Give thanks for a series of healthy transitions and handovers of leadership roles in Latin America (MUC El Salvador, GEU Guatemala, and CEC Panama). Pray for God's guidance and grace for the new incumbents.

MAR 4 - 9 | LATIN AMERICA

3/4 Give thanks for growing connections among scholars. Last July, 25 academics from Andean countries gathered to relate faith to their disciplines; and in Chile this January, postgraduate students, university professors, and those with academic vocations fellowshiped together.

3/5 Pray for Gabriela leading a small group in ABUA Argentina – she asks for "wisdom, protection, and guidance" and "God to move hearts to receive his saving Word."

3/6 Give thanks for UCU Colombia's Virtual Prayer Room for World Student Day, enabling students to intercede together "morning, noon, and night."

3/7 Pray for COMPA Mexico ministry in Mexicali – it's been a struggle to maintain a group since the pandemic. Ask the Lord to raise up committed, servant-hearted student leaders.

3/8 MUEVE Venezuela is creating a guide on the movement's history, vision, and mission so that volunteer staff can train students in their own local areas. Pray it will facilitate countrywide growth.

3/9 Give thanks for Sandra, Areli, and Remy's LCI project, empowering students to participate in practical expressions of peace and justice.

MAR 10 - 14 | MENA

3/10 Praise God that around 80 graduates were still able to attend October's regional conference, despite the ongoing war. "It was beautiful, helpful, encouraging, and comforting. It brought hope instead of despair, joy instead of sadness, refuge instead of fear."

3/11 Pray for protection and strength for eight graduates who are instrumental in guiding student ministry in one sensitive country. Ask the Lord to greatly use them.

3/12 Pray for Lebanon, where war has disrupted LIFV ministry and traumatized students. They ask for, "strength and grace in this time of need, courage to choose love over fear."

3/13 Despite FCSI Israel's ministry also being affected, give thanks that some students were able to meet for Bible study and that the movement has launched a new podcast of "meaningful conversations about faith, life and discipleship."

3/14 Pray for ongoing pioneering plans in the Gulf, especially for this weekend's sub-regional gathering with potential partners – that it will lead to substantive progress this year.

MAR 15 - 20 | EVANGELISM

3/15 Praise God for the awakening InterVarsity/USA has witnessed in Tuskegee – nearly every week last year, students gave their lives to Jesus (around 100 students).

3/16 Pray for CCX Ukraine's outreach in Odessa: about 20 students have joined English-speaking activities. Most are curious about Jesus, some call themselves atheists, but all feel drawn to "God's atmosphere of acceptance and love."

3/17 "If you found a door in the middle of nowhere, where would you like it to take you?" This was one group's way of introducing students to Jesus as "The Door" in Nicaragua. Pray for those who stopped to talk.

3/18 At October's gathering for evangelists in Europe, students practiced an evangelistic talk and received feedback. Pray they will have opportunities on campus to use it.

3/19 Emmanuel in Liberia "feels a burden for those who don't know Christ." Pray that God will empower him to reach many on campus.

3/20 Pray for students in north Africa's sensitive countries – that they will witness with shrewd boldness and experience God's protection.

MAR 21 - 25 | CARIBBEAN

3/21 Give thanks for developments in ISCCF Antigua: a recently established steering committee is actively working towards reviving the island's student movement.

3/22 Pray with Samantha in ISCCF Saint Vincent and the Grenadines for "more student leaders to emerge" and for those students "who suffer from rejection and abuse in their homes."

3/23 In Guadeloupe, ask the Lord to be at work in the GBU group, forming it into a "united family, solid in friendship and love." Pray for the Spirit to lead them in their desire to revive the group at Saint Claude campus.

3/24 Pray for IS/IVCF Cayman Islands as they minister to students suffering from depression and other mental health issues. They also ask us to "pray against the anti-God agendas in the education system."

3/25 Give thanks for an inaugural graduate fellowship event in IS/IVCF Barbados – "Managing Challenges in the Workplace" – and pray that this network will support graduates in living out their faith at work and keep them connected with student ministry.

MAR 26 - 31 | EUROPE

3/26 Praise God for 100 years of NKSS Norway ministry and give thanks for fresh forms of outreach, like their recently launched "Grill-a-Christian" podcast.

3/27 Pray for those serving cross-culturally on IFES InterAction teams, supporting national movements in countries such as Austria, Italy, and Bulgaria. Pray for a mutually beneficial exchange of gifts and experience.

3/28 Thank God for Ichtus Belgium's participation in a university-wide debate and slam poetry event that focused on diversity and interfaith dialogue.

3/29 Pray for Clemence in France, who hopes to start a GBU group for art and politics students in the center of Rennes.

3/30 Give thanks for "the biggest Pizza Ball in the history of LKSB," an event for students, graduates, and supporters in Latvia. Pray that fellowship between current and former students will strengthen the movement.

3/31 Pray for those organizing the European Student Festival (August 16-21), attracting students from over 40 European countries. Ask the Lord to guide the team in planning a healthy balance of fellowship, learning, fun, and reflection.