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IFES DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

DEAR FRIENDS,

Let me begin by expressing my gratitude to all who responded to the opportunity to participate by giving to help strengthen the ministry of staff and students across IFES. We love prayer and know how important it is to growing God's kingdom on university campuses. Occasionally, we also have the opportunity to put action to our prayers, and many of you did.

This quarter, IFES will focus heavily on leadership development - the reason universities exist and a core part of IFES movements' work with future professionals. This is also the focus of our upcoming Global Giving Day on April 2. Please join us in our prayer focus for this quarter and you can learn more about Global Giving Day at: ifesworld.org/ggd

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APR 1 – 5 | LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

4/1 Pray for widespread and joyful participation in tomorrow's Global Giving Day as supporters, staff, and students give to and fundraise for IFES leadership development programs and initiatives (ifesworld.org/ggd).

4/2 Today is 'Global Giving Day – The Work of His Hands.' Let's give thanks for the many students, graduates, and staff who have been formed as leaders by IFES ministry, now serving on campus, in church, and at work.

4/3 Pray for the finalization and launch of a new fellowship-wide initiative called 'mentoring communities' – that it will support, guide, and shape a new generation of leaders

4/4 Give thanks that general secretaries from movements in Eurasia recently gathered for fellowship and considered how to "design moments of spiritual reflection to prevent exhaustion and deepen their walk with God."

4/5 Pray for students who have recently taken on new leadership roles on campus – running small groups, organizing events, or serving on executive committees. Ask the Lord to encourage and equip them.

APR 6 – 10 | SOUTH ASIA

4/6 Thank God for NBCBS Nepal's ongoing University Engagement Program: "interactive sessions and group discussions have been helping students grasp their role as believers in shaping a positive university culture." Pray for them as they take steps towards engaging with big issues on campus.

4/7 Pray for UESI India's ongoing digital engagement – recent Instagram posts offered encouragement around exams, love, and purpose.

4/8 Give thanks that 100+ students from nine cities attended PFES Pakistan's national camp last year – 'Life with a Purpose.' One student shared, "I've made a commitment to change." Pray that by God's grace she will.

4/9 Many of the region's movements have a change in national leadership this year. Pray for smooth transitions and for the realization of an in-person meeting for General Secretaries later in the year.

4/10 Praise God that BSFB Bangladesh was able to hold their (postponed) 50th anniversary celebrations. Pray for the wisdom and courage needed to spiritually and practically engage with all that the country is facing.

APR 11 – 16 | MENA

4/11 Praise God for the ceasefires of recent months. Pray for the humility, courage, and wisdom needed to find lasting solutions and ask that Christian students and staff will continue to shine as peacemakers.

4/12 Pray for Christian students in Syria as they navigate how to live out their faith under the country's new leadership.

4/13 Thank God for the sub-regional gathering of church and ministry leaders in the Gulf and ask that deepening relationships will lead to effective collaboration.

4/14 Pray for students in one country who have been attending an Alpha course run in a coffee lounge – that they will encounter Jesus as their Savior and Lord.

4/15 Give thanks that student leaders from three countries in North Africa could meet for training in January – "it helped me understand the whole story of the Bible."

4/16 Pray for the team organizing a regionwide student conference at the end of August – for protection, discernment in planning, and tenacious hope.

APR 17 – 22 | SOUTH PACIFIC

4/17 Give thanks for last month's PSFC Fiji training for student leaders – 'Identity, Mission, Discipleship.' Pray they will faithfully apply the values and skills learned.

4/18 Regional Secretary David Walter is leading talks at 'Overcomers,' TSCF Papua New Guinea's national conference (through the 20th). Pray that God will speak clearly through him to the students.

4/19 This year, the SIUCF Solomon Islands team is following its first detailed annual ministry plan. Pray that it will be a helpful, fruitful tool.

4/20 Pray for a number of new admin personnel at AFES Australia – that they will settle in quickly and enable effective ministry across the country.

4/21 Give thanks for TSCF New Zealand's ongoing presence at Festival One, a Christian music and arts festival. This year, the Student Lounge tent attracted 200+ students. "We're so thankful for good weather, good conversations, and a chance to reflect on our good God."

4/22 Pray for Sam in Tonga – that relationships forged over the last year will pave the way for sustainable student ministry in 2025.

APR 23 – 28 | CARIBBEAN

4/23 Give thanks that Aleecah’s student group in IS/IVCF Belize has grown from five to 25 members. Pray for those on the fringe – that they would see Christ work in them.

4/24 “Youth Energy Fridays” – a webinar series by ISCF Grenada – has guest speakers addressing topics of identity and purpose. Pray that students will be energized for Christ.

4/25 Thank God for students like Ony who meet (online) for fellowship and Bible study in GBEUH Haiti despite the ongoing troubles. Pray for peace and their witness.

4/26 Pray for those participating in Indigenous Support Development e-learning courses – that they will be able to inspire their movements with vision and ideas for deepening local support.

4/27 “40 Days of Prayer,” an initiative mobilizing prayer for the region’s 20 movements starts today (through June 5). Pray for good engagement among students, staff, and churches.

4/28 Praise God for “students surrendering their lives to Christ” at IS/IVCF Trinidad and Tobago’s #NoFilter camp. Pray they will joyfully persevere, knowing God sees their true selves.

APR 29 – MAY 3 | EPSA

4/29 Thank God for a student in GBU Equatorial Guinea who said, “I’ve learned that leadership does not consist of being the boss but the servant.” Pray for him as he leads like Jesus.

4/30 Pray for TAFES Tanzania, considering how best to inspire and mobilize its 5,000 students to reach the 60,000 who newly arrive on campus each year.

5/1 Give thanks that SLEFES Sierra Leone pioneered groups on five campuses last year. Ask that the new ministries will flourish and endure.

5/2 FOCUS Kenya recently ran a series called ‘Love God’s Way’ to help students engage with issues of singleness, sexual purity, and marriage. Pray for a commitment to holiness.

5/3 Pray for GBU Cabo Verde, officially launched just over a year ago. Students meet weekly with a staff worker for fellowship around Scripture. Ask that they will grow in grace and leadership skills.

MAY 4 – 8 | STRENGTHENING NATIONAL MOVEMENTS

5/4 Pray for 25 staff across South Asia who are producing a Colossians-based resource to promote Scripture engagement among their “digitized students.”

5/5 Give thanks that around 20 graduates from 12 countries took part in the relaunched Bible & Culture courses in Europe last July. Pray for smooth preparations and significant take-up for this year.

5/6 Pray for board chairs from Eurasian movements who met up last month – that they will find ways to implement guidance received on mobilizing and sustaining local support.

5/7 The IFES Governance Development team recently led training for boards in Latin America (Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Panama) and Africa (Ghana, Gabon, Guinea). Pray it will promote healthy and effective movements.

5/8 Give thanks for IFES InterAction staff who have served cross-culturally in European movements since September. Pray they will know God’s affirmation and guidance as they debrief (June 10-15).

MAY 9 – 14 | EURASIA

5/9 Give thanks for a CSC Moldova conference that helped students study Scripture – “I learned that anyone can follow Jesus with faith... no one is stopped. I felt my soul filled with peace.”

5/10 Pray for deepening relationships with students who attended IFES summer camps in Central Asia and ask that this will grow into movements of sustainable, year-round ministry.

5/11 Thank God for the sense of growth and life in one of the region’s sensitive countries, with six part-time staff now ministering across five different universities

5/12 In one sensitive country, the national movement distributed 1,000 small gifts across 12 universities to spark conversations about the true meaning of Christmas. Pray for ongoing discussion.

5/13 Give thanks that amid ongoing political uncertainty, ministry in Georgia continues, including a discipleship camp in February for 41 students.

5/14 Pray for those planning a regionwide conference for student leaders: “Due to the rapidly changing needs and problems of students, we need to completely re-examine our previous approach and adapt.”

MAY 15 – 19 | NORTH AMERICA

5/15 Give thanks for InterVarsity/USA students at the University of Utah who’ve been regularly gathering in the Student Commons to write down and voice prayers “that feel

impossible unless God intervenes." Pray that the Lord will unmistakably answer their bold prayers.

5/16 Pray for Dave Easton as Director of Growth at IVCF Canada and the staff teams he ministers to. Ask especially that those who are "feeling stuck" will discern a way forward.

5/17 Thank God for newcomers in GBUC Canada's group at UdeM Montreal. The team asks, "Pray they will grow, find community, and dare to take up the challenge of witnessing on campus."

5/18 Pray for a recently formed Regional Support Group comprising staff from the three movements – that this cross-border friendship and partnership will help them steward regionwide events and offer insights into shared issues and dynamics.

5/19 Registration is now open for Urbana 2025 (December 28-31), InterVarsity/USA's triennial missions conference. Pray that a new generation will be reached and mobilized by this historically strategic event.

MAY 20 – 25 | EUROPE

5/20 Give thanks that GBU Belgium's February conference helped students gain confidence in being "heralds" of the gospel. Pray they will now see "God's power to save" among their peers.

05/21 LKSB Lithuania recently studied Hosea's "Song of Love – about romance, infidelity, divorce and, in the end, a love that never ends and never goes away." Pray for them as they share that love.

5/22 Thank God that many students, supporters, and churches could celebrate 100 years of Credo Sweden last year. Pray for ongoing faithfulness and fresh inspiration.

5/23 Pray for general secretaries from movements across Europe meeting now (to the 28th) – that they will find refreshment and direction in ministry and learn deeply from each other.

5/24 Give thanks that EUS Serbia could host talks by visiting Christian medics. Ask that professional interest will develop into spiritual curiosity.

5/25 Pray for the young graduates who attended VBG Switzerland's "Praying and Working" retreat earlier this month – that their life at work will honor God and demonstrate his love.

MAY 26 – 31 | INTERNATIONAL

5/26 Thank God for the IFES Finance Committee that met online earlier this month. Pray for wisdom, faith, and understanding as they review budgets and steer towards goals.

5/27 Pray for IFES field staff, meeting in Benin to begin a week of fellowship, reflection, and training – may they return to their work with fresh strength, spirit-led priorities, and supportive partnerships.

5/28 Give thanks for a year-long exchange collaboration between NKSS Norway, ABUB Brazil and UCU Colombia. Pray for those preparing to embark in August, and that it will be a rewarding cross-cultural experience.

5/29 Pray for a good response to appeals seeking funds for scholarships to enable underprivileged student leaders to attend regional conferences.

5/30 Give thanks for the 160+ affiliated movements in IFES and ask that their responses to this year's survey will provide clear insights into how IFES can best support them.

5/31 Pray for the six-day IFES Board meeting in June – for God's protection and favor on travels, wisdom and clarity in decision-making, and joyful and gracious interactions.

JUN 1 – 6 | LATIN AMERICA

6/1 Give thanks for a graduate regional gathering on attitudes to money and for the Cross-Current discipleship course being run online for 80+ graduates from 16 countries.

6/2 Pray for students like Gail who identified their spiritual gifts at a CCU Bolivia training event – ask that they will grow in grace as they exercise them.

6/3 Thank God for collaboration between Fuller Centro Latino and the IFES regional team on a Mental Health Diploma that's equipping staff with tools for pastoral care and mental health advocacy.

6/4 CECE Ecuador continues to offer training and resources on integrating art and faith. Pray that those who attended recent sessions will feel affirmed in their vocations.

6/5 Students in the Sololá group of GEU Guatemala recently studied the beatitudes. Ask that that they will be salt and light on campus.

6/6 Praise God for five years of impactful theology-and-sciences projects enabled by the Logos and Cosmos Initiative. As it concludes in its current form, pray that participants and movements will discern how to proceed.

JUN 7 – 12 | EAST ASIA

6/7 Give thanks for answered prayers in SONOKO Cambodia: a room at the National Polytechnic Institute has been provided for outreach events and Bible studies in English and Khmer.

6/8 Pray for FES Hong Kong as they develop growing links with secondary schools and build on their first ever camp for students preparing for college.

6/9 Praise God that over the last year around 600 students have joined groups in a movement in one of the region's sensitive countries.

6/10 Pray for IVCF Philippines following up sessions run by the IFES Engaging the University Team – that they can “nurture fellowship that intentionally engages the campus in a relevant and visible way.”

6/11 Give thanks for FCS Mongolia's “Happy Camp,” a three-day event in December for students starting university. Pray that friendships will endure and lead to ultimate happiness in Christ.

6/12 Pray that a recent IVF South Korea competition asking students to create “videos that perfectly capture the identity of IVF” will help promote ministry and draw in new students.

JUN 13 – 18 | EVANGELISM

6/13 Pray for those who recently attended discussions on spirituality or engaged with the art display run by the IVCF Canada group at Carleton University.

6/14 Thank God for the success of last year’s ‘Events Week’ in Salzburg (“people were more interested than we expected!”). Pray that it will spur on similar initiatives across ÖSM Austria.

6/15 Pray for those from sensitive countries who have encountered Christ while studying abroad and are now returning home – that they will wisely share their faith and find fellowship.

6/16 Give thanks for students in ECU Costa Rica who have signed up to perform *The Mark Drama*.

6/17 Pray for students who attended workshops on public and friendship evangelism at UKH Czech Republic’s Momentum conference – that they will see God at work as they apply what they learned.

6/18 Praise God for the impact of ‘Meet Jesus’ in Australia – 60 AFES groups partnered with 200 churches to invite thousands to read John’s Gospel. Pray that those who decided to follow Jesus will flourish in faith.

JUN 19 – 24 | PIONEERING

6/19 Thank God for relationships recently formed in Colón through visits from a CEC Panama team. Pray especially for one student who shared personal experiences and asked for prayer.

6/20 Pray that the Lord will lead the IFES South Asia team to some significant connections in one of the region’s sensitive countries.

6/21 AGEUP Peru plans to pioneer a group at the Intercultural University in Bagua. Pray they will discover two students they can train and send to national conference.

6/22 Pray for EvaSUE Ethiopia’s re-pioneering work in the Tigray region, where universities have re-opened after three-and-a-half years of civil war. Pray for wisdom to adapt to the new realities of students and campus life.

6/23 Thank God for ongoing work in one of South Asia’s sensitive countries. Its leader asks us to pray for deeper trust in relationships.

6/24 Pray for a ChSA Poland team launching a campus group at the University of Białystok – the plan is to help students examine what it’s like to be a follower of Christ.

JUN 25 – 30 | FRANCOPHONE AFRICA

6/25 Over the last five years, the Logos and Cosmos Initiative has enabled students and staff to tackle issues like conflict management, war trauma, disease control, and societal corruption. Praise God and pray for lasting change.

6/26 GBUSS Senegal says, “we’re seeking to better structure the movement to support our witness.” Pray for Spirit-led solutions.

6/27 Pray for GBU students and graduates in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo – that they would know Christ’s presence and protection amid the area’s ongoing conflict.

06/28 Give thanks for UGBB Burkina Faso’s new five-year strategic plan. Pray for the staff team as they impart the vision and begin to implement it.

6/29 Fernando, a student in GBUST Togo, asks us to pray for “a committed and dynamic group at the University of Kara.”

6/30 Thank God for the faithful, vibrant witness of students across a region with many challenges, including conflict, persecution, and poverty. Pray that their hope, faith, and love will deepen and touch many lives.



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