

DAILY PRAYER GUIDE JULY-SEPTEMBER 2025

DEAR FRIENDS

During a recent trip to Southern California, I was blessed to share a meal with 7 close friends from my university fellowship. We remembered stories from our years together at university 30+ years ago, shared how our children are traversing that same life stage, and talked a lot about how those years set a course for our lives ever since. I was left deeply moved by the significant impact of seemingly insignificant events, comments, devotions, Bible studies, and activities during our years together on campus.

As you pray for students from around the world in this quarter's Daily Prayer Guide, remember that God will use these moments to disciple men and women who will build His church and change the world. Pray that they, too, may look back over 35, 40, or even 50 years and give Him the glory for the fruit that will come from these seemingly insignificant moments.

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EPSA

7/1 Over the last five years, ICMB Botswana groups have thrived – growing from 10 after the pandemic to 50 today. Pray that the Lord will provide for staff and office needs.

7/2 Staff and students in FOCUS South Sudan face ongoing violence with battles between government and opposition troops – they ask that we pray for peace and calm.

7/3 Thank God for a recently launched ZAFES Zambia Bible study group at Zera International College of Health Sciences, with students now leading and growing in confidence.

7/4 Ask that FES Gambia's monthly nights of prayer will deepen fellowship and bring breakthroughs on campus.

7/5 Give thanks for global ministry partnerships – a team from AFES Australia visited FOCUS Zimbabwe in May. Pray this mutual encouragement with strengthen both movements.

7/6 Give thanks for a GHAFES Ghana praise event that “overflowed with God's presence, leaving hearts ignited and faith renewed.”

SOUTH ASIA

7/7 Give thanks for various UESI India summer camps in June-July and pray that encounters with God and each other will lead to fruitful ministry in the year ahead.

7/8 Pray for BSFB Bangladesh ministry among those who've turned to Christ from a Muslim background and for God's guidance on how to respond to the nation's political situation and the growing Islamization of universities.

7/9 Pray for Myanmar – May's earthquake "exacerbated the suffering of an already vulnerable population." Give thanks that MFES was able offer basic necessities to around 200 families.

7/10 Pray for a staff worker that's seeking to reach those who've come to study from a sensitive, Muslim-majority country. Ask for divinely appointed encounters with curious students.

7/11 Pray that the Women@IFES-SA network's webinar on digital ministry will empower female staff to utilize their talents and abilities with courage and confidence.

7/12 Keep praying for the regional team as they seek leads in one of the sensitive countries that is yet to have IFES connections.

INTERNATIONAL

7/13 Thank God for 50 years of designated IFES prayer days and pray for the global communications team as they prepare for 'Immeasurably More' – this year's World Student Day on October 16.

7/14 Staff from Europe and Africa recently met for training and networking on international student ministry. Pray for cultural sensitivity and gospel boldness in their outreach to students from diverse backgrounds.

7/15 Pray for those on committees that are starting to plan for World Assembly 2027 – that they will relate well to each other and be attentive to the Spirit's lead.

7/16 Give thanks for a recent Graduate Impact ministry team visit to Latin America, where 24 group leaders from eight countries explored humility and ambition.

7/17 Today is IFES Global Fellowship Day. Pray for staff from across the fellowship meeting online – that the theme of 'Radiant and Radical' will stir hearts and renew callings.

7/18 The many IFES e-courses on offer to students and movements are being updated and consolidated – pray this will enable easy access and widespread use.

EURASIA

7/19 Praise God for J, an Indian student in Armenia who was a "god and religion-hating atheist" but turned to Christ after three years of attending Crossroads. Pray for him as he returns home to family.

7/20 Pray for student leaders from across Eurasia gathering at Formación in Georgia for training and fellowship (until 31st). As they learn and share around the theme – ‘Rooted’ – ask the Lord to firmly establish them.

7/21 Some Central Asian students at ‘Rooted’ are the only Christians in their universities and are exposed to considerable pressure. Pray for their strengthening.

7/22 Thank God for five mission weeks across five cities in one sensitive country, resulting in three new Bible study groups with about 15 non-Christians.

7/23 Pray for 100+ students in Balti, Moldova, who stopped for free croissants and answered questions about Easter – most considered themselves Christian, but few mentioned Christ.

7/24 A movement in a sensitive country is planning a ‘Mark Camp’ August 14-20 – pray for changed lives as students meet Christ in the Gospel.

PIONEERING

7/25 Praise God for the launch of GBU São Tomé and Príncipe in April, six years after pioneering ministry began. Pray for the students involved in leading campus Bible studies and the national board as they steer the movement.

7/26 Pray that plans to relaunch pioneering ministry in Malta will be realized – ask the Lord to lead and show the way.

7/27 Give thanks for work started last year with a dozen students in one city in North Africa, where no church community yet exists.

7/28 More individuals, teams, and resources are needed for pioneering work in Eurasia. Ask God to raise up laborers with vision, courage, and strategic insight.

7/29 Praise God for a helpful visit to the Northern Mariana Islands (South Pacific) and pray that God would raise up the right person to plant ministry there.

7/30 Pray for the team of staff and volunteers in Kosovo – that they will know the Lord’s strength, protection, and provision. Ask the Holy Spirit to draw many students’ hearts to Jesus.

FRANCOPHONE AFRICA

7/31 As the Logos and Cosmos Initiative concludes in its current form, pray that God will guide those exploring how to continue science-and-faith ministry projects.

8/1 The Pan-African (PANAF) regional conference starts today in Côte d'Ivoire (until 9th), with hundreds of students and staff from 20 French-speaking countries. Pray for deep engagement with God and each other.

8/2 Pray that the training and sharing at PANAF will enable students to return to campus with dynamic vision, supportive partnerships, and growing skills.

8/3 Thank God for Laurent's podcast series addressing deep-rooted ethnic tensions in Burundi and pray for UGBB as they promote the peaceful resolution of conflicts.

8/4 Give thanks for a book that commemorates the life and ministry of the late Daniel Bourdagné (former IFES General Secretary), recently produced by the IFES regional publishing house, PBA. May it inspire a new generation.

8/5 Pray for efforts in SCF Mauritius to strengthen ministry by increasing engagement from local volunteers, supporters, and churches.

EAST ASIA

8/6 Pray for the deepening of bonds among staff in a sensitive country: "May God strengthen our unity and renew our hearts as we serve together."

8/7 Pray for the East Asia regional conference for graduates, starting today (through 11th). Pray for IVCF Philippines as they host and ask that the theme of 'onwards and upwards, meeting our sovereign God in uncertain times' will foster hope.

8/8 Give thanks that IFES staff could visit national staff for training in one city in a sensitive country last month. Pray for the movement as they continue their witness despite restrictions and persecution.

8/9 A Perkantas Indonesia camp will soon host around 800 final-year students (August 13-17). They ask us to pray it will be "a platform for God to speak and a space to prepare each participant for their calling."

8/10 Give thanks for KGK Japan's student conference in March – the first since before the pandemic. With over 300 attending, they explored what it means to be the Bride of Christ.

STRENGTHENING NATIONAL MOVEMENTS

8/11 Give thanks for the Logos and Cosmos Initiative's science-and-faith projects across Francophone Africa and Latin America over the last five years – many individuals, movements, and communities have been touched.

8/12 Pray for general secretaries, fund development coordinators, and board members from the East Asia region who took part in 'Overcoming Challenges' and 'Growing Partnerships' webinars last month.

8/13 At Europe's Young Staff Network meeting in May, 12 staff studied 2 Timothy, considered what it looks like to "guard the gospel", and developed personal learning plans. Pray they will flourish in their roles.

8/14 Through May-July, the Indigenous Support Development team ran e-learning courses for movements in Francophone Africa. As participants apply what they learned, ask the Lord to provide.

8/15 Give thanks for regular meetings of staff that work in high school ministry across the East Asia region. Pray this partnership will strengthen each movement.

EUROPE

8/16 The European Student Festival starts in Latvia today (until 21st). Pray for the hundreds of students from over 40 IFES movements as they consider what 'Kingdom Come' can look like on their campuses.

8/17 Thank God for the appointments of new general secretaires in Italy (Francesco) and Norway (Anne Lin). Pray for wisdom and vision as they lead their teams forward.

8/18 Pray for those recently elected to two years' service on OPKO Finland's board – for unity as a team and wisdom in decision making.

8/19 Thank God for a successful series of meetings in SEAM North Macedonia. Last term, student Anita led a session on 'spiritual discipline in a preoccupied life' – pray for lasting impact.

8/20 Pray for a good response to VBH Slovakia's invitation to students to read Uncover John, accompanied by videos, texts, and questions on their website.

8/21 Give thanks for LKSB Latvia's hosting of 'Kingdom Come' and pray that the Lord will use and strengthen all those serving at the event.

NORTH AMERICA

8/22 Thank God for the return of Scripture Camp in Southern Ontario after five years. Pray that students will be spiritually renewed through prayer, teaching, and community.

8/23 Pray for the team from InterVarsity Canada and InterVarsity/USA that travelled to Eurasia in July-August. Pray that the cross-cultural ministry experiences will enhance their vision and ministry for the coming academic year.

8/24 Give thanks for the growing impact of Athletes InterVarsity at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Pray for "strong student leaders, deeper campus partnerships, and for every athlete to encounter Jesus through trusted relationships."

8/25 Pray for the ongoing organization of Urbana 2025 in December, an historically strategic missions gathering. Ask that the program will facilitate deep discipleship, healing from cultural and spiritual divisions, and a renewed vision to follow Jesus wherever he leads.

8/26 Thank God for the moments of connection that students from GBUC Canada experienced at Camp Hive earlier in the year. Pray that their desire to place Jesus at the center will endure over the summer break.

MENA

8/27 Today, student leaders from across the region gather (until September 2nd). Pray for the Spirit to powerfully minister through the program and their interactions – for hope, healing, holiness, and a renewed passion for Christ.

8/28 One of the movements in North Africa needs a permanent General Secretary – ask God to provide.

8/29 Give thanks for Francophone Africans studying in North Africa who received Bible study training earlier this year. As they lead groups in September, pray that the engagement with Scripture will be life-changing.

8/30 Over the last decade, ministry in one Gulf country has been thriving – with student groups now on 20 campuses. Pray that those with a different faith background who are attending “discussion groups” will encounter Christ.

8/31 Pray for the movement in a sensitive country where campus activities are no longer possible. Undeterred in their witness, they offer practical outreach under cover of night (medicines, food, school supplies). Ask for the Lord’s strength and protection.

LATIN AMERICA

9/1 Give thanks for Samuel Escobar (1934-2025) – one of the founding fathers of student ministry in Latin America. May his vision and passion for “integral mission” continue to bear fruit in today’s movements.

9/2 At CCUH discipleship sessions in Honduras, students were asked to creatively respond to “A long obedience in the same direction.” Thank God for their thoughtful engagement and pray for faithful perseverance.

9/3 Pray for students who participated in CBU Uruguay’s training days on evangelism – may they testify with Spirit-led confidence.

9/4 Thank God for MUC El Salvador’s weekend for student leaders – “it led us to live the gospel in love even when it’s not reciprocal” – pray that such love will change hearts and minds.

9/5 Pray for student leaders from Central American movements who attended the “Firm, Connected, and Real” gathering – that they will be truly authentic witnesses.

9/6 A regional meeting for general secretaries and board chairs starts in Colombia tomorrow (till 15th). Ask the Lord to encourage and equip, especially amid several leadership transitions.

SOUTH PACIFIC

9/7 Give thanks for the way hospitality has revitalized the witness of a TSCF New Zealand group at the University of Canterbury. Pray that many students will stay on for Bible studies and meet Jesus.

9/8 Pray for PSFC Fiji's national conference this month – that it will move students to serve Christ on campus and in every aspect of their lives.

9/9 Give thanks for new opportunities for planting ministry in the region and ask that connections with Kiribati can be deepened over coming months.

9/10 SPARC, a regionwide student conference, starts tomorrow (until 14th) in the Solomon Islands. Pray for safe and unhindered travels and smooth logistics at the National University.

9/11 Pray for SPARC – the team asks “that students would be deeply grounded in Jesus and the gospel, bond well with others, and be inspired to live for Jesus”.

9/12 Ask that those at SPARC from countries with no student movement will be envisioned and equipped to start something when they return.

EVANGELISM

9/13 Give thanks for the greater openness experienced among students in the Netherlands and Denmark during recent mission weeks.

9/14 The GBUC Canada group in Montreal is successfully collaborating with other ministries to reach new and curious students through weekly Bible studies, a kiosk on campus, and discussion groups. “The Holy Spirit is clearly at work in the lives of young people; they are turning to faith in their own time.”

9/15 Thank God for Mandarin, Indonesian, and Japanese Bible Study groups that recently began through AFES Australia's international student ministry – pray that seekers will encounter Christ's truth and love.

9/16 “I came to faith during last year's conference. Now I just want everyone to know his love”. Pray for this student in Israel.

9/17 Pray that ongoing research and conversations around Generation Z will prove helpful for shaping relevant ministry and mission.

9/18 Rejoice in “the miracle of evangelistic events on campus at the University of Corte” and give thanks for the first ever GBU France student weekend in Corsica.

CARIBBEAN

9/19 Give thanks for ISCCF Dominica's work in high schools and pray they will find more Christian teachers who can support and guide the ministry.

9/20 Pray for the successful establishment and sustainable operation of the SCM Bahamas office – that God will provide resources and Spirit-led individuals to serve.

9/21 Thank God for a special dedication service and fellowship breakfast in ISCCF Antigua and pray for meaningful and lasting connections from these events.

9/22 Pray with the movement in Jamaica – they ask that “God would provide additional field staff and raise up dedicated volunteers to serve on the board and its committees.”

9/23 Praise God for the 500+ students who made a commitment to follow Christ last year through IS/IVCF Guyana and pray for the team discipling around 250 of them.

9/24 A volunteer recruitment drive in IS/IVCF Barbados has tripled the number of volunteers and brought new life to groups. Thank God and pray that God will provide a suitable office to support this expanding work.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

9/25 Praise God that over \$230,000 was raised for leadership development initiatives on April's IFES Global Giving Day. Give thanks for all who gave so generously and sacrificially.

9/26 Thank God for Angel, Gisela, Preeti, Frank, and Amine whose leadership stories featured in this year's Global Giving Day. Ask God to continue his work in and through them.

9/27 A program in English- and Portuguese-Speaking Africa is pairing new General Secretaries with more experienced ones. Pray for deep and mutually beneficial relationships.

9/28 Student leaders in three sensitive countries in North Africa were recently motivated to be like Barnabas – pray for them as they encourage their peers.

9/29 Pray for the 40 student leaders who completed the Formación program in Europe in May – that they will lead with a passion for serving.

9/30 Thank God for all the regional and national conferences that have taken place in recent weeks. Pray that they will see God at work as they apply what they've learned.

Thank you for your prayers!