

DAILY PRAYER GUIDE OCT-DEC 2025

Dear Friends

This summer I had the opportunity to visit two of the many student and graduate conferences hosted by IFES - Latvia (IFES European Student Festival) and Egypt (MENA Region Student Conference). Praise God for social media, messaging services and email that have enabled me to also see photos and testimonies from Georgia (IFES Eurasia Student Leader Formación), Cote d'Ivoire (IFES Francophone Africa PANAF conference), the Philippines (IFES East Asia Graduates Conference) and the Solomon Islands (coming soon). Students and graduates have studied God's word, thinking about how to apply it - either in campus groups or workplaces.

Many have made commitments to follow Christ - whether for the first time or by taking specific actions. God is clearly working. Thank you so much to all of you who have prayed for the events and participants. Praise God for his faithfulness. Please continue to pray that all commitments would be honored in daily life.

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EAST ASIA

10/1 Give thanks for FCS Macao's Mandarin-speaking camp for master's and PhD students and pray that more new students will get involved in the ministry.

10/2 Pray that FES Malaysia students who attended the "Give me life in your ways" camp (Psalm 119:37) will continue to practise what they learned and live distinctively for Christ on campus.

10/3 Give thanks for the strong turnout at this year's FES Singapore Leader's Party - an event which connects and equips student leaders across campuses and community groups in its English, Chinese and Indonesian sections.

10/4 Pray that TCS Thailand will succeed in recruiting new, younger staff who will deeply engage with the needs of the current student generation.

10/5 Thank God that around 1,000 students took part in a Youth Missions Conference in July. Ask that they will know his guidance as they explore current and future ministry.

10/6 Pray for students and staff who are facing increasingly strict control from their government - for encouragement, strength, and commitment despite the pressures.

SOUTH ASIA

10/7 Give thanks for NBCBS Nepal's national conference for young graduates, exploring "Light in the darkness" through talks and a reflective candlelit service. Ask that they will shine brightly and boldly in their local communities.

10/8 Pray for God's provision and guidance for UESI India who experienced some financial difficulties across member states earlier in the year. Thank God that needs were met and ask for lasting solutions.

10/9 Give thanks that despite ongoing troubles, students in Myanmar are spiritually interested - one MFES group meets weekly in the canteen on a main campus while at another they're seeking a discreet space to accommodate the group's growth.

10/10 Pray for ongoing regional webinars for young graduates. Ask that the recent sessions on "God's Word in God's World" will encourage and resource local leaders and members to actively apply their faith.

10/11 Give thanks for the many regional camps organized by BSFB Bangladesh groups. Pray especially for graduating high school students who attended – that they will now join a community group at their university.

INTERNATIONAL

10/12 Thank God for last week's East Asia Regional Support Group meeting in a sensitive country. Pray that shared conversations and renewed links will strengthen ministry, especially in places of persecution.

10/13 Pray for the IFES Annual Leadership Meeting currently taking place in Thailand (until 18th) – that the office and field staff gathered will enjoy unity in Christ and sense the Spirit's lead.

10/14 Ask that the resumption of the IFES theological journal Word & World will spark transformative reflections across the fellowship.

10/15 Give thanks for this year's 50th anniversary of IFES prayer days – and praise God for all he's done through them. Ask for a renewed passion for and commitment to prayer across the fellowship.

10/16 Today is World Student Day (ifesworld.org/wsd). Pray that many students, staff, and supporters will see God answer their prayers for "Immeasurably More" on the world's campuses.

10/17 Give thanks for the international links fostered by World Student Day. Ask that student groups that connected across regions will be invigorated by their shared mission.

PIONEERING

10/18 Give thanks for significant encounters with 'people of peace' in a sensitive country in East Asia and pray that church pastors will be willing to collaborate on student ministry.

10/19 Pray with AGEUP Peru "for thousands of indigenous students (Awajún, Wampis, Asháninka and more) who need the message of Christ." And give thanks for doors opening in three different universities.

10/20 Thank God for the launch of a Bible study group on Nasese campus in Fiji. Pray that it will gain momentum and stir interest.

10/21 Pray for a student in a sensitive country in Eurasia who recently said, "I am alone in my city and I'm not sure how to start a ministry there. But I am thinking a lot about this issue."

10/22 Ask that PFES Pakistan's vision to start ministry in two cities will be realized through God's guidance and provision.

10/23 Praise God for "miraculous breakthroughs" on the island of Corsica through international students. Pray that the hearts of locals will be awakened to Christ.

EURASIA

10/24 Give thanks for the way God ministered among student leaders at the regionwide Formación training in July: *"God showed me my identity in Christ during the Quiet Day." "God gave me a clear calling: you must evangelize in the canteen. I believe in a future for all of us!"*

10/25 Pray that this month's regional Scripture Engagement meeting will inspire creative ideas and relevant resources.

10/26 Praise God that a Central Asian movement has run a 32-week Bible study series on Romans and 16 major outreach events.

10/27 Pray for Isaac, an African student keen to pioneer ministry among international students in a major capital.

10/28 Give thanks for the Bible study materials created by students for student groups in Armenia. Pray for much fruit as they are used to share Christ with friends and classmates.

10/29 Thank God that a team from North America could visit a sensitive country for a week's outreach earlier in the year. Ask that students there will continue to be encouraged in their witness.

EUROPE

10/30 Pray for students, staff, and academics gathered in Spain for the FEUER conference (until November 3) – that this sharing and training in evangelism will boost the proclamation of the gospel on campuses across the continent.

10/31 Give thanks for the smooth transition of a number of board members in SXEF Greece. Pray they will establish strong relationships with church leaders and connect with current students.

11/1 Pray for students in Serbia, navigating a difficult political situation – ask that EUS students will continue to engage with wisdom and faithfulness.

1/21 Thank God for the “Love your neighbor” project launched in Sofia by BCSU Bulgaria and a visiting team of US students. May this practical response to social issues be a compelling witness.

11/3 Pray for GBEU Switzerland: “Universities and schools are increasingly banning group prayer. Groups are therefore organizing prayers outside in public places, at the entrances to buildings.”

11/4 Give thanks that EUSFBiH Bosnia is reaching Indian and Bangladeshi medical students in Banja Luka. Pray that many will turn to Christ.

EPSA

11/5 Give thanks for a one-year ministry program that's enabled FOCUS Uganda to revive its presence on 124 campuses by offering much needed support to student leaders. Pray for next year's planned expansion of the program.

11/6 NIFES Nigeria will host the Witness 2025 National Missions Conference from 19th–23rd – they ask us to pray for “passionate youths who are ready to be used by God in missions” within and beyond campus.

11/7 Give thanks for SCOM Malawi's high school ministry, reaching over 35,000 students across 1,700 schools. Pray that such early contact and discipleship will form “ready-made leaders” for campus.

11/8 Pray for GBU Guinea-Bissau facing the challenge of “an unstable education sector, marked by long strikes that disrupt classes and activities on campuses.”

11/9 Thank God for the launch of Ethiopia's “EvaSUE Creates” campaign, aimed at inspiring and celebrating artistic creativity among students and alumni.

SOUTH PACIFIC

11/10 Give thanks for all the students who gathered from the region's movements for a long-awaited conference in September – may they see gradual growth and dramatic breakthroughs as they step out and practice what they learned.

11/11 Pray for GNYF Vanuatu as they work towards supporting graduating students around issues of “moving into the workplace, money and generosity, and their role in the local church.”

11/12 Give thanks that the fledgling ministry of GBU New Caledonia has revived since the disruption caused by last year's civil unrest. Pray for peace and sustained growth.

11/13 Pray for a training event for young staff in New Zealand this month – that they will return to their campuses with a renewed sense of calling and a clear vision for ministry.

11/14 Thank God for insightful discussions and biblical teaching on issues around love, sex, and marriage at TSCF Papua New Guinea's national conference. Pray that students and staff will act with integrity and challenge widespread issues such as domestic violence.

FRANCOPHONE AFRICA

11/15 Praise God for the 300+ volunteer staff across the region who sacrificially serve in national movements. Pray for strength and their continued commitment to “many members, one mission, transforming lives”.

11/16 Pray for students in GBU Gabon offering meals in the campus canteen – that their hospitality will spark meaningful conversations.

11/17 Give thanks for the positive impact of GBEEM in Mali: “I don't think anyone's ever regretted joining!” says one staff worker, who notes how much growth they receive and their strong relationships with churches.

11/18 GBU Niger students are increasingly “aware of the importance of discipleship” – pray that they will live with integrity, especially when “many elders are not good role models.”

11/19 Praise God that 1,500 students and staff from 19 countries experienced joyful fellowship, stirring teaching, and renewed connections at the triennial PANAF conference.

11/20 Give thanks for two new students groups in Madagascar and pray that UGBM will be able to support and train them.

STRENGTHENING NATIONAL MOVEMENTS

11/21 Thank God for those who recently completed the “Foundations of Scripture Engagement” e-learning course. Pray that their reading of the Word will impact their personal devotion to Christ and their practical service on campus.

11/22 Pray for today's Global Governance Day event, offering national movement board members a forum for fellowship, best-practice sharing, and practical support.

11/23 Give thanks for the fellowship and support movements receive through monthly online prayer meetings and pray that the planned Virtual Prayer Room will provide further encouragement and connection.

11/24 Pray that those who attended this month's network meeting for International Student Ministry will return to their movements with fresh enthusiasm to involve and mobilize others.

11/25 Next week (1-6 December), the global Scripture Engagement team will have their the first in-person meeting for three years. Pray for safe travel and Spirit-led discussions about future ministry.

CARIBBEAN

11/26 Give thanks for those who participated in the region's 40 Days of Prayer initiative in May/June and ask for a deep and wide response across the region to this year's Gift Week, now underway (24-30th.)

11/27 Pray that those structuring the recently revived GBU Martinique will have godly wisdom and ask that each group will find a venue for gatherings.

11/28 Give thanks for the region's vibrant high school ministry. Pray for teachers in St Kitts and Nevis – that they will get actively involved in school clubs and help educators see the importance of shaping young lives.

11/29 Pray that new groups will start in private institutions in the Cayman Islands. And ask for a “hedge of protection” around believing students amid many temptations.

11/30 Thank God for student Kayley, who helped JSS Suriname relaunch university ministry. Pray that she and her co-leaders will grow, joyfully persevere, and see lives changed.

12/1 Ask the Lord to provide faithful and willing volunteers who can help re-pioneer the ministry in St Martin.

LATIN AMERICA

12/2 Give thanks for “commitment to university mission” in a sensitive country. Pray that resources recently shared with student leaders will deepen their engagement with God's Word.

12/3 Pray for ABU Puerto Rico as it responds to a changing context in which many students only attend for lectures or study online and don't attend in-person at all.

12/4 An ABUA Argentina group in Buenos Aires ran a workshop on managing stress. Pray that students across campus will be touched by this expression of care.

12/5 A movement in one country reports that students are fearful of being caught by university authorities and losing the right to continue their studies. Pray for peace, courage, and wisdom.

12/6 Give thanks for students in Compa Mexico who took the initiative to go to churches and radio stations to promote student ministry. Pray for a warm response.

12/7 Pray for students in the Dominican Republic who “prefer to have a worship service somewhere than share Jesus on campus” to heed the call to gospel outreach.

MENA

12/8 Thank God for the progress of Bible commentary translations. With 10 books published and 11 more in the pipeline, pray that students will grow in their understanding of Old and New Testament books.

12/9 Pray for LIVF Lebanon students from non-Christian backgrounds who are growing in wisdom and finding ways to share faith in their surroundings.

12/10 Despite continuing security concerns and arrests in one sensitive country, students are increasingly turning to Christ and getting baptized. Praise God and pray for their protection and growth.

12/11 Pray that students in a Gulf country can access resources that will help them reach out to their peers.

12/12 Give thanks that a conference for young graduates from different countries helped them explore “new beginnings”: reconciliation after conflict, restoration after succumbing to temptation, and hope after pain and loss.

12/13 Pray for great wisdom and patience for students, graduates, and staff in countries where “being a Christian is reason enough to kill you.”

EVANGELISM

12/14 Give thanks that, for the first time in 10 years, students in Ukraine took the lead on planning and running their evangelistic camp – with the poignant theme of “How are you?”

12/15 Pray for SULTM Lesotho as it responds to the challenge that “students are not confident to openly and publicly speak about Jesus Christ.”

12/16 Thank God for students met during GBEEB Benin's “cultural and interaction week” – through film shows, community action, talks, concerts, door-to-door outreach, and sports matches. Pray that those who responded will thrive in Christ.

12/17 Pray for those who've heard the gospel message at Christmas outreach events this month – that they will find “great joy for all” in Jesus.

12/18 Give thanks for the enthusiastic use of “The 7 I Ams” project in GBU Chile, enabling students to read the Gospel of John with their friends.

12/19 EEÜ Estonia say: “as one of the region’s most non-religious countries, discussing matters of faith can be challenging.” Pray for opportunities to build bridges and share the gospel.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

12/20 In August, Francophone Africa leaders dedicated the first stone of a building for the Center of Contemporary Christianity in Côte d'Ivoire. Praise God and pray for the project.

12/21 Regional staff in North America say, “The number of students involved in ministry is growing, with more men than usual. Pray for many to step into leadership positions, including campus staff roles.”

12/22 Thank God for Eurasian student leaders inspired by July’s camp: “I learned many things about discipleship. I want to start a Bible study group.” Pray for the grace to continue this vision.

12/23 Pray for staff from Africa who took part in training on ministry in Muslim contexts this year – that they will see progress as they apply it.

12/24 As we remember “the Son of the Most High” born in a lowly trough, praise God for a king who came to serve, not to be served...

12/25 ...and pray that students and staff across IFES will be servant leaders.

NORTH AMERICA

12/26 Give thanks for new Link staff from InterVarsity/USA and IVCF Canada who will serve in five other IFES movements. Pray for “humble service and a relationship guided by mutuality”.

12/27 Pray for 125 newcomers to Canada that IVCF hosted at a week-long camp – they learned new skills, took a fun break from the stress of relocating, and heard the gospel.

12/28 InterVarsity/USA’s Urbana Missions conference starts today (until 31st). Give thanks that generations of students have heard God’s call to global service through this triennial event.

12/29 Ask God to use Urbana’s theme of “following Jesus wherever he leads” to draw many students into sacrificial “leave-your-nets” ministry at home and abroad.

12/30 Give thanks for the 100+ international students and guests at Urbana25. Ask the Lord to use their gifts and testimonies to open eyes to the global church.

12/31 As 2025 ends, give thanks to God for every student who came to faith in Jesus this year. Pray they will remain rooted in his love in 2026.

IFES is generations of students, staff and supporters investing in the next generation. God has blessed this work through the generosity of his people, with supporters like you all over the world praying and giving in love to see each new intake of students reached.

Thank you! With global student numbers forecast to expand significantly, will you consider leaving a gift in your will to help future students? You can find out more about how your legacy could help student ministry thrive at ifesworld.org/legacy, by contacting us at supporter.relations@ifesworld.org.