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IFES DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

DEAR FRIENDS,

A few years ago, a student named Joyce arrived on campus in Canada. Her father had led the IFES movement in Burundi before the family moved to Canada, so she had grown up hearing about Christian student ministry. She was keen to getting involved herself when she went to university. You can imagine her disappointment when she matriculated and discovered that there was no Christian group at her university in Ontario. But she didn't give up. With support from local InterVarsity staff, she found other Christian students and started a group!

Students like Joyce and her friends, passionate in their relationships with God, and wanting to share his love with their classmates, are why IFES is so keen to invest in pioneering ministry. Please pray with us over the coming months, asking God to raise up bold students, to give persistence and wisdom to staff and to open doors for new groups and movements.

Kevin Van Horne, Executive Director IFES/USA

APR 01 – 05 | LATIN AMERICA

04/01 Give thanks for January's sub-regional event for students from Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Chile – "Students and disciples: navigating together in faith." Pray for them as they apply what they learned about identity and calling.

04/02 Despite earthquakes and COVID-19, ABU Puerto Rico has managed to maintain groups in San Juan and Mayagüez, and a group in Arecibo has been revitalized. Give thanks and pray that these groups will flourish and multiply.

04/03 Give thanks that students and staff from MUC El Salvador were able to take part in a Logos and Cosmos Initiative project "Opening paths of justice and peace in Latin America."

04/04 Pray for an end to the troubles and crackdowns in a Central American country; ask that the Lord will protect and strengthen students and staff.

04/05 Pray for the regional Staff Training Conference, April 28 - May 19, in Quito, Ecuador – for God's protection and that "this new generation of staff learn to connect compassionately with the university and with the students in their daily lives."

APR 06 – 10 | SOUTH ASIA

04/06 Thank God for recent opportunities to strengthen links between PFES Pakistan and various churches in Lahore and ask that this will increase student involvement and church support.

04/07 Give thanks that the Lord unexpectedly provided personnel and funds to enable pioneering ministry in a sensitive country. Pray for the newly commissioned staff – that God will guide her to the students he wants to reach and use.

04/08 In January, UESI India held 'family month,' when graduates were encouraged to be "careful and faithful" and establish Christian homes. Pray they will be distinctive as they honor Christ in domestic life.

04/09 The General Secretary (GS) of NBCBS Nepal (brother Sharad) is on sabbatical leave. Pray he will return physically and spiritually refreshed, and ask that brother Prakash (acting GS) and the movement will experience God's guidance.

04/10 Give thanks for IFES ministry in Myanmar, despite the difficult conditions. At one English club, six of the seven attendees are Buddhist; pray for them as relations deepen and the gospel is shared.

APR 11 – 16 | INTERNATIONAL

04/11 Give thanks for IFES Europe's Global Impact Conference in Hungary last week – to envision, inspire, and equip movements in international student ministry. As participants return, pray they will further enhance this work.

04/12 Pray for IFES field staff gathered in Turkey (April 8-13) for fellowship and training - that they will leave uplifted and empowered.

04/13 Pray for the Graduate Impact team, holding a consultation with young Christian professionals from Europe and Eurasia in Brussels (April 11-14). Ask the Lord to shape vision and inspire plans.

04/14 As IFES Global Giving Day approaches (April 17), pray that God will use it to encourage and resource pioneering groups.

04/15 Give thanks for February's Logos and Cosmos Initiative online galas, enabling project leaders in Latin America and Francophone Africa to share about their theology-and-the-sciences projects. Pray that they will feel affirmed and supported in their ministry.

04/16 Thank God for the Mark Camp in Ukraine with 100+ students – "God was certainly at work, with many students responding in so many ways."

APR 17 – 22 | PIONEERING

04/17 Today is Global Giving Day – "Into all the World" – this year raising funds for pioneering ministry. Pray that the Lord will inspire all to give generously so that the gospel can reach every campus.

04/18 Pray for ABUA Argentina as they restart ministry in Cordoba – that students will see the strategic role they can play in sharing the gospel.

04/19 Rebuilding ministry after COVID-19 has been challenging in St Martin (Caribbean). As many students are only there for 2-3 years, finding volunteers is difficult. Pray that the Lord will provide.

04/20 Give thanks for Anne-Christine, who is overseeing the fledgling ministry in GBU New Caledonia. Pray for her health and for students to fully catch the vision of student-led ministry.

04/21 Pray for God's favor on Blendona, new pioneering staff in Kosovo, as she builds bridges with students, universities, and churches.

04/22 Give thanks for students who have recently turned to Christ in central Asian countries. Ask God to establish their faith and bless their witness amongst peers.

APR 23 – 28 | EURASIA

04/23 In IFES Armenia, students wanted to better spark gospel conversations and defend their faith, so staff started an Evangelism School. Thank God for this hunger and pray for fruitful witness.

04/24 Pray that the regional team's recent consultation with General Secretaries from five national movements will result in enhanced care for staff and a stronger IFES regional identity.

04/25 Give thanks for a young woman from central Asia who came to faith while studying in a different sensitive country. Ask God to guide her as she seeks how to serve him after graduation.

04/26 In Batumi, the SKSK Georgia group recently ran an open-air stall asking, “What would you change in your life if you were to start over?” Pray for them in their endeavors to engage new students.

04/27 A regional team is preparing a summer camp in a sensitive country – pray for insightful planning and strong relationships.

04/28 Pray for national staff attending the IFES Eurasia Institute (June 10-19) – that the teaching will refresh and equip them.

APR 29 – MAY 03 | EPSA

04/29 Give thanks for a new FOCUS Kenya discipleship series via WhatsApp and YouTube – “where you can ask any question and get sober, truthful, and relevant answers.”

04/30 Pray for students and staff in the war-torn regions in East Africa, as they boldly continue their witness and show Christ’s love, and for the IFES EPSA staff supporting them.

05/01 Forty students and three volunteers in FOCUS Zimbabwe have started an eight-week series of evangelistic Bible studies with the theme ‘Kingdom Invitation.’ Pray for open and responsive hearts.

05/02 Give thanks for FOCUS Uganda students taking the gospel across the country – 60 students from Makerere University recently conducted five days of outreach in Jinja City, resulting in over 250 people coming to faith.

05/03 Pray for TAFES Tanzania students who recently participated in creative evangelism workshops – that they will see fruit as they try new approaches.

MAY 04 – 08 | STRENGTHENING NATIONAL MOVEMENTS

05/04 Pray for IFES Caribbean staff and volunteers participating in regionwide Indigenous Support Development e-training (March through June) – that each national movement would benefit from the course.

05/05 Give thanks for a Logos and Cosmos Initiative project by postgraduate student Sarah Obotela in the Democratic Republic of Congo – she’s combining psychosocial and theological approaches to help students process the trauma caused by war.

05/06 Pray for the new round of Engaging the University e-courses currently underway – that participants would be inspired by “theological foundations” and excited about devising their own projects.

05/07 Pray for that the information gleaned from the latest national movements survey will foster increasingly supportive and fruitful ministry across IFES.

05/08 Give thanks for the Governance Development team and pray that the “Developing a Strategic Plan” e-course on May 14 will help national boards to wisely steer ministry forward.

MAY 09 – 14 | SOUTH PACIFIC

05/09 Praise God for the growth of a TSCF New Zealand group on AUT's North Campus – two students soon grew to 10, reading Luke's gospel together and connecting with others through games of spikeball.

05/10 Pray for PSFC Fiji as they give thanks for "Uncle Dan" and his ministry as General Secretary and seek God's guidance for a successor.

05/11 Give thanks for numerous student groups across Australia taking part in "Meet Jesus", the AFES National Mission. Pray that many non-Christians will meet Jesus through the initiative.

05/12 Pray for IFES ministry in this vast region, where campuses are spread across many islands and church culture can often obscure the gospel.

05/13 Give thanks for collaboration between IFES movements and Langham Partnership – pray that as national staff model biblical teaching, a new generation of students will be inspired to deeply examine the Word.

05/14 Pray for GNYF Vanuatu as they launch their "Who is Jesus?" mission. Ask that many students will take up the offer to read John's Gospel.

MAY 15 – 19 | NORTH AMERICA

05/15 Give thanks for positive responses to InterVarsity/USA ministry on three campuses in the Inland Empire area of Southern California, with 51 students making decisions to follow Jesus towards the end of last year.

05/16 InterVarsity Canada's theme for 2024 is "Undivided Life." Join with them in praying for wholeness among young people – and ask that campus activities will reach those struggling with loneliness, mental health crises, and a sense of disconnection.

05/17 Thank God for Sarah, a Congolese student in Quebec City (who discovered student ministry while in MENA) – she started a Bible study group in her dorm room, revitalising GBUC Canada ministry at Université Laval.

05/18 Pray for students nearing graduation to consider joining InterVarsity Link to serve an IFES movement in another part of the world.

05/19 Give thanks for Mark Matlock, recently appointed Executive Director for the Urbana Student Missions Conference; pray for creative planning for the 2025 event: "My hope is that it will be part of this unique moment of global change across generations."

MAY 20 – 25 | FRANCOPHONE AFRICA

05/20 Give thanks that Onesphore Hakizimana's Logos and Cosmos Initiative project has supplied students in GBUR Rwanda with tools that promote food security and fight poverty.

05/21 Pray for UJC Central African Republic, planning the summer national congress; board chair Rabby asks, “pray for agronomy students 100km from the capital, Bangui.”

05/22 Give thanks for GBEEC Cameroon’s School for Mission and Evangelization, training pupils and students; pray for the 89 evangelists and two missionaries who graduated last year.

05/23 Pray that teaching on Joseph and the “heartwarming time of connection and sharing” at GBEEG Guinea’s Agape conference will help student leaders face setbacks with faith and fellowship.

05/24 Give thanks that the GBUSS Senegal group in Kaffrine successfully held Bible study training for its pupil and student leaders last year; pray that small groups will be strengthened and multiplied.

05/25 Pray that a new IFES Francophone Africa podcast series “The Bible – in depth” will resource individuals and movements across the region.

MAY 26 – 05 | EAST ASIA

05/26 Perkantas Indonesia has been mobilizing prayer for social, environmental, and political issues throughout the recent election period – pray that this engagement and prayer will continue.

05/27 FCS Macao was able to run a “blessed and fruitful” student camp in one of the region’s sensitive countries. Give thanks and pray for students in that country, where government control of religion is growing.

05/28 Pray for FES Hong Kong, responding to ongoing mental health issues after COVID-19 with active ‘listening’ and a newly published Bible Engagement Series.

05/29 TCS Thailand asks us to pray for their new graduate ministry committee – “for wisdom in planning and a clear vision with IFES values.”

05/30 Thank God for a KGK Japan Bible study group in a rural region that includes local and international students; pray that this partnership will be a mutual blessing.

05/31 Pray for KIVF South Korea, aiming to meet more students in person this year: “for curiosity in them and that we would serve them with the Father’s love and honesty.”

JUN 01 – 05 | LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

06/01 Thank God for the training in CCUH Honduras that helped student leaders consider how to love, study, live, and share God's Word. Pray that Christ would shine in their words and actions.

06/02 Pray for the 17 young graduates trained at last November’s Graduate Impact session with IVCF Philippines – that they will effectively spread the “Relationships at Work” teaching amongst graduate peers.

06/03 Pray for Ray from Perkantas Indonesia, studying at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary with help from the IFES Scholarship program – ask for the Lord’s provision and enabling.

06/04 Give thanks for the 22 participants journeying through the IFES Global Leadership Initiative – pray for them as they implement their own growth development plans.

06/05 Pray for the upcoming IFES Annual Leadership Meeting (June 9-17) – for constructive evaluation, deep fellowship, and Spirit-led planning.

06/06 Give thanks for the East Asia General Secretaries gathering last year; pray for ongoing orientation and connection for those who are new to their role.

JUN 07 – 12 | MENA

06/07 Pray for lasting peace in the Holy Land; may Christian students be known as peacemakers, witnessing to the God of love.

06/08 Give thanks that the regional team has recently had good opportunities to mentor young men and women in a sensitive country, online and in person.

06/09 Pray for the ministry of IFES MENA's Inspire Publishing House, providing theologically and culturally relevant books; may students be encouraged and enriched.

06/10 General Secretaries and staff from national movements recently gathered to share, evaluate, pray, plan, and encourage each another. Give thanks for such vital fellowship and ask for renewed courage.

06/11 A newly affiliated IFES movement held its first official board meeting. Praise God for this milestone and pray for the board to have strong vision and wise counsel in a difficult context.

06/12 Give thanks that students from different backgrounds can worship, pray, and fellowship together as brothers and sisters in Christ through IFES ministry in the Holy Land.

JUN 13 – 18 | EVANGELISM

06/13 Give thanks for fruitful evangelism among international students in a sensitive country in Eurasia – many from various religious backgrounds have trusted Jesus and are now impacting their home countries.

06/14 Pray for UCCF Great Britain revamping its “Uncover” gospel project – that the fresh content and design will engage a new generation.

06/15 Thank God for a CECE Ecuador student at the Technical University in Portoviejo – he brought his friends to the newly established Bible study, where they decided to follow Jesus.

06/16 Hold the various evangelistic summer camps running across Europe/Eurasia in prayer – that the Holy Spirit will open minds and hearts and bring new birth.

06/17 Pray for “Meetalk” – an event started by FCS Mongolia to address contemporary topics (e.g. mental health, anime, pollution, AI) – that it will attract new students and demonstrate the gospel's relevance.

06/18 Thank God for a growing ÖSM Law Group in Vienna, Austria, attracting both Christians and non-Christians. Pray for permission to use a room at the Law University so they can gather on campus.

JUN 19 – 24 | CARIBBEAN

06/19 Give thanks for this inaugural year of the IFES Caribbean (CARIFES) Academy and pray that staff and students will develop ministry skills and grow in Christlike character.

06/20 Regional staff Jean-Davy says that in GBU Guadeloupe, “a new generation of very committed students is willing and ready to serve.” Pray that this enthusiasm can be harnessed in coming months.

06/21 Praise God for recent developments in Antigua, where a new ISCCF group at the state college is consistently attracting 20-30 students.

06/22 Pray for the Regional Board Conference (August 8-11 in Trinidad), resourcing board members and General Secretaries from across CARIFES – for funding so delegates can attend and have a fruitful time together.

06/23 Thank God for the excitement around SCM Bahamas affiliating to IFES last year; pray for staff and students as they find their place in the regional context.

06/24 Pray for wisdom as the CARIFES team supports ISCF St Kitts: “the Lord is working and there have been significant strides on the ground.” May the Lord consolidate this progress.

JUN 25 – 30 | EUROPE

06/25 Give thanks for GBU Portugal’s fully subscribed national training forum in March, when participants explored their identities as Christian students; pray it will boost faithful engagement and witness on campus.

06/26 Pray for European graduates on the Bible & Culture course in Germany (till July 6); as they explore the intersection of faith, Scripture, and contemporary issues, may they be equipped to influence their contexts.

06/27 Thank God for the growth of GBU high school groups in France and ask that he will provide more staff to oversee them.

06/28 Pray for ongoing healing for the whole student and staff community in Prague after December’s tragic campus shooting. Give thanks and pray for Martin, once a firm atheist, who turned to Jesus through UKH ministry.

06/29 Thank God for “Fundamentals of Discipleship,” a Bible study booklet recently published by SEAM Macedonia; pray that it will be instrumental for students’ spiritual growth.

06/30 Pray that God will inspire EEÜÜ Estonia with creative and practical ways to involve graduates in the movement.

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