

Canopy of Prayer

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Dear Prayer Partners in Europe

1 Tim 4:12, Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

Let no one despise you for your youth. Also, let no one look down on you if you are old, or have less education, or are handicapped, or for any other reason. Instead, concentrate on how you live, on how you behave and what you say. Think about how loving you are, how you can strengthen your faith muscles, and where you can improve the purity and integrity of your life. Then, as you look upwards towards Jesus, maybe no one will despise you, but will instead look up to you.

The vision of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES) is to have a faithful witness to Christ in every university in the world. There are Christian student movements in many countries of the world and most of them are linked together through IFES. In more than 170 countries IFES works to help pioneer new student ministries, support evangelism and train leaders. We are grateful to Lorna Moore, Regional Team Administrator at IFES Europe, for this article that will help us pray for their work and for the Revive Europe student evangelism conference at the end of this year.

Nick Pease

Looking forward with the student generation

We are very thankful that, although we are in the middle of a global pandemic, student ministry throughout Europe has continued, although sometimes in different forms. It has been wonderful to see our national student ministry movements adapt to their circumstances and local restrictions, reaching students in creative and innovative ways. **Please pray** for continued enthusiasm and energy to minister to students who are getting tired of online meetings and are scattered more than usual, through being at home.

We are aware that many national students' movements are struggling due to the pandemic. Some are finding that staff are exhausted and burnt out. Some are unsure how many students are in the groups any more. Each has a different story. Some have thrived, but there is a general trend that we will all have to become pioneers in the Autumn. We want to resource national movements to relaunch. **Please pray** for our team for wisdom as we do this.



Revive Europe

27 December 2019 - 1 January 2020 saw more than 3,000 students, graduates and staff gather in Germany for the IFES Europe student evangelism conference. The 11th of its kind, this European student evangelism conference was bigger and broader than ever before.

It began with a dream: a vision of a generation coming together from every corner of Europe to pursue revival in the university world and beyond. United in this vision were representatives from more than 20 other Christian organisations in Europe who

partnered with IFES Europe in dreaming, planning and praying. The culmination was Revive: five days of life-changing encounters with God through Bible teaching, evangelism training, fellowship and prayer.

Revive our hearts; Revive our universities; Revive Europe.

Participants began the evening celebrations by asking God to revive each individual's heart, revealing idols and helping them all to pursue God wholeheartedly. The focus then moved to the University, as the gathering prayed for God to revive every university in the region, and considered what it looks like to bear witness to Jesus on campuses today. Finally, all 3,000 participants looked to the continent as a whole, praying for a fresh move of God across Europe.

We are excited and ready to do it again this year: 28 December 2021-2 January 2022 (Karlsruhe, Germany). Revive is open to Christian students and graduates, aged 18-30 across Europe. Please register here: www.reviveeurope.org

Please pray for all of our preparation, especially with many unknowns due to COVID-19. Remember our planning team and all our speakers as they prepare to lead our student generation in studying Scripture and God's plan for their lives.

As we prepare to come together at Revive later this year, we've launched the Revivalympics, a virtual prayer relay to help unite us in seeking revival across Europe. We are very thankful for technology that enables us to share together and have fellowship, while learning about the needs of individual countries, hoping that prayer for revival will be stirred up across Europe.

23/24 June - important vote in the European Parliament

A fresh attempt is being made by pro-abortionists in the EP to affirm a "right to abortion" and also to ban conscientious objection by medical personnel in the Matic Report. However, health issues are the sole responsibility of Member States and fall outside the competence of the EP. Past attempts to impose a common stance have therefore failed, but a Parliamentary Resolution is the expression of an opinion which Parliament wishes to make known and, although not binding in law, it would be a form of "soft law" intended to produce practical effects. Let's pray that this Resolution will be defeated decisively! Pray too for the Christian organisations which are leading the fight in this area and who have suffered fierce attacks in recent months.

Additional Prayer points:-

1. Let's pray for a fresh move of the Holy Spirit across the nations of Europe; that those who have been prompted to watch church online during the pandemic would become part of the church family and follow Jesus all their lives.
2. Pray for the new government in Israel as they learn how to deal with the ongoing threat from Hamas and the renewed attacks by incendiary balloons.

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