



Slavic Gospel Association

Prayer & Praise

SHARING THE GOSPEL • EQUIPPING THE CHURCH • HELPING THE FORGOTTEN

Please join us each day this month in prayer and praise for the work of Christ across Russian-speaking nations.

1 Reflection: We start the new month with the words of praise penned by the Prophet Isaiah . . . *I will rejoice greatly in the Lord, my soul will exult in My God; for He has clothed me with garments of salvation . . .* (Isaiah 61:10).



2 SGA will soon begin the budgeting process for the next fiscal year that starts July 1. Please lift this up in prayer before the Lord, asking for wisdom and direction as we establish funding guidelines for our many ministries overseas.

3 SGA president Michael Johnson will be traveling intensively across North America and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) in the coming months. May God enable him to be a blessing and encouragement to our partners, and to the churches we serve.

RUSSIA



4 With the Russian presidential election later this month, our prayer, as always, is that God will protect His church and its freedom to worship and proclaim the Gospel. Please remember this often before the Lord.

5 Pray for the leadership of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Ask the Lord to grant abundant wisdom as they lead their congregations and their ministries across 11 time zones.

6 In Russia's Krasnodar region, SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Victor Ivanov has opportunities to reach the Roma people group with the Gospel, along with many other fruitful outreaches. Intercede in prayer for him and his congregation today.

7 We praise the Lord for SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC) team, led by Valery Kazakov. Join us in thanksgiving for their dedication to the Gospel, and the encouragement they provide to the faithful Bible-preaching churches we serve.

8 Please keep lifting SGA's *Reach Russia Now—Far East Emphasis* in prayer on a regular basis. Pray especially for the resources to send more missionary pastors to this remote region where so many have yet to hear of Christ's love.

UKRAINE



9 Pray for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian UECB, and his fellow pastors across the country's 26 regions and oblasts (states). May the Lord encourage their hearts in these days of significant challenge.

10 SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Vladimir Bogomaz ministers in Ukraine's Yarmolintsy region, working with children and youth through Bible clubs. Ask the Lord to draw many children to Himself as they hear the Gospel.



11 Lift the staff of SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC) in prayer today. Director Ruslan Muratayev and his team take great joy in serving the churches Christ is building across Ukraine.

12 Join us in thanksgiving for the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary. God has richly blessed this doctrinally sound school since its founding in the early 1990s, with graduates going on to fruitful ministry across the CIS.

13 Pray for Sergei Omelchenko, who serves as our chief Russian-language book editor and as in-country assistant to SGA president Michael Johnson. We are thankful to God for his years of faithful service to Christ.

BELARUS



14 Join us in praying today for Piotr and Dima Podrez, and the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC. They labor diligently to equip and encourage SGA-sponsored missionary pastors and their congregations across the country.

15 Along with his church in the Vitebsk region, SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Gennady L. is thankful that they have received official registration after years of seeking it. We rejoice with them, and pray for an abundant spiritual harvest as the Gospel is proclaimed.

16 In addition to being the president of the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary, Leonid Mihovich also oversees about 60 UECB churches in western Belarus. Ask the Lord to grant abundant wisdom and strength to Leonid in his ministry.

17 Continue to pray for ongoing Compassion Ministry across Belarus, which reaches many needy

families with food and other aid as needed. Evangelistic literature is always distributed as part of this fruitful outreach.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

18 As national governments across Central Asia continue to tighten restrictions on evangelical churches, we are mindful of the Lord's promise . . . *I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it* (Matthew 16:18). Intercede in prayer for our brothers and sisters in these difficult regions.

19 Pray for Pastor Franz Tissen, president of the Kazakh UECB. Pray also for all the SGA-sponsored missionary pastors who are laboring so faithfully to reach this predominately Muslim nation with the Gospel.



20 Almaty Bible Institute is sponsored by SGA and is under the leadership of director Alexander Karyakov. May the Lord continue to provide adequate resources to keep this vitally

important school operating and training future pastors and workers in God's Word.

21 According to Forum 18, authorities in Azerbaijan are continuing to raid evangelical churches and put pressure on their ministries. Please lift our brothers and sisters in prayer, asking the Lord to change hearts and open the way for unhindered ministry.

22 God has granted SGA wonderful opportunities to assist Russian-speaking congregations in Israel with Bible training and other resources. Join us in praise to God for the work He is doing in the land of the Bible to bring people to Himself in saving faith.

23 In addition to Kazakhstan, there are four other former Soviet republics in Central Asia — Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastors and evangelical churches in these increasingly oppressive countries.

24 Pastor Myrza is an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in Central Asia and graduate from one of our sponsored Bible schools in the CIS. Ask the Lord to bless Myrza in his vibrant church ministry.

25 In the Caucasus Mountains lie the nations of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia, as well as part of southern Russia. Ministry in these regions can be very difficult, and we praise God for the faithful churches we serve there.

26 Pray for SGA's director of Bible training in Israel, who lives very near the border with the Gaza Strip and in the path of frequent rockets fired by terrorists. Pray for his safety and that of his family as they serve with joy amid the danger.

27 Intercede for SGA president emeritus Bob Provost as he continues to help share our mission's ministries with churches and key partners across North America. May the Lord grant many more opportunities to tell the SGA story and increase our resources for ministry.

28 We thank God for the service of retired SGA missionaries and staff including Rosemary Giancesin, Valia Szczepanski, Vince and Nina Lee Rosheger, and Jacob and Lillian Bergen. Please lift them in prayer today.

29 Follow up ministry will be taking place with the children reached during *Immanuel's Child* Christmas outreaches that took place in January. Ask the Lord to prepare the way in advance for continued Gospel ministry.

30 Please remember to pray for the SGA-sponsored Orphans Reborn ministry across the CIS. Many new children enter the orphanages each year, and it is vital to reach them with the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ.

31 Reflection: We conclude March with the Apostle Paul's wonderful benediction . . . *Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen* (1 Timothy 1:17).

Partner Prayer Requests

For continued recovery from illness . . .

Clifton, Illinois

My mother is elderly and suffers from many health issues . . .

Fallon, Nevada

Please pray for our missionary daughter and family overseas . . .

Franklin, Tennessee

For the salvation of my granddaughter . . .

New York City, New York

Our family is mourning after our mother's passing . . . pray for comfort . . .

Oregon City, Oregon

**The SGA staff is honored to bring your request to the Lord.
We thank you for the opportunity to serve you in this way.**



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