

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

Scripture theme of the month: Now may the God of all hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing (Romans 15:13).



**1** Reflection: We begin the new month with the prayer of King David . . . Heed the sound of my cry for help, my King and my God, for to You I pray. In the morning, O Lord, You will hear my voice; in the morning I will order my prayer to you and eagerly watch (Psalm 5:2-3).

**2** Pray throughout this month for SGA president Michael Johnson. In his leadership position, Michael maintains a very heavy travel and ministry schedule. May the Lord enable him to be a blessing and encouragement to many as they hear the SGA story. We praise and thank the Lord for the way He is growing youth ministry across the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). Pray for the resources to equip them with training, Christian literature and help with expenses as they travel and participate in evangelism.

Pray today for Keenan Beere, who serves as SGA's training administrator. Keenan provides assistance and oversight for all of the vitally important seminary and Bible institute training programs through our mission.

**5** Pray for Bill Ball, director of SGA/Canada. Bill travels extensively across Canada to share our ministries with churches and individuals, as well as traveling overseas to encourage our brothers and sisters.

## RUSSIA

Dr. Piotr Mitskevich serves as president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Please lift him in prayer along with his seven regional vice presidents as they lead Russia's largest evangelical church fellowship. 7 Pray for Russia's national youth ministry leader Vitaly Zanin. May the Lord grant him many opportunities to help local churches across Russia to build their ministries to adolescents and teenagers—the future of the church should the Lord tarry in His coming..

8 Lift SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Boris Schetinsky in prayer today. Boris labors in Russia's Siberian region, and has outreach to children, orphans, and those who struggle with addiction. May the Lord bring much fruit through Boris' faithful witness.

**9** Russia's territory is enormous, and some of our missionary pastors are located in harsh climate regions like the Arctic and Siberia. Ask God to encourage their hearts, and to enable SGA to help them with any needs that arise, as resources are difficult to obtain.

**10** Lift the SGA-sponsored Antioch Initiative in prayer, especially in Russia's Far East as part of our Reach Russia Now initiative. May the Lord bless and anoint what the churches have learned and enable them to plant many new daughter congregations!

**1** Intercede for the faculty and students of the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary. Pray especially for seminary president and pastor Eduard Genrikh in his servant leadership of the school.

### BELARUS

**12** Pray today for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, leader of the SGAsponsored Minsk Theological Seminary as well as president of the Belarussian UECB. Pastor Mihovich maintains a busy personal evangelistic ministry in addition to his oversight responsibilities at the school. We praise the Lord for his devotion to the Gospel of Christ.

**13** Lift Pastor Yuri D. in prayer today. Yuri is an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in the Grodno region, and he regularly holds Bible studies and evangelism in nearby villages.

**14** Please intercede for the Biblepreaching churches of Belarus on a nationwide basis. Government restrictions can make ministry very difficult, yet the Gospel continues to go forth and the Lord is drawing many to Himself in saving faith.



**15** As with all churches across the CIS who held summer children's camp ministries, our brothers and sisters in Belarus are engaged in follow up ministry with the children who attended, and their families. Lift this before the Lord in prayer today, asking for God's anointing and blessing.

**16** Please remember the SGAsponsored missionary pastors who are distributing food parcels to needy families through our Compassion Ministry. The reports we are receiving from Belarus and Ukraine are exciting, and this ministry is opening doors for the Gospel!

#### CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**17** As you pray today, ask for God's continued guidance as SGA supports Bible training in Israel. Join us in praising God for the ministry of our Bible training director there, and the encouragement he is to Russian-speaking congregations.

**18** We continue to see reports from the Central Asian countries about churches encountering even more restrictions from national governments. Please intercede for the registered UECB churches SGA serves, asking for God's continued protection.

**19** The rise of radical Islamic terrorists is a matter of legitimate concern by governments across Muslim Central Asia, but Christian believers are often caught up in the crackdowns imposed on religious freedom. Please intercede for our brothers and sisters in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and their neighboring countries.

20 SGA-sponsored missionary pastors in Tajikistan visit very needy families in mountain regions, taking the Gospel along with food parcels and other aid as God provides. Please lift their labors in prayer while also thanking the Lord for the opportunities to share His love.

**21** Pastor Alexander in Kazakhstan is busy with distribution of humanitarian aid provided through SGA partners as well as ongoing evangelistic ministry in his region. Please intercede in prayer for him today, asking for God's ongoing provision and protection. 22 Thanksgiving Day: O give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name;makeknownHisdeedsamongthe peoples (1 Chronicles 16:8). As we gather with family and offer thanks to God for His many blessings, please remember our brothers and sisters across the CIS. Ask the Lord to provide for their needs and to encourage their hearts as they serve Him.

23 While open evangelism can be difficult in some of the Caucasus nations, missionary pastors and layworkers use many means to share the Gospel. Compassion Ministry is one key way to gain a hearing with families who urgently need the Lord. Pray that God will open more doors for sharing His love.

24 Lift director Alexander Karyakov and the students of the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in prayer today. We praise and thank the Lord for the strong influence of this biblically faithful school at the heart of Central Asia.

## UKRAINE

25 Intercede in prayer today for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian UECB. Pray also for the regional pastors serving across Ukraine's 24 oblasts (states) in their respective leadership provisions, and especially in eastern Ukraine where conflict still rages.

26 Pray for the faculty and students at the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary in Ukraine. The fall term of study is well underway, and we are thankful for the way God continues to provide for this vitally important, strategic school. 27 Lift the staff of SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC) in prayer today. Especially remember director Ruslan Muratayev, who has experienced some health challenges this past year.

28 Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Viktor Opalinsky, who ministers to orphan children and families in Ukraine's Volnyansk and Novovoivankovka regions. We are thankful for the children now attending church as a result of his faithful labors. 29 Lift up the staff of SGA's international offices in the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia. We praise God for the way He is working through our partners to advance the Gospel across the CIS and Eastern Europe.

**30** We conclude November with the wonderful prophecy of Israel's coming Messiah from the prophet Isaiah. May it encourage your heart today! The people who walk in darknesswillseeagreatlight;thosewho live in a dark land, the light will shine on them (Isaiah 9:2).

# **Partner Prayer Requests**

I am struggling with diabetes-related issues . . . Midlothian, Illinois

Please pray for our men's ministry . . . Madison, Mississippi

Pray for my health and for my six grandchildren . . . Cypress, California

Pray for recovery from long-term health issues . . . Lewisburg, Kentucky

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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