



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 begin this new month with the admonition of the prophet Hosea . . . *So let us know, let us press on to know the Lord. His going forth is as certain as the dawn; and He will come to us like the rain, like the spring rain watering the earth (Hosea 6:3).*

**2** Please remember SGA president Michael Johnson in prayer today. May the Lord continue to make him a blessing and encouragement to our partners and the evangelical churches we serve.

**3** Intercede in prayer for SGA's international offices in Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and Australia. Ask the Lord to raise up more churches and individuals to partner with the wonderful ministry opportunities that exist across Russia and her neighboring countries.

**4** Please pray for Dr. Roman Dechtiarenko as he continues to lead Bible classes at SGA-sponsored seminaries and Bible institutes across the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). May God enable him to be a blessing and encouragement to his students as they open the Word together.

## BELARUS



**5** Pray today for Piotr Podrez, director of SGA's Minsk Regional Ministry Center (RMC). Ask God to provide abundant resources for them to help evangelical churches and their ministries across the country.

**6** Alexander P. is an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in Belarus' Cherven region. He is asking for God's provision to complete a church construction project that is vital to his ministry among children and youth. Please lift this need before the Lord.

**7** Minsk Theological Seminary is one of the four key Bible schools sponsored by SGA across the CIS. Please lift the faculty and students in prayer today as they work toward finishing the spring term.



**8** Pray for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the Belarussian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). With his leadership responsibilities at Minsk Seminary in addition to his duties with the Baptist Union, Leonid maintains a very busy schedule.

**9** Although summer is three months off, churches across Belarus and the other former Soviet nations are busily preparing for children's summer camp ministries. Please ask for God's provision and direction, praying that many more children will be able to hear the Gospel this year.

## RUSSIA



**10** Lift SGA's Moscow RMC staff—led by Valery Kazakov—in prayer today. The workload is immense between our North American offices and Russia, but our RMC staff serve the Lord with great joy and diligence.

**11** The SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary is located in Akademgorodok (Academic City), a suburb of the huge city of Novosibirsk. Pray for seminary president and pastor Eduard Genrikh, the faculty, and students today.

**12** The past two years have been a period of increased tensions between Russia and Western nations over various geopolitical conflicts. Please intercede for evangelical churches across the country as they labor to focus on the Gospel and their ministries despite what happens in the political world.



**13** Roman Goncharenko is an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in Russia's historic Vladimir region 120 miles east of Moscow. Roman's church is busy in the summer with children's camp ministry and other outreaches. We praise and thank the Lord for the many opportunities Roman has to share the life-changing Gospel.

**14** Pray for the SGA-sponsored *Reach Russia Now* initiative in the Far East as it continues to develop. The challenges to reach this remote, forbidding region are many, including remote locations and climate. Ask for God's ongoing wisdom and provision.

## UKRAINE



**15** Please pray today for the staff of SGA's Kiev RMC, led by Ruslan Muratayev. With the ongoing military conflict in eastern Ukraine and related political tensions, join us in praying for God's wisdom and direction as they serve churches across the country.

**16** Lift up the faculty and staff of the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary near Kiev. Especially remember seminary

president Dr. Igor Yaremchuk in his leadership responsibilities.

**17** SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Vladimir Solodukhin regularly conducts Gospel outreaches in prisons located in his region and receives warm welcomes from the inmates. May the Lord draw many of these forgotten men to Himself in saving faith!

**18** Pastor Valery Antonyuk is the president of the UECB in Ukraine. Please continue to intercede in prayer for Valery and his fellow pastors during these challenging days for their nation.

**19** Join us in thanksgiving to God today for His provision in reaching many needy families through SGA-sponsored Compassion Ministry. Although the harsh winter is ending, poverty remains great—especially in the war-shattered eastern regions of the country.

## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**20** Pray for Pastor Franz Tissen, president of the UECB in Kazakhstan. As churches continue to face growing restrictions, Franz and his fellow pastors need abundant wisdom from the Lord as they shepherd their flocks.

**21** Lift SGA's director of Bible training in Israel before the Lord in prayer today. Also ask for God's blessing and provision as we continue to help equip Russian-speaking congregations with ministry resources.

**22** According to international media, tensions are beginning to heighten again in Russia's Chechnya region in the Caucasus Mountains. Pray for the safety of our brothers and sisters as they discreetly share Christ in this Muslim-dominant region.

**23** With heart-rending poverty so severe in Tajikistan and other countries in Central Asia, SGA's Compassion Ministry is all the more vital for reaching needy families with aid and the Gospel. Ask for God's increased provision.

**24** Turkmenistan is one of the most oppressive Central Asian nations for Christian believers, and difficult to reach. Pray for Narmurad, an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor who discreetly shares the Gospel amid much hostility and shines the light of Christ's love.

**25** Pray for Pastor Ilya Zenchenko, president of the UECB in Azerbaijan. May the Lord encourage and supply this faithful brother in his very difficult leadership role. Conditions for evangelical churches in Azerbaijan are very restrictive, with churches facing significant oppression.

**26** Churches across the CIS are conducting follow-up ministry with children reached during *Immanuel's Child* Christmas outreaches this past January. Ask the Lord to continue working in the children's lives, opening their hearts—as well as those of their caregivers—to the life-changing Gospel.

**27** We praise and thank the Lord for the ministry of SGA missionary Ruth Deyneka Erdel, daughter of our founder Peter

Deyneka. Ruth has been working on her next book entitled *Daughters of the King*. Pray for the resources needed to complete and publish, and pray in advance that it will be a blessing to all who read it.

**28** Please lift up the staff of SGA's Loves Park, Illinois, headquarters today. While the bulk of SGA's ministries take place overseas, the support work done here in the U.S. is vitally important to Gospel work in the CIS.

**29** Intercede in prayer for SGA's board of directors, now chaired by Dr. Rick Goertzen. We praise and

thank the Lord for these faithful men who help guide the direction of our mission.

**30** Pray today for Beverly Braunsky, who serves as SGA's chief financial officer. Ask the Lord to give her wisdom and direction as she oversees our administration division.

**31** We conclude March with King David's song of trust . . . *O love the Lord, all you His godly ones! The Lord preserves the faithful and fully recompenses the proud doer. Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the Lord* (Psalm 31:23-24).

## Partner Prayer Requests

*Pray for the success of the broadcast stations we own in California . . .*

Reno, Nevada

*My sister is battling a reoccurrence of cancer . . . please pray . . .*

West Harrison, Indiana

*For the salvation of our grandchildren . . .*

Auburn, Georgia

*Pray for the health and financial needs of our family . . .*

Ypsilanti, Michigan

**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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