



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.*

## Scripture theme for the month:

*Therefore the Lord longs to be gracious to you, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you (Isaiah 30:18).*

**1 Reflection:** We begin June with the beautiful promise of the Lord Jesus . . . *Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls (Matthew 11:29-30).*

**2** SGA president Michael Johnson maintains a very intense travel and ministry schedule in addition to his administrative responsibilities here at SGA's Loves Park, Illinois, headquarters. Please intercede for him in prayer on a regular basis.

**3** SGA's board of directors is scheduled to meet later this month. Please remember board chairman Dr. Rick Goertzen and his fellow board members as they prayerfully determine our mission's goals and policies for the new fiscal year that begins next month.

**4** Remember SGA's senior missionaries in prayer this month —Ruth Deyneka Erdel, Florence Daneliuk, and Andrew Semenchuk. Join us in praising and thanking the Lord for their decades of faithful

service to Christ, and their burden to see the Russian people won to saving faith.

## RUSSIA



**5** We praise and thank the Lord for the effectiveness of church-based, Bible-based drug rehabilitation ministries in Russia. With some authorities saying Russia has the fastest-growing drug abuse problem in the world, the need for such ministries is great.

**6** Pray for the leadership of the Russian UECB on an ongoing basis. With 11 time zones and thousands of miles of territory, the Russian Federation is a vast country with millions yet to be reached with the Gospel.

**7** Roman Semionov is an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor laboring in Russia's Krasnodar region. Pray today for Roman's growing music ministry, especially as he gives evangelistic concerts in several towns and villages.

**8** We praise and thank the Lord for SGA's faithful office staff in Moscow, led by Valery Kazakov. May God bless, strengthen and encourage their hearts as they serve in Russia's huge capital city.

**9** Please continue to intercede for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). May the Lord grant him and his fellow pastors great wisdom as they lead their congregations in these challenging days.

## UKRAINE



**10** Pray for the staff of SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC). Director Ruslan Muratayev and his team take great joy in the encouragement and equipping of Bible-preaching churches across Ukraine.

**11** The SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* ministry continues to have eternal impact in the lives of hundreds of lonely, forgotten orphan children across Ukraine and the other countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). The need for expansion and resources to maintain existing ministry is ongoing, so please continue to lift this effective ministry in prayer.



**12** Intercede for the faculty and students of the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary. We are thankful to God for the servant leadership of seminary president Dr. Igor Yaremchuk, and the way that the Lord is using this solid Bible school for His glory and the sake of His kingdom.

**13** In Ukraine's Kherson region, SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Vasily Shevelenko and his son Ilya are an effective team conducting outreaches in several neighboring villages. We praise God for the harvest being gathered through their faithfulness.

**14** Please pray for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian UECB. We praise and thank the Lord for Valery's servant leadership during these tumultuous days in Ukraine.

## BELARUS



**15** Pray for Piotr and Dima Podrez, and the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC in Belarus. May the Lord enable them to bring constant blessing, edification and encouragement to Bible-preaching churches across their spiritually needy nation.

**16** Lift the SGA-sponsored Little Pearl Children's Camp in Kobrin before the Lord today. The summer months will be very busy as the camp ministers to young boys and girls with Chernobyl-related illnesses. We pray that many will respond to the Gospel and trust in Christ.

**17** Pray for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the Belarussian UECB. May the Lord grant him strength and wisdom as he leads not only the Union, but also the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary.

**18** In addition to SGA-sponsored seminaries across the CIS, our partners also help sponsor Bible institutes for those pastors and church workers unable to attend a seminary full time. Please remember the students and teachers in prayer regularly.

**19** SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Alexander P. has opportunities to share Christ's love and humanitarian aid at local hospitals by invitation of the leadership. Ask God to work in the hearts of those who hear the Gospel, and that this will lead to even more opportunities.

## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**20** Back in March, Kazakhstan's long-time president Nursultan Nazarbaev suddenly resigned, with the speaker of parliament's upper house to hold temporary presidential powers. Lift Kazakh evangelical churches in prayer during this transitional time in their country, especially that new leadership will allow greater religious freedom.

**21** Evangelical churches in Tajikistan continue to face increased pressure from governmental authorities as well as from groups opposed to their



ministries. Intercede for our brothers and sisters there, asking for God's protection and blessing.

**22** In Caucasus republics such as Chechnya, Dagestan and Kabardino-Balkaria, SGA-sponsored missionary pastors must carry out their ministries very discreetly as Islam is a dominant influence. Pray today for their protection, and for fruitful outreach despite the pressures they face.

**23** Please continue to pray for Israel College of the Bible as they continue training pastors for Russian-speaking congregations. We are thankful to the Lord that we are able to help them through scholarships and other resources for the students.

**24** The need for Russian-language Bibles and Christian literature is always present as evangelical congregations continue to be planted across the CIS. Ask for God's ongoing provision in this vitally important area.

**25** Pray for Bill Ball and the staff of SGA/Canada. May God increase their resources for ministry and draw many more evangelical churches to partner with what the Lord is doing across the CIS.

**26** Pray for Eric Mock, SGA's vice president of ministry operations, and the ministry division that he leads. Overseeing our varied outreaches across the CIS as well as church relations in North America is a very demanding task.

**27** Although *Immanuel's Child* Christmas outreaches are several months past, churches conduct ongoing follow up ministry with children and families who attended. Please pray that there will be openness to the Gospel, and to continued contact with God's people.

**28** Join us in thanksgiving for the many North American churches who support SGA's ministries in the CIS. We endeavor

to be a blessing, encouragement, and resource for these congregations who help make our ministries possible.

**29** While winter is the season where humanitarian aid such as warm clothing is most vital, poor families across the lands of Russia have needs all year long. Ask the Lord to provide for ongoing Compassion Ministry for the glory of Christ, and for the sake of the Gospel.

**30 Reflection:** Let us conclude with the glorious praise of God recorded by the Apostle John as it rang forth in Heaven . . . *To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever* (Revelation 5:13).

## Partner Prayer Requests

*Please pray for my grandchildren to return to the Lord . . . Aloha, Oregon*

*Pray for our pastoral search . . . Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

*For the salvation of my son . . . Tomball, Texas*

*Pray for a new ministry I am beginning . . . Luquillo, Puerto Rico*

*My husband went to be with Christ . . . pray for God's peace . . .*

Munich, North Dakota

**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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