



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 of the Month:

... *And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life* (1 John 5:11-12).

**1 Reflection:** We begin the new month reflecting on the glorious promise of eternal life in Christ . . . *Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up through His power* (1 Corinthians 6:14).

**2** Please pray today for SGA president Michael Johnson, who will be attending missions conferences this month. May the Lord bless, protect and sustain him on the road, and enable him to encourage the hearts of those who



Michael Johnson (center, front row) and the board of Irpen Biblical Seminary.

support our mission through their gifts and prayers.

**3** Lift SGA's board of directors in prayer, as they are scheduled to meet later this month. We are thankful for this group of godly men and their faithful service to Christ through our mission.

## RUSSIA



**4** The relationship between Russia and the United States has had considerable ups and downs over decades of global events. Pray with us for steadily improving relations, which we pray will have a beneficial effect for the sake of the Gospel.

**5** Pray today for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Ask for God's blessing as Piotr travels across Russia's vastness to encourage and edify local churches—sometimes in difficult regions.

**6** We praise and thank the Lord for the ministry of Vitaly Zanin, national youth ministry director for the Russian UECB. Ask for God's continued wisdom and direction as youth ministry develops in Russia.

**7** SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Eugene Dushakov has a very fruitful ministry with orphans and other children in the Ioshkar-Ola region, as well as open doors for outreach in schools. Please remember him in prayer today, thanking the Lord for these tremendous opportunities.

**8** Please remember to keep praying for the many children who heard the Gospel during summer camp ministry across Russia and her neighboring countries. Pray with us that many will come to know the Lord Jesus as their Savior as the churches follow up.

**9** Please lift director Valery Kazakov and SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC) staff in prayer. We praise and thank the Lord for their diligence and joyful service to Christ in Russia's huge capital city.

## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**10** Intercede in prayer for the growing partnership between SGA and Russian-speaking congregations in Israel. Pray for SGA's director of Bible training as he travels to various teaching locations in the country.

**11** Believers in the Muslim-dominated countries of Central Asia are facing increasing pressure and outright persecution from their governments on both the local and national level. Please pray for our brothers and sisters there, and for UECB pastors as they lead their congregations.

**12** The Caucasus Mountains region of the former Soviet Union can be a dangerous place for evangelical ministry, yet discreet Gospel outreach is yielding a spiritual harvest. Join us in praising the Lord for every opportunity, while asking for even more doors to be opened for evangelism.

**13** Pastor Franz Tissen has served for many years as president of the Kazakh UECB, as well as pastor of his local church and overseeing a wonderful Christian home for orphan children. Pray for Franz in the midst of his heavy schedule, asking for God's ongoing blessing and refreshing.

**14** Pray for director Alexander Karyakov at the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. Despite ongoing government scrutiny and pressure, Almaty continues to train future pastors and church workers in sound biblical theology for lifetimes of ministry.

## BELARUS

**15** SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Vasily continues to have open doors to share the Gospel in the Gomel region through distribution of food parcels to needy families. Pray for him often, and for other church teams across Belarus engaged in regular Compassion Ministry.

**16** This year's HBO mini-series on Chernobyl brought renewed attention to the tragic 1986 nuclear accident, which hit Belarus hardest of all with radioactive contamination. Ask God to provide more resources

for the SGA-sponsored Little Pearl Children's Camp, which helps diagnose and treat children suffering radiation-related illnesses.

**17** We praise and thank the Lord for the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC, led by Piotr Podrez. Please join us in praying on an ongoing basis for our Minsk team as they serve the Lord in Belarus' large capital city.

**18** Pray for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of both the Belarussian UECB and Minsk Theological Seminary. We are thankful to the Lord for Leonid and his tireless service to Christ.



**19** As in most CIS nations, churches in Belarus are already making plans for the SGA-sponsored *Immanuel's Child* Christmas outreach for children. Pray in advance for an abundance of funding so we can reach as many children as possible with the Gospel.

**20** During Easter celebrations this past spring, SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Sergei and his church distributed evangelism tracts in the Brest region. Pray for Sergei as he conducts ongoing outreach to

follow up with those who received the Gospel tracts.

## UKRAINE

**21** Please lift the staff of SGA's Kiev RMC in prayer today. These are days of challenge in Ukraine with the armed conflict in the east still ablaze, yet Ruslan Muratayev and our RMC staff are fully dedicated to equipping the churches for fruitful ministry.

**22** SGA/Canada partners sponsor missionary pastors in Ukraine and in several other former Soviet republics. We are thankful for each one! Please pray for director Bill Ball as he travels and updates the churches on the fruit of their support.

**23** Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Vladimir Bogomaz in Ukraine's Khmelnytsky region. Vladimir and his church have a wonderfully fruitful, effective children's outreach in addition to Compassion Ministry to needy families. Ask God to draw many to Himself in saving faith.

**24** Please pray for the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary near Kiev. Lift up the need for funding to keep Irpen operating at full capacity, as solid Bible training remains a foundational ministry priority.

**25** Lift up the SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* ministry across the CIS. How wonderful it is when a lonely, forgotten orphan boy or girl comes to know that they have a Father in Heaven who will never leave or forsake them.

**26** Periodically throughout the year, SGA sends out a special mailing intended to acquaint new people with our Gospel ministry across the lands of Russia. Please intercede for these efforts, asking the Lord for wisdom in pursuing new avenues of opportunity to share what He is doing in the CIS.

**27** Please pray for all SGA international offices in the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Ask for God's faithful provision and encouragement as they do their part in reaching Russian-speakers around the world with the life-changing Gospel.

**28** Join us in thanksgiving for SGA's active senior missionaries—Ruth Deyneka Erdel,

Florence Daneliuk, and Andrew Semenchuk. Ask God to sustain their health and strength as they continue to serve Him and take advantage of Gospel opportunities.

**29** Pray for Alex Pashkovets, who serves as SGA's director of missionary ministries. May the Lord enable him to be a constant blessing and encouragement to our sponsored missionary pastors across the CIS.

**30 Reflection:** We close September with contemplation of God's endless blessings for His people. . . *Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders which You have done, and Your thoughts toward us; there is none to compare with You. If I would declare and speak of them, they would be too numerous to count* (Psalm 40:5).

## Partner Prayer Requests

*Pray for our terminally ill daughter physically and spiritually . . .*  
Punta Gorda, Florida

*For God's leading and provision in church staffing . . .*  
Sturtevant, Wisconsin

*Pray for my health . . .*  
Canby, Oregon

*I'm on hospice and my wife is very ill . . . pray for us . . .*  
Charleston, West Virginia

*For the salvation of family members . . .*  
Bronx, New York

**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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