



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:

If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me, and where I am, there my servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him (John 12:26).

1 Reflection: We begin November praying for God's ongoing sovereign guidance . . . *O send out Your light and Your truth, let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling places (Psalm 43:3).*

2 Intercede today for SGA president Michael Johnson as he fulfills his many leadership responsibilities. May the Lord grant him continual wisdom in guiding our ministries here in the U.S. as well as in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

3 Please pray for the ministries of SGA/Canada and director Bill Ball. Bill travels frequently across Canada to share the many Gospel opportunities that exist across Russia and her neighboring countries. May the Lord raise up many new partners for them in the days ahead.

4 The SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* ministry reaches thousands of Russian-speaking children with the love of Christ and the life-changing Gospel. Intercede in prayer that God will increase provision for this vital outreach.

RUSSIA



5 Pray for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Piotr and his fellow pastors in national leadership need great wisdom as ministry conditions in Russia continue to evolve. Ask God to encourage their hearts today.

6 Join us in praising God for SGA-sponsored *Antioch* training taking place in Russia's Far East. As with all *Antioch Initiative* training, our goal is to equip as many faithful men as possible to go out as missionary pastors and church planters in unreached regions.



7 Please lift SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Rinat Dolgov in prayer today. Rinat ministers in various locations across southern Russia. We praise and thank the Lord for his faithfulness in sharing the love of Christ despite what are, at times, very difficult conditions.

8 Pray for director Valery Kazakov and the staff of SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC). We are thankful for our Moscow team and for the encouragement they are to the evangelical churches they serve.

BELARUS



9 One of the fruitful Bible schools sponsored by SGA is the Minsk Theological Seminary located in Belarus' capital city. Pray for seminary president Leonid Mihovich, the students, and the faculty as they continue with the fall term.

10 There are many faithful missionary pastor/church-planters needing sponsors in Belarus, and in other CIS lands. Lift this need before the Lord, especially for unreached regions.

11 Lift the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC in prayer. As the Christmas and New Year holidays draw closer, director Piotr Podrez and his team will be very busy preparing for *Immanuel's Child* outreaches that will take place across the country.

12 Many children in Belarus are still being affected by remaining radiation from the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster. Pray for the SGA-sponsored children's camp at Kobrin, which ministers to these

children in both their medical and spiritual needs.



UKRAINE



13 In April 2020, the ongoing armed conflict in eastern Ukraine will enter its sixth year. Join us in praying that peace will come at last in Ukraine, while also praying for the resources to help evangelical churches respond with aid for affected needy families.

14 Please pray today for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Vladimir Mikhailov and his wife Lilia in Ukraine's Kiliya region. Lilia has been leading an effective outreach for local widows, while Vladimir leads evangelism in Kiliya and the town of Starye Troyany.

15 We praise and thank the Lord for SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC) staff, led by Ruslan Muratayev. Ruslan and his team joyfully serve the evangelical

churches of Ukraine for the sake of the Gospel.

16 Pray for the faculty and students at the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary. We are thankful to the Lord for the impact this doctrinally sound Bible school is having not just in Ukraine, but also the entire CIS.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

17 In Kazakhstan, poverty remains a serious problem for thousands of families. Ask the Lord to provide funds to help local evangelical churches purchase and distribute aid as needed — and that openings for the Gospel will be created.

18 Pray for Pastor Franz Tissen, who has served as president of the Kazakh UECB since 1992. Pray also for the children's home that Franz administers in his home village. May many boys and girls come to saving faith as they hear of Christ's love.

19 In Uzbekistan, evangelical churches must carry out their ministries very discreetly due to pressure from the government and Muslims across the country. Pray for Pastor Sergei, who has been ministering to recovering drug addicts as well as conducting numerous children's outreaches.

20 The SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute has opened a branch campus in the capital of another Central Asian nation, and 10 students are currently enrolled in a

two-year program. Join us in praising God for this newly opened door for sound Bible training.

21 Pray for SGA's director of Bible training in Israel. He and his family live near the Gaza Strip and rockets fired from there have come very close to his home. Ask for God's protection, and opportunities to share the love of Christ.

22 Although summer is over, follow up ministry continues among children who attended SGA-sponsored camp ministries. In the Central Asian countries, such ministry can be very risky due to government opposition.

23 As winter is at the doorstep, please pray for needy families in the mountains of Tajikistan, where poverty is especially severe. SGA-sponsored missionary pastors visit these villages with food and other aid, sharing the Gospel with the villagers as the Lord opens the door.

24 Pray today for SGA's senior missionaries—Florence Daneliuk, Andrew Semenchuk, and Ruth Deyneka Erdel. We are so thankful to the Lord for their faithfulness and decades of Gospel ministry around the world.

25 Please keep interceding in prayer for SGA-sponsored *Immanuel's Child* outreaches that will be taking place across the CIS at Christmas. While Russian Christmas is January 7, more missionary pastors are holding ministries for children around Western Christmas on December 25 in addition to their January outreaches.

26 Lift SGA's international offices before the Lord—New Zealand, Canada, Australia, and the United Kingdom. Each one has a vital part to play in serving the churches that Christ is building in the CIS and Eastern Europe.

27 Please pray for the staff at SGA's headquarters in Loves Park, Illinois. No matter what department, all our team members are united in the desire to see men, women and children across the lands of Russia come to saving faith in Christ.

28 Compassion Ministry is a very important part of the many ways SGA serves evangelical churches across Russia and her neighboring countries. Distribution of much-needed food and other aid often opens the door to share

the Gospel with needy families. Please pray for God's ongoing provision in this area.

29 Thanksgiving Day: *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful* (Colossians 3:15). As we reflect on God's blessings over the past year, we indeed have much for which to thank Him. Join us in praise and worship of our Lord today.

30 Reflection: Let us conclude November with the prophet Jeremiah's praise of our God and King . . . *A glorious throne on high from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary. O Lord, the hope of Israel, all who forsake You will be put to shame* (Jeremiah 17:12-13).

Partner Prayer Requests

For my son as he battles drug addiction . . .

Hitchcock, Texas

My husband recently passed . . . pray for God's comfort and wisdom . . .

Milton, Pennsylvania

I have severe back pain from arthritis . . . pray for relief . . .

Price, Utah

For God's Direction in my life . . .

Westland, 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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