



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:

For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart (Hebrews 12:3).

1 New Year's Day Reflection:

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1). As we begin this new year, we praise and thank the Lord for the glorious truth of the Gospel. Pray for multiple new opportunities for the Bible-preaching churches we serve to proclaim it to the lost.

2 Please remember SGA-sponsored Compassion Ministry in prayer today. Winter is especially difficult for needy families across Russia and her neighboring countries, and distribution of food and other aid by the churches can open many doors for the Gospel.

3 Pray for the support staff at SGA's headquarters in Loves Park, Illinois. Each one plays a vital role in our ministry of service to Bible-preaching churches in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) as well as here in North America.

4 Please lift up SGA president Michael Johnson. May the Lord grant him, our board of directors, and leadership team abundant wisdom as

they direct our mission in this new year.

5 We praise and thank God for our faithful partners across North America and around the world who sustain the ministries of SGA in prayer and giving. Only eternity will reveal the impact as we rejoice over the souls saved throughout the nations as the Gospel was proclaimed!

UKRAINE



6 The violent conflict in eastern Ukraine is now entering its sixth year. Please join us in intercession for the dedicated missionary pastors sponsored by SGA across Ukraine as they travel in dangerous regions to share the Gospel and meet physical needs.

7 Today is the day Christmas is observed across the CIS. Please pray for the thousands of children who will be reached through SGA-sponsored *Immanuel's Child* outreaches. We pray that many will come to Christ in saving faith as they hear of His love.

8 Intercede in prayer for Ruslan Muratayev, director of SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC). We

are ever thankful to God for Ruslan and his dedicated team, and for their joyful service to Christ and the churches He is building in Ukraine.

9 SGA sponsors the Irpen Biblical Seminary in Ukraine. Please pray for the students enrolled in pastoral and other ministry tracks of study, asking for God's abundant blessing. Pray especially for the increased funding needed to serve a growing number of eager students.

10 Pray for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, who leads Ukraine's Baptist Union in these challenging days. Also lift up the regional pastors who oversee churches in their respective oblasts (states). We praise and thank God for their tireless, faithful service.

RUSSIA



11 In addition to Dr. Piotr Mitskevich who serves as president, there are seven regional vice presidents in the Russian Baptist Union responsible for overseeing vast reaches of territory and the evangelical churches within. Ask for God's continued wisdom and blessing as they lead.

12 Pray for the SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* ministry across Russia and the other CIS countries. Thousands of lonely, forgotten children are being reached with the life-changing Gospel, and finding hope where once before only hopelessness existed.

13 Vladimir Koshelev is an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor serving in Russia's historic Vladimir



region. Pray for him and his church as they engage in one-to-one evangelism and other fruitful outreaches.

14 Continue to pray for SGA's *Reach Russia Now* initiative, which is currently focused on the Far East. Pray for the resources needed to help reach the many remote, difficult-to-access towns and villages dotting this region, which is nearly the size of the continental U.S.

15 Pray today for Vitaly Zanin, youth ministry leader for the Russian UECB. We are thankful to God for this dedicated brother and his zeal to reach young people with the Gospel.

BELARUS



16 Pray for director Piotr Podrez and the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC. Piotr and his team are having a tremendous impact for the Lord's kingdom as they support the ministries of the churches.

17 Compassion Ministry is very important for missionary pastors in Belarus, especially in reaching needy families during the harsh winter months. Ask for God's

increased provision for food and other aid as needed.

18 Join us in praising the Lord for the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary, led by Pastor Leonid Mihovich. Pray today for the students as they are being trained in sound Bible doctrine and the skills they will need for fruitful ministry.

19 The international news media has reported on a seeming thaw between Belarus' authoritarian government and Western nations in recent months. Pray with us that this will in time lead to more freedom for evangelical churches to worship and reach their people with the Gospel.



20 Pray today for Leonid Mihovich, president of the Belarussian Baptist Union. Viktor maintains a very busy schedule as he also leads the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

21 Please intercede for Christian believers in Turkmenistan, where pressure on the churches can be very severe. Pray for the safety and

endurance of our brother and sisters, as their congregations face frequent fines and raids.

22 While there has not been an openly visible evangelical church in Russia's Muslim-dominated Chechnya region for several years, discreet ministry still takes place with visiting missionary pastors. Please intercede in prayer, asking God to bring many to Himself in saving faith despite the opposition.

23 The SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute, led by director Alexander Karyakov, is having tremendous Gospel impact across Central Asia. Please pray today for Alexander, the teachers, and the students as they labor for Christ in this strategic nation.

24 It is such a blessing to partner with Israel College of the Bible to help train and equip leaders for Russian-speaking congregations. Ask for God's continued blessing and direction in all ministry opportunities.

25 Tajikistan is one of the most poverty-stricken countries in former Soviet Central Asia, and the oppressed people are in such urgent need of the life-changing Gospel. Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastors in these regions, as they often must labor discreetly due to Muslim opposition.

26 The Caucasus Mountains are a vast region stretching across many countries, and there are many different people groups to be reached with the Gospel. Please pray for more faithful men to receive sponsors to enable them to enter the harvest field.

27 Pray for SGA's advancement division, which is responsible for raising the funds needed to support the ministries of evangelical churches across Russia and her neighboring countries. Ask for God's help in effectively sharing what He is doing through His people.

28 Please intercede for evangelical churches and missionary pastors in the CIS as they conduct follow up ministry with children and families reached during SGA-sponsored *Immanuel's Child* Christmas outreaches. These ongoing contacts lead to much Gospel fruit!

29 Lift SGA missionary Ruth Deyneka Erdel in prayer today. Ruth spends much time these days in writing ministry, especially for the

discipleship of Russian Christian women. Pray that Ruth's books will encourage many hearts for the glory of Christ.

30 We praise and thank the Lord for the ministries of SGA's international offices in Canada, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, and Australia. May God grant them increased resources to help reach even more Slavic people with the Gospel around the world!

31 Reflection: We conclude January with the prophet's praise and worship of our Lord and King . . . *There is none like You, O Lord; You are great, and great is Your name in might. Who would not fear You, O king of the nations? For it is Your due* (Jeremiah 10:6-7).

Partner Prayer Requests

Pray for our country . . .

Rule, Texas

Please pray for my wife's health . . .

Yuma, Arizona

For the salvation and deliverance of our grandson . . .

North Augusta, South Carolina

For wisdom in business decisions . . .

Forest City, Iowa

Pray for our church to grow . . .

Langdon, 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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