



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 God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline (2 Timothy 1:7).

1 Reflection: We begin June contemplating the Great Commission of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ . . . *All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you (Matthew 28:18-20).*

2 The coronavirus pandemic has had serious impacts around the world, and the ministries of the evangelical churches SGA serves have not been exempted. Please ask for God's sovereign intervention, praying for infections to subside as well as for the protection of His people as they proclaim the Gospel.

3 Please join us in praying today for SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* teams across the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). There are at least 700,000 children in orphanages and children's homes across Russia alone, and the majority has yet to hear a clear presentation of the Gospel.

4 In addition to our mission's Loves Park, Illinois, headquarters, SGA

also has autonomous offices in the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand and Australia. We are thankful to the Lord for the way He has used SGA to reach Russian-speakers and Slavic peoples around the world with the Gospel.

RUSSIA



5 Lift Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB) in prayer. Pray also for the seven regional vice presidents who assist Piotr in overseeing ministry across Russia's huge territory.

6 No matter what impacts the coronavirus pandemic have on summer camp ministry, evangelical churches across Russia will be focused on how best to help children and their families, especially through Compassion Ministry. We praise and thank the Lord for His gracious provision in these difficult times.

7 Please pray for Pastor Eduard Genrikh and the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary. Greater restrictions are being placed on evangelical schools in Russia, and it remains to be seen what impact this will have at Novosibirsk.

8 SGA's board of directors is scheduled to meet today as our fiscal year comes to a close at the end of the month. Please intercede for our board and SGA president Michael Johnson, asking God for His ongoing wisdom and direction for our ministries.

9 Lift director Valery Kazakov and SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC) in prayer today. In a country as vast as Russia, coordinating SGA's many ministry activities in-country can be quite a challenge. We are thankful to God for our Moscow team and their faithful, diligent service.

BELARUS



10 Join us today in praying for the health and safety of SGA's Minsk RMC staff. May the Lord grant them His blessing and encouragement as they serve His churches across Belarus.

11 Relations with the United States, the West, and Belarus have been improving in the last year or so. We are praying for a positive impact for the evangelical churches we serve. Please lift them in prayer today, asking God to protect them while also granting open doors for the Gospel.

12 SGA-supported Compassion Ministry continues to be a key outreach for many missionary pastors across Belarus, and the serious physical needs of poor families are many. Lift this ongoing need before the Lord today.

13 Pray for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the

Belarussian UECB and leader of the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary. Ask the Lord to grant Leonid health, strength, and wisdom in maintaining two vast leadership responsibilities.

14 Please intercede for the family of SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Pavel Kharaschuk in Belarus. Pavel went to be with the Lord earlier this year after a long battle with cancer and other illnesses. Ask for God's comfort and provision for his widow, Tatiana, and four children—the youngest of whom is 12.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

15 Across Central Asia, poverty remains a serious problem and the coronavirus impacts have not helped the economies of these nations. Pray for increased resources to help churches reach out to needy families and individuals through Compassion Ministry.



16 In Georgia, SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Dr. Levan

has a fruitful medical ministry to the needy in addition to his evangelistic and church planning labors. Please lift this faithful brother before the Lord today.

17 Pray for Alexander Karyakov and the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute. We praise and thank the Lord for this key, doctrinally sound Bible school at the heart of Central Asia.

18 In addition to Almaty Bible Institute, SGA occasionally has opportunities to sponsor Bible institute training in other Central Asian and Caucasus nations. Join us in asking for God's provision and direction in future opportunities to train future pastors in sound Bible doctrine.

19 We praise and thank the Lord for His provision in enabling SGA to support Bible training for Russian Jewish congregations of believers in Israel. Pray that more congregations can be planted and grow in the land of the Bible.

UKRAINE



20 Please lift Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian UECB, in prayer today. Ukraine has been hit hard by the coronavirus and related economic fallout, and the churches are continually seeking ways to help their people and share the Gospel with the lost.

21 Pray for Ruslan Muratayev, director of SGA's Kiev RMC. We praise and thank God for Ruslan

and our faithful team in Ukraine, and their tireless, diligent service to Christ in the face of many challenges.

22 Please lift Pastor Yaroslav Machinsky and his faithful congregation in prayer today. Yaroslav and his church make occasional visits into the conflict zone in eastern Ukraine to distribute humanitarian aid and share the Gospel with needy families. Join us in thanksgiving for his fruitful ministry.

23 Intercede in prayer for the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary in Ukraine. The need for doctrinally sound, biblical training in pastoral ministry, evangelism, Christian education and other ministry areas has never lessened, and in these days, it is more important than ever.

24 Please continue to pray for peace and resolution to the ongoing conflict in eastern Ukraine, which has claimed thousands of lives and displaced thousands more from their homes. Pray for the ongoing resources needed to help churches keep reaching out to needy families in the love of Christ.

25 Ruth Deyneka Erdel, SGA missionary and daughter of our founder Peter Deyneka, has faithfully served our mission for 70 years. We praise and thank the Lord for Ruth's ministry, which continues to touch lives around the world for the glory of Christ. Lift her in prayer today.

26 Pray for the SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* ministry across the CIS. The full impact of the coronavirus pandemic on children's

ministries remains to be seen, and we are asking the Lord for His protection of the children and their caregivers, as well as the faithful church teams.

27 Pray for UECB regional pastors across Russia and her neighboring countries. These faithful men have been selected and called to oversee ministry in specific territories across 11 time zones. May the Lord enable them to be a blessing and encouragement to the congregations they serve.

28 We praise and thank God for the faithful charitable foundations that help support a significant portion of SGA's ministry across the CIS. Lift them in prayer today, asking the Lord

to use their generous investments for His glory in bringing many to saving faith.

29 Remember SGA's Loves Park, Illinois, headquarters staff in prayer today. Whether in administration, ministry, or advancement/public communication, we all work in tandem to provide effective support and encouragement to evangelical churches and our faithful partners for the sake of the Gospel.

30 Reflection: We close June with God's faithful promise . . . *I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud and your sins like a heavy mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you* (Isaiah 44:22).

Partner Prayer Requests

For healing from insomnia and fatigue . . .

Merritt Island, Florida

For the financial needs of my family . . .

Ypsilanti, Michigan

I am a doctor . . . pray for protection from the virus . . .

Chambersburg, Pennsylvania

Pastor is recovering from cancer surgery . . .

Chicago, Illinois

For financial, health and insurance issues to be settled . . .

Vista, California

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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