



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:

He is your praise and He is your God, who has done these great and awesome things for you, which your eyes have seen (Deuteronomy 10:21).

1 Reflection: We begin the new month with praise and thanksgiving to our God and King . . . *I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations (Psalm 57:9).*

2 Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastors across the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) as they faithfully labor where God has called and planted them. May many come to saving faith as the Gospel is proclaimed.

3 Lift up SGA's leadership team—President Michael Johnson, chief financial officer Beverly Braunsky, and vice president of ministry operations Eric Mock. Ask the Lord to grant them wisdom as they oversee our mission's work.

4 Join us in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for the beginning of another fiscal year at SGA. Should the Lord tarry in His coming, we look forward to even more fruitful ministry for his glory in the coming 12 months together with you—our faithful partners!

5 The global economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic that spread earlier this year continue to affect many lives. Please lift our brothers and sisters across the CIS in prayer even as we continue to pray for one another here in North America, and help to meet urgent needs.

RUSSIA



6 The SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* team in Krasnoyarsk was the first ever to be supported by our partners, and today the ministry has spread to 141 orphanages across the CIS. Please pray for the teams across Russia and the other participating countries today as they share Christ's love with these neediest of children.

7 We thank God for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the

Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB), and his leadership team. Pray for continued wisdom and resources as they lead with dedication and zeal for the Gospel.

8 Pray for director Valery Kazakov and the staff at SGA's Moscow RMC as they serve churches and provide much-needed resources to congregations across all Russia. Ask especially for the Lord to protect the health of the staff at all RMCs.

9 Currently, SGA sponsors 151 missionary pastors across vast Russia. With thousands of miles of unreached territory where no Bible-preaching churches exist, ask God to raise up many more faithful men to serve.

10 Lift up Pastor Vitaly Zanin, who serves as national youth director for the Russian UECB. Pray for Pastor Vlad and his fellow youth leaders as they encourage the youth to be holy and set apart in this world for service to Christ.

UKRAINE



Ruslan Muratayev. Pray for continued resourcefulness as they serve churches across Ukraine, which continues to face serious economic challenges and an unsettled separatist conflict in the east.

12 Pray for the faculty and students at the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary as they break during the summer from their regular academic studies. Pray especially for the students who will be doing summer practicums as additional learning experiences.

13 Intercede for Vladimir Drok and other pastors as they continue to take humanitarian aid and the Gospel into the eastern conflict zones. The coronavirus impacts on the country have made Compassion Ministry into even more of a vital priority.

14 Lift SGA's Sergei Omelchenko and his family in prayer today. Based out of Kiev, Sergei continues in his role as our chief Russian-language book editor and in-country assistant to SGA leadership.

15 Pray for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian UECB, especially during this time of political unrest in Ukraine. Pray for wisdom and safety as he leads in all his ministry responsibilities.

BELARUS



16 Pray for SGA-sponsored Compassion Ministry in Belarus, and the church teams that travel to deliver food and other aid to needy families. May the Lord open numerous hearts to believe the

Gospel and trust in Christ as they experience His gracious provision.

17 Pray for the Belarussian UECB as they prioritize the training of pastors, preachers and Sunday school teachers this next year. Pray for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, who leads the UECB in Belarus in addition to the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary.

18 Pray for director Piotr Podrez and his staff at SGA's Minsk RMC. We praise and thank the Lord for their opportunity to support and encourage the evangelical churches we serve across the country.

19 Pray for Pastor Dmitri as he leads a fruitful *Orphans Reborn* ministry in Belarus. Pray that the Lord will draw many young boys and girls to Himself as they hear of Christ's love for them.

20 Pastor Alexei is an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in Belarus' Grodno region. Please lift him in prayer as he follows up from *Immanuel's Child* Christmas ministry and other children's outreaches throughout the year.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

21 Please continue to pray for Dr. Levan and his fellow missionary pastors in the Caucasus nation of Armenia. While evangelical churches can face significant opposition there, Dr. Levan's medical clinic and the help he gives to needy families opens the door to faithful Gospel proclamation.



22 Please intercede for workers in children's ministries and outreaches in the central Asian countries. Such ministry in these Muslim-dominated lands must be conducted very discreetly, yet the churches press on faithfully sharing Christ's love with the little ones.

23 Lift Pastor Ilya Zenchenko, president of the Azerbaijan UECB, in prayer today. This Caucasus nation can also be very difficult for evangelical churches, with some pastors even jailed periodically for carrying out their ministries.

24 Pray for the students at Israel College of the Bible as they finish the spring school term. Pray for their ministry and personal lives, as many are currently serving as pastors even as they study.

25 Pray for Pastor Franz Tissen, long-time leader of the UECB in Kazakhstan. In addition to his church responsibilities, Franz also maintains a fruitful children's ministry and home in his town. Pray for the seeds of the Gospel to grow!

26 We thank the Lord for SGA's Joell Tanner, who serves in our accounting department and has

11 We thank God for the staff of SGA's Kiev RMC, led by director

several key responsibilities. May the Lord encourage her heart today!

27 Lift up Bill Ball, director of SGA/Canada, and his assistant Sue Petten as they work to support evangelical churches advancing the Gospel across Russia and her neighboring countries.

28 We thank and praise God for SGA's senior missionaries—Ruth Deyneka Erdel, Andrew Semenchuk, and Florence Daneliuk—and the examples their lives have been, and even now as they continue to impact many lives for eternity.

29 Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastors who visit prisons and share the Gospel with those serving time in prison. Many inmates

have come to know Christ and have even begun churches behind prison walls!

30 We are thankful to God for all of our partners in ministry, including charitable foundations, church missions teams, and you! Please let us know how we can pray for you—our staff meets in daily prayer groups to intercede for our partners and ministries.

31 Reflection: We close July with the Apostle Peter's intercession . . . *so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ* (1 Peter 1:7).

Partner Prayer Requests

For the salvation of my cousin . . .

La Porte, Indiana

My wife has dementia . . .

Marysville, Pennsylvania

Comfort after the loss of my brother . . .

Pendleton, Oregon

Our business is essential . . . pray for the health of our staff . . .

Angier, North Carolina

My husband is in a nursing home . . . I cannot visit . . .

Stoughton, Wisconsin

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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