



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:

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1).*

**1 Reflection:** Let us begin the new month pondering the God-given wisdom of King Solomon . . . *For I have taken all this to my heart and explain it that righteous men, wise men, and their deeds are in the hand of God (Ecclesiastes 9:1).*

**2** Please pray for protection of evangelical churches across the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) as political conditions continue to fluctuate. Ask the Lord to protect their freedom to worship and share Christ with the lost.

**3** Keep SGA president Michael Johnson in prayer, especially for ongoing wisdom and discernment as he oversees our ministries in tandem with our leadership team and board of directors.

**4** Please pray in advance for churches that will be participating in the SGA-sponsored *Immanuel's Child* Christmas ministry this year. There is still some uncertainty as to what impact the coronavirus pandemic and its aftermath will have on the outreaches.

## RUSSIA



**5** Pray for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian UECB. Russia is 11 time zones and thousands of miles across, and his leadership position requires frequent travel by land and air.

**6** Lift up in prayer the staff of SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC), led by Valery Kazakov. They joyfully serve SGA-sponsored missionary pastors across Russia, as well as SGA staff as they travel to encourage the churches and report on the ministry taking place.

**7** Pray for the SGA-sponsored Youth IN Ministry program across Russia. We are thankful for church youth as they travel and minister Christ's love, especially in small remote villages. Pray for the resources to help disciple and train even more young people to serve.

**8** Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Vyacheslav Kuznetsov, who serves in Russia's St. Petersburg region. Intercede for his church's Bible-based drug rehab ministry, as well as his fruitful outreach to needy children and their families.

**9** Pray for the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary—located in central Siberia. Ask for God's direction as they continue to adjust in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and its aftereffects.

**10** Lift missionary pastors across Russia's Far East in prayer. It is a region nearly as large as the lower 48 states of the US, and largely unreached with the Gospel. Pray for SGA's Reach Russia Now initiative, designed to help these pastors and their ministries.

## BELARUS



**11** The COVID-19 pandemic has affected many individuals and families across Belarus, including some within the SGA family. Ask for swift healing for the sick and a total end to the pandemic across the entire CIS, and globally.

**12** Please pray today for director Piotr Podrez and the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC. As the summer winds down, the churches will be conducting follow-up ministry as well as continuing plans for *Immanuel's Child* outreaches this Christmas.

**13** Alexander is an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in Belarus' Grodno region. He asks that we

continue to pray for his vibrant youth and children's outreaches, including sports ministry. We praise God for these opportunities to reach young people with the life-changing Gospel!

**14** SGA's board of directors is scheduled to meet today. Please lift them, as well as SGA president Michael Johnson and our leadership team, in prayer as they set policy and guide our mission in the days ahead.

**15** Remember Leonid Mikhovich, president of the Belarussian UECB and leader of the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary, in prayer. Leonid maintains a busy schedule in his leadership responsibilities as well as evangelistic ministry. We praise the Lord for Leonid's dedicated, godly example.

## UKRAINE



**16** The conflict in eastern Ukraine will soon be entering its eighth year, leaving much sorrow and bloodshed in its wake. Pray for

increased resources for SGA to help missionary pastors reach out to shattered families with the love of Jesus and humanitarian aid as needed.

**17** Intercede for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Bronislav Zilkovskiy in Ukraine's Odessa region. Bronislav visits prisons in his region to share the Gospel and hold services with young inmates. May many come to saving faith as they hear of Christ's love!

**18** Please pray for director Ruslan Muratayev and his staff at SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC). Intercede in prayer for their families and ask the Lord to encourage their hearts even as they encourage the churches they serve.

**19** Join us in praising the Lord for Irpen Biblical Seminary, which has been sponsored by SGA since its inception in 1991. Pray for seminary president Dr. Igor Yaremchuk as he leads the school.

**20** Please intercede regularly for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian UECB. May God grant him abundant wisdom and discernment during these days of serious challenge in Ukraine.

## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**21** Forum 18 recently reported on the case of a parliamentary staff member in a Caucasus nation who was fired due to being a Christian. Please pray for this individual, and for

our other brothers and sisters living amid increasing persecution.

**22** We are thankful for the opportunity to partner with Israel College of the Bible to help provide Bible training for Russian-speaking immigrants and congregations in Israel. Ask the Lord for His continued provision as opportunities to assist arise.



**23** Mixed signals continue to come out of Central Asia with governmental reforms taking place in some nations. What impact this will have on religious freedom remains to be seen. Please intercede in prayer for our brothers and sisters in this strategic region.

**24** The Caucasus Mountains region covers southern Russia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Armenia, and ministry there poses many challenges. It can even be dangerous in regions where Islam is dominant. Lift SGA-sponsored missionary pastors and their churches in these regions before the Lord today.

**25** Pray for Kairat, an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in Kazakhstan. Kairat has a fruitful ministry with youth in his region, with several coming to faith in Christ in the past few months. We praise

and thank the Lord for His power to change young lives!

**26** Pray today for Alexander Karyakov, director of the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. Pray also for the professors and students as they enter the fall term of study.

**27** Pray for SGA's international offices in Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, and New Zealand. We praise and thank God for their faithful dedication to the Gospel and service to evangelical churches in the CIS and Eastern Europe.

**28** Please pray today for retired SGA missionary Stella Jarema Kapitaniuk, who has had some

significant health issues over the past year. Also pray for her husband Bill, who headed SGA's ministry in France for many years along with Christian literature printing in Ukraine. We are thankful to the Lord for their decades of service to Christ.

**29** Remember SGA vice president of ministry operations Eric Mock and his team in prayer today. Together, they oversee all SGA ministries that serve evangelical churches across the CIS.

**30 Reflection:** We end September with the assurance of the psalmist . . . *Bless our God, O peoples, and sound His praise abroad, Who keeps us in life and does not allow our feet to slip* (Psalm 66:8-9).

## Partner Prayer Requests

*For strength and to walk in God's will . . .*

El Paso, Texas

*I am battling cancer . . . please pray . . .*

Little Rock, Arkansas

*Pray for the healing of my children . . .*

Lynchburg, Virginia

*For our finances and guidance in major decisions . . .*

Lake Stevens, Washington

*Praising God for His salvation . . .*

Altoona, 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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