



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:

*May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob set you securely on high (Psalm 20:1).*

**1 Reflection:** We begin November with James' wonderful reminder of our God's faithful provision for His people . . . *Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow (James 1:17).*

**2** Pray today for SGA president Michael Johnson as you go before the Lord. May God continue to grant him and our leadership team abundant wisdom in these challenging days of ministry across the former Soviet Union.

**3** Intercede for the staff and families of SGA's international offices in Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand. We praise and thank the Lord for their faithfulness in service to Christ and for the sake of the Gospel.

**4** Continue to lift up SGA-sponsored missionary pastors and their churches as they continue to reach out to needy families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Even in the midst of this great tragedy, the Lord is using it to bring many to Himself in saving faith.

## RUSSIA



**5** 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.

**6** Pray for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Ask God to grant him wisdom and direction in his national leadership role.

**7** Intercede for Valery Kazakov, director of SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC). In a country as vast in size as Russia, coordinating the equipping of churches and missionary pastors can be a challenging task, yet our RMC team does it with great joy and commitment.

**8** Pray for Pastor Eduard Genrikh, president of the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary. With the Russian government stepping up scrutiny of evangelical Bible schools and ministries, Eduard and his fellow seminary leaders will need great

wisdom from the Lord in the days ahead.

**9** Vladimir Nenastin is a faithful missionary pastor sponsored by SGA in Russia's Nizhny Novgorod region. We praise and thank the Lord for Vladimir's joyful, fruitful ministry, and lift him up in prayer today.

## BELARUS



**10** Pastor Leonid Mihovich is president of the Belarussian UECB, and also the leader of the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary. We praise God for his servant leadership and dedication to reaching his nation with the Gospel.

**11** Many children in Belarus are still being affected by residual 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 needs and spiritual needs.



**12** Pray today for the staff of SGA's RMC in Minsk, led by Piotr Podrez. Pray also for the evangelical churches we serve across Belarus in this time of significant political turmoil.

**13** SGA-sponsored missionary pastors in Belarus continue reaching out to needy families distributing food and other aid as part of Compassion Ministry. Pray

that these loving contacts will result in many families coming to Christ in saving faith.

## UKRAINE



**14** 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.

**15** Pray for the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary, which is in the midst of the fall term of study. Ask for God's wisdom for Dr. Igor Yaremchuk and the school's leadership as they navigate classes through the COVID-19 pandemic.

**16** SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Sergei Efremov and his wife Tanya have both had some significant health challenges this year. Please lift this dedicated couple before the Lord today, asking for healing and strength.

**17** Please pray today for Pastor Valery Antonyuk and his fellow leaders in the Ukrainian UECB. The country is facing so many political and economic challenges, as well as the ongoing armed conflict in the eastern region. May God grant many opportunities to proclaim the peace of Christ.

**18** Despite the dangers of travel into eastern Ukraine with ongoing fighting taking place, faithful SGA-sponsored missionary pastors continue to take food and other aid to needy families, while also sharing the Gospel. Intercede for them in

prayer today.

## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**19** We praise and thank the Lord for His provision of Bible training in Kazakhstan through the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute. Please pray for director Alexander Karyakov and the students, asking for God's continued blessing.



**20** The faithful missionary pastors SGA sponsors in Central Asia report many opportunities to share the Gospel with Muslims, yet many are fearful of their relatives' reaction if they trust in Christ. Please lift them in prayer today, asking the Lord to grant them boldness and saving faith.

**21** Pray for Pastor Yuri in Uzbekistan, who has been taking humanitarian aid to needy families impacted by flooding in his region. We praise God for these wonderful openings to share the Gospel and the love of Christ!

**22** Continue to pray for SGA's director of Bible training in Israel, especially as he travels across the country to lead Bible training sessions. Also pray for God's protection as his home city is often in

the line of fire from missile attacks out of nearby Gaza.

**23** Ministry in the Caucasus Mountains of Russia, Georgia, and Azerbaijan can be very challenging—even dangerous in the Muslim-dominated regions of Russia such as Chechnya. May the Lord grant His protection over evangelical churches and missionary pastors as they faithfully share the life-changing Gospel.

**24** Please pray today for Pastor Franz Tissen, president of the Kazakh UECB. Franz has faithfully served in this leadership position for many years, and we are thankful to the Lord for his deep commitment to the Gospel.

**25** SGA senior missionary Ruth Deyneka Erdel has been finishing up her latest book, *Daughter of the King*, which will be translated and prepared for publication in Belarus. Pray that this book will be a tremendous encouragement to Russian-speaking women and others who will read it.

**26 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.

**27** As we draw ever closer to the Christmas season, pray in advance for SGA-sponsored *Immanuel's Child* Christmas outreaches across the former Soviet Union. Ask the Lord for an abundance

of resources to help reach as many needy children as possible with the Gospel and a Christmas gift!



**28** Pray for SGA's board of directors, chaired by Dr. Rick Goertzen.

The board, along with SGA president Michael Johnson and our leadership team, have been working on important strategic planning for the days ahead. Ask for God's wisdom and guidance.

**29** Intercede for SGA's international offices in Canada, New Zealand, Australia and the United Kingdom today. We praise and thank the Lord for their decades of faithful service to Christ.

**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).*

## Partner Prayer Requests

*Pray for our son's schooling in light of the COVID-19 situation . . .*

Cuba, New York

*I have an unspoken prayer request . . .*

Chicago, Illinois

*For God's guidance in our search for a new home . . .*

Colorado Springs, Colorado

*Pray for a closer walk with Christ . . .*

Knoxville, Tennessee

*For healing of relationships . . .*

Cottonwood, Idaho

**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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