



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:

Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the sustainer of my soul (Psalm 54:4).

1 Reflection: We begin February pondering the wonderful promise of our Lord . . . *I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die . . .* (John 11:25-26).

2 In the middle of a harsh winter and with the COVID-19 pandemic, the needs of poor families are even more deep. Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastors as they visit these families with food and other essentials, as well as the life-changing Gospel.



3 Pray for SGA's executive leadership team—our president Michael Johnson, along with chief financial

officer Beverly Braunsky and Eric Mock, vice president of ministry operations. Ask for God's ongoing guidance and wisdom in the days ahead.

4 Intercede for SGA's board of directors as they meet later this month. Pray especially for their ongoing strategic planning sessions that will take place virtually at different times throughout the year.

5 Lift Bill Ball, director of SGA/Canada, in prayer today. Ask God to grant more opportunities across Canada for Bill to share the many Gospel opportunities that exist in the former Soviet Union.

UKRAINE



6 Please continue to pray for lasting peace and reconciliation in eastern Ukraine as the conflict there with separatists remains unsettled. May the Lord raise up opportunities for the churches we serve to be His ambassadors, sharing the hope of the Gospel.

7 Please pray for the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary and its president, Dr. Igor Yaremchuk. Holding classes in the midst of a pandemic has been a challenge for

many schools across the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), and we pray for ongoing wisdom.

8 Intercede for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). We are thankful to the Lord for Valery and his faithful example as a shepherd to shepherds in Ukraine.

9 Pray for Veniamin Belyaev, an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in Ukraine's Melniki region. Last year, they celebrated the 22nd anniversary of his church, which opened the door for more ministry in the village and surrounding area. Join us in thanking the Lord for his fruitful ministry.

10 Pray for director Ruslan Muratayev and the staff of SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC) as they continue to tirelessly serve evangelical churches across Ukraine. May the Lord encourage their hearts today and grant His blessing.

RUSSIA



11 Pray for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian UECB, as he and his fellow pastors lead their churches in reaching their people with the Gospel. Pray for God's direction and provision as so much of this vast country remains to be reached with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

12 Lift up the staff of SGA's Moscow RMC, led by Valery Kazakov, as they provide support to SGA-sponsored missionary pastors

across Russia, in addition to support to SGA staff when ministry travel is necessary. Pray for their health and protection.

13 In St. Petersburg, SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Alexei Kuznetsov reports that COVID-19 hit his church hard, with several becoming ill. Yet later, they gathered together in the open air where they worshipped, had communion, and prayed with thanksgiving as they listened to testimonies of God's blessings in the midst of the challenges. Please lift them in prayer today as they reach out with the Gospel through the internet and other methods.



14 Lift up SGA-supported churches and missionary pastors as they continue to follow up with children and families reached during *Immanuel's Child* Christmas outreaches last month. Pray that God will draw many to Himself as His love is shared.

15 Pray for the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary. We praise God for their adherence to strong, biblically sound theology, and the positive impact the school is having on Russian evangelical churches.

BELARUS



16 Pray for the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC, led by Piotr Podrez. Pray for Piotr's ongoing recovery from heart surgery last year, and for the health of the RMC staff as they continue to faithfully serve.

17 Please remember Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the Belarussian UECB, in your prayers today. Ask for God's ongoing provision of wisdom and guidance for Leonid and his fellow pastors as they serve in the midst of great political turmoil in Belarus.

18 Pray for the students enrolled at the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary. May the sound biblical education they are receiving be a blessing to many churches now, and in the future as new churches are planted.

19 Many needy families across Belarus are receiving food parcels and Christian literature provided with the help of SGA



partners. Pray for open hearts as these families hear the Gospel through our sponsored missionary pastors.

20 Gennady is an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in the Minsk region of Belarus. He is praising the Lord for his family's recovery from COVID-19 and is continuing his vibrant youth ministry in the region. Please intercede for him and his family in prayer today.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

21 Lift the students of Israel College of the Bible in prayer today, as well as for the safety of the teachers as they travel between locations. We praise and thank the Lord for our fruitful partnership with ICB in helping Russian-speaking Bible students.

22 *Orphans Reborn* teams in Kazakhstan want to continue discipling orphan graduates who have reached adulthood and are now out of the orphanage. Pray for more open doors to continue these spiritually fruitful relationships.

23 The war that broke out between Armenia and Azerbaijan last year continues to have devastating impacts in many lives, especially for refugees forced out of their homes. Pray for the labors of SGA-sponsored missionary pastors as they take much-needed aid and the Gospel to these needy families.

24 Pray as follow-up ministry from *Immanuel's Child* Christmas outreaches continues across Central

Asia and the Caucasus nations of the former Soviet Union.

25 Continue to pray for the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan, led by Alexander Karyakov. Ask for the Lord's protection over the school as they operate in a predominantly Muslim culture.

26 Please pray today for the staff of SGA's ministry division, led by Eric Mock, our vice president of ministry operations. The past few months have been extremely hectic with Christmas ministries and ongoing humanitarian aid outreaches in eastern Ukraine, as well as the Nagorno-Karabakh region.

27 Join SGA in praying for many new partners to come alongside us as we serve evangelical churches across the CIS for the sake of the Gospel. With 90 percent of cities, towns, and villages remaining without a Bible-preaching church or permanent witness, there is much kingdom work yet to do!

28 Reflection: Let us conclude the month with the Apostle Paul's glorious praise of our Lord and Savior . . . *He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen* (1 Timothy 6:15-16).

Partner Prayer Requests

For ongoing health challenges . . .

Kodiak, Alaska

Please pray for issues in our family . . .

Siloam Springs, Arkansas

That I can continue to be a blessing to others . . .

Rochester, New York

For my son to return to the Lord . . .

Stratford, Wisconsin

Pray for my son's health issues . . .

Austell, Georgia

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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