



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:

*On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the Word of God and observe it (Luke 11:28).*

**1 Reflection:** We start the new month with the words of praise penned by the Prophet Isaiah . . . *I will rejoice greatly in the Lord, my soul will exult in My God; for He has clothed me with garments of salvation . . . (Isaiah 61:10).*

**2** Although summer camp season does not begin until June, evangelical churches across the former Soviet Union are already preparing to reach thousands of children with the Gospel. As there is still uncertainty given the ongoing pandemic, pray for the Lord's wisdom, guidance, and provision.



**3** Please intercede today for SGA president Michael Johnson, our board of directors, and leadership team. Conditions across Russia and her

neighboring countries continue to fluctuate rapidly. Yet our mission to help churches proclaim the Gospel is unchanged and we depend on the Lord's grace daily.

## RUSSIA



**4** In November, Russian officials noted the highest mortality rate in 16 years, partially attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pray for our brothers and sisters across Russia as they share Christ's love in the midst of these difficult days.

**5** Pray for the leadership of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Ask the Lord to grant abundant wisdom as they lead their congregations and their ministries across 11 time zones.

**6** Pray today for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Alexander Khoroshkov in Russia's Krasnoyarsk region. Alexander is visiting multiple church plants in surrounding villages and reaching local families with the Gospel. We praise and thank God for his ministry.

**7** We praise the Lord for SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC) team, led by Valery Kazakov.

Join us in thanksgiving for their dedication to the Gospel, and the encouragement they provide to the faithful Bible-preaching churches we serve.

**8** Please keep praying for SGA-supported aviation ministry in Far East Russia. Much progress has been made in getting two planes flying, and outreach to local villages will begin as the Lord opens doors.



## UKRAINE



**9** Pray for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian UECB, and his fellow pastors across the country, especially in eastern Ukraine where the armed conflict with separatists continues. May the Lord bring peace at last and open more doors for Gospel ministry.

**10** SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Vyacheslav Karpyuk has a vibrant Sunday school ministry with at least 50-60 children in attendance. We thank the Lord for this opportunity to reach young hearts with Christ's love.

**11** Lift the staff of SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center

(RMC) in prayer today. Director Ruslan Muratayev and his team face many challenges with ongoing economic and political turmoil in the country, and the still unsettled conflict in the east. We are thankful for their faithful, diligent service to Christ.

**12** Join us in prayer for the students and leadership of the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary. God has richly blessed this doctrinally sound school since its founding in the early 1990s, with graduates going on to fruitful ministry across the former Soviet Union.

**13** Pray for Sergei Omelchenko, who serves as our chief Russian-language book editor and as in-country assistant to SGA president Michael Johnson. Sergei has served the Lord faithfully through our mission for many years and has blessed us with his dedication.

## BELARUS



**14** Join us in praying today for Piotr and Dima Podrez, and the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC. Pray for the health of our RMC staff and families as COVID has hit Belarus hard the past few months.

**15** Please intercede for the SGA-sponsored Little Pearl children's diagnostic camp in Kobrin. Thousands of children have been served and reached with the Gospel through this camp, as well as receiving treatment and diagnosis of illnesses related to the 1986 Chernobyl disaster. Pray for the funds

needed to keep the camp operational.

**16** In addition to being the president of the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary, Leonid Mihovich also serves as president of the Baptist Union in Belarus. Please lift this faithful brother in prayer as he fulfills his many responsibilities.

**17** Continue to pray for ongoing Compassion Ministry across Belarus, which reaches many needy families with food and other aid as needed. Evangelistic literature is always distributed as part of this fruitful outreach.

## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**18** As governments across Central Asia continue their oppression of evangelical churches, we remember to intercede in prayer for our brothers and sisters in these difficult regions. Pray for hearts to change, and that the Gospel will continue to advance in spite of opposition.

**19** Pray for Pastor Franz Tissen, president of the Kazakh UECB. Pray also for all the SGA-sponsored missionary pastors who are laboring so faithfully to reach this predominately Muslim nation with the Gospel.

**20** We praise the Lord for His provision for—and protection of—Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. Pray for director Alexander Karyakov today, asking for God's continued blessing and provision for this SGA-sponsored school.

**21** Last year's outbreak of war between Azerbaijan and Armenia continues to impact thousands of refugees and others who lost loved ones in the fighting. Pray for the churches SGA serves in these countries as they share aid and Christ's love with these families.

**22** God has granted SGA wonderful opportunities to assist Russian-speaking congregations in Israel with Bible training and other resources. Join us in praise to God for the work He is doing in the land of the Bible to bring people to Himself in saving faith.

**23** In addition to Kazakhstan, there are four other former Soviet republics in Central Asia — Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastors and evangelical churches in these difficult to reach nations.

**24** Pray for Dr. Levan, a medical missionary pastor in the Caucasus nation of Georgia. Levan has battled some health issues himself in recent years, but continues to joyfully serve Christ and proclaim the Gospel.

**25** Please continue to remember SGA-sponsored missionary pastors who discreetly visit dangerous regions in Russia such as Chechnya and Dagestan sharing the Gospel. Pray for those who hear the Gospel and come to faith in Christ, as they face much opposition from Muslim family members.

**26** Pray for SGA's director of Bible training in Israel, who lives very near the border with the

Gaza Strip and in the path of frequent rockets fired by terrorists. Pray for his safety and that of his family as they serve with joy amid the danger.

**27** Please pray today for Tim Dabner, SGA's director of media. Tim is responsible for many of the video presentations and photos seen by SGA partners through the years. We praise and thank the Lord for his giftedness.

**28** We thank God for the service of retired SGA missionaries and staff including Rosemary Ganesin, Valia Szczepanski, Nina Lee Rosheger, and Bill and Stella Kapitaniuk. Please remember them in prayer today.

**29** Follow up ministry will be taking place with the children reached during *Immanuel's Child* Christmas outreaches that took place in January. Ask the Lord to prepare the way in advance for continued Gospel ministry.

**30** Most Russian-language Bible and Christian literature production by SGA now takes place overseas. Pray with us for ongoing resources to keep adequate provisions in stock for missionary pastors and church workers as they evangelize and share Christ's love.

**31 Reflection:** We conclude March with the Apostle Paul's wonderful benediction . . . *Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen* (1 Timothy 1:17).

## Partner Prayer Requests

*Pray for loved ones struggling with addiction . . .*

Eatonville, Washington

*Struggling with health issues . . . pray for healing . . .*

Midland, Texas

*Also having health struggles . . .*

Quincy, Illinois

*For God's ongoing provision . . .*

Chappell, South Carolina

*Pray for our country . . .*

Arverne, New York

**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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