



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 the psalmist's praise of thanksgiving . . . *I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations (Psalm 57:9).*

**2** Today is the day Easter is celebrated across Russia and her neighboring countries. Please join us in praying for the many unbelievers who will attend churches today out of tradition, praying that God will open their hearts to the life-changing Gospel.

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

**4** Pray for the evangelical churches across the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) as they finalize plans for summer camps that are normally held from June through August. May the Lord grant them wisdom amid the challenges posed by the COVID-19 situation, and open

hearts among the children for the Gospel.

**5** Please continue to lift SGA's active senior missionaries before the Lord today. We are thankful for Florence Daneliuk, Ruth Deyneka Erdel, and Andrew Semenchuk and their years of faithful service to Christ.

## RUSSIA



**6** Intercede for the SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* team in Krasnoyarsk as they carry out their fruitful ministry. Krasnoyarsk was the first team to be supported through *Orphans Reborn*, and thousands of children have been reached with the Gospel through their faithful labors.



**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. We praise God for our Moscow team and their dedication to Christ.

**9** Currently, SGA sponsors 138 missionary pastors across Russia. With thousands of miles of unreached territory where no Bible-preaching churches exist, join us in asking God to raise up many more faithful men to serve.

**10** Lift up Vitaly Zanin, who serves as national youth director for the Russian UECB. May the Lord grant wisdom and direction to Vitaly and his fellow youth leaders as they encourage their church youth to be holy and set apart in this world for service to Christ.

## UKRAINE



**11** We thank God for the staff of SGA's Kiev RMC, led by director Ruslan Muratayev. Please keep praying for Ruslan's ongoing recovery from a broken leg suffered earlier this year.

**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 SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Vasily Gavriilyuk and his church in Ukraine. In addition to COVID-related illnesses in his region, Vasily's family is mourning the passing of his younger sister earlier this year. Pray for God's sustaining grace in their lives.

**14** Ask for God's ongoing provision as Ukrainian evangelical churches reach out to needy families through SGA-sponsored Compassion Ministry. We have seen repeatedly how Christ's love shown in a tangible way opens doors for the Gospel.



**15** Pray for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian UECB, especially during this time of ongoing turmoil in Ukraine—both from the pandemic and continued bloodshed in the east. Pray for wisdom and safety as he leads in all his ministry responsibilities.

## BELARUS



**16** With continued political turmoil in Belarus, SGA continues to be careful in how we

report on ministry there. Ask for God's ongoing wisdom as we strive to protect the churches and SGA-sponsored missionary pastors.

**17** Pray for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the Belarussian UECB, and his fellow pastors in these challenging days. Ask the Lord to work through them in encouraging His people, and in shining the Gospel light across their nation.

**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 50 missionary pastors in Belarus sponsored by SGA partners.

**19** Pavel is an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in Belarus' Vitebsk region. He has been able to share Christ's love and much needed food with impoverished families, and we are thankful for the way God is working through Pavel for His glory.

**20** As summer nears, please remember the SGA-sponsored Little Pearl Children's Diagnostic Camp in Kobrin. Pray that the many sick children who will attend this year will have open hearts for the Gospel as they experience the love and compassion of Christ.

## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**21** Intercede today for our brothers and sisters in Armenia and Azerbaijan, where tensions are still high from the latest round of violence in the disputed Nagorno-

Karabakh region. As they distribute aid to refugees, pray that God will bring many to Himself in saving faith.

**22** Please intercede for workers in children's ministries and outreaches across the central Asian countries as summer approaches. Camp ministries in these Muslim-majority lands must be conducted very discreetly.

**23** In Turkmenistan where restrictions on churches are harsh, SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Narmurad quietly visits several villages to share the Gospel and Christ's love. Please intercede for him today.

**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** We received word recently that one of the churches served by an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor has received registration in Uzbekistan, which is a major answer to prayer. Join us in rejoicing and praising God with Pastor Sergei and his congregation!

**26** Please pray today for Eric Mock, SGA's vice president of ministry operations. In addition to his busy duties here, Eric also serves as pastor of a church plant in a nearby town. Ask for God's blessings, wisdom, and direction.

**27** Lift up Bill Ball, director of SGA/Canada, and his staff as they support evangelical churches advancing the Gospel across Russia and her neighboring countries. We

praise and thank the Lord for the ministry growth they have been experiencing!

**28** While SGA's final board meeting of the fiscal year is not until next month, they have been engaged with our leadership team in strategic planning for the months ahead and long-term. Ask for God's blessing and direction in these important discussions.

**29** While most SGA-supplied Russian language Bibles and Christian books are produced and warehoused overseas these days, we still need to periodically replenish stocks. Ask for God's provision to keep His written Word available for distribution.

**30** We are thankful to God for all of our partners in ministry, including charitable foundations, churches across North America, 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 May with the Apostle Peter's fervent prayer . . . *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 loved ones . . .*

Seattle, Washington

*Pray for God's redeeming work in my family . . .*

Flippin, Arkansas

*I'm in pain from serious back problems . . . pray for relief . . .*

South Beloit, Illinois

*For my health and some personal issues . . .*

Merritt Island, Florida

*Pray for wisdom in a move and selling my home . . .*

Milton, Pennsylvania

**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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