



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:

I thank my God always, making mention of you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints (Philemon 4-5).

1 Reflection: We begin the new month with thanksgiving to our God and King . . . *I will render thank offerings to You, for You have delivered my soul from death, indeed my feet from stumbling, so that I may walk before God in the land of the living (Psalm 56:12-13).*

2 SGA's Dr. Roman Dechtiarenko has been able to hold virtual classes for Bible students at Almaty Bible Institute and Irpen Biblical Seminary, and will soon be doing so for Minsk Theological Seminary. We praise the Lord for the technology that makes this possible when travel is restricted.

3 Pray for SGA's board of directors as they meet this month. Intercede for them and SGA's leadership team as they continue to engage in strategic planning with our leadership team and international offices.

4 UECB churches and missionary pastors will soon be launching the summer children's camp ministry season with continued COVID precautions. As the camps begin

meeting this month through August, pray for God's abundant provision, enabling as many children as possible to participate and hear of Christ's love for them.

5 Pray for SGA president Michael Johnson as he fulfills his many leadership responsibilities. He also serves as our mission's chief development officer overseeing our activities to raise funds for growing Gospel ministry across the former Soviet Union.

UKRAINE



6 The war in eastern Ukraine has gone on now for seven years. Please pray for Ukrainian evangelical churches, asking God to grant them open doors to share the love of Jesus and proclaim the Gospel to those who need His salvation so urgently.



7 Lift Pastor Valery Antonyuk and the leadership of the Ukrainian UECB in prayer today. May God grant them abundant wisdom in these days of trial and opportunity in their

beloved nation.

8 SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Bronislav Zilkovsky has been given opportunities to share the Gospel with sailors on several naval ships in recent months. We praise God for this open door and pray that many will come to faith in Christ as a result.

9 Join us today in intercession for Dr. Igor Yaremchuk, president of the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary in Ukraine. We are thankful to the Lord for the tremendous impact Irpen has had for the advancement of the Gospel since its founding in 1991.

10 Pray for Ruslan Muratayev and the staff of SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC). May the Lord encourage their hearts and provide for their needs as they serve Ukrainian evangelical churches.

RUSSIA



11 Lift up Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian UECB. Also remember the seven regional vice presidents and the regional pastors who oversee churches in their oblasts (states) across the country. Ask for God's wisdom in their leadership responsibilities.

12 Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Vladimir Miskevich, who is leading congregations in Moscow, as well as serving as interim pastor for churches in Vladimir and Ivanovo. Ask the Lord to bless this faithful brother today, and to grant him wisdom in his many responsibilities.

13 Lift up Valery Kazakov and the staff of SGA's Moscow RMC. Valery and his staff are vitally important to SGA's service to evangelical churches across Russia's 11 time zones. May God encourage their hearts today in their faithful, diligent service.

14 Russia's RT news service reports that Russian life expectancy fell for the first time in 20 years. The decline was largely attributed to the COVID pandemic, which by this past March had killed more than 100,000 people in the country. We praise the Lord for the opportunity to help our brothers and sisters through this difficult time.

15 Please lift up the SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* ministry in Russia, as well as several other CIS nations. Pray that the church teams will have continued, even expanded, access to the thousands of lonely, forgotten orphan children who need Christ's love.

BELARUS



16 Pray for SGA's Minsk RMC, led by Piotr Podrez. Their ministry of service to evangelical churches in Belarus is vital, especially in these days of pandemic when food distribution to needy families has opened many doors for the Gospel.

17 We praise and thank God for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the UECB in Belarus. May the Lord grant Leonid and his fellow pastors wisdom and direction as they labor to reach this nation of more than 9 million people.

18 Pray for summer camp ministry in Belarus, especially at the Little Pearl Diagnostic Children's Camp at Kobrin. Ask God for a fruitful season, and that many children will come to faith in Christ during their time at camp.



19 Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Sergei in Belarus' Mogilev region. Sergei has had many opportunities to individuals one-on-one, as well as needy families with Compassion Ministry. May the Lord grant a rich spiritual harvest as Sergei faithfully shares Christ's love.

20 We are thankful to God His provision in SGA's sponsorship of Minsk Theological Seminary. Lift the students in prayer as many will be doing summer practicum assignments and ministry in their home churches.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

21 Please remember SGA's director of Bible training in Israel as you pray today. At times, his home and family are under threat from rocket fire out of the neighboring Gaza Strip, and he must also travel the country at times for teaching sessions.

22 Although armed hostilities have ebbed in the conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia, refugees who lost their homes due to the fighting still have significant needs. Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastors and their churches as they reach out to these families with the Gospel and much needed aid.

23 Evangelical churches located in the Caucasus Mountains where Islam is strong encounter considerable opposition and even danger. Lift these brothers and sisters before the Lord in prayer today.

24 Bible-preaching congregations in the largely Muslim Central Asian nations of the former Soviet Union encounter a significant amount of pressure, if not outright persecution. Join us in lifting our brothers and sisters in intercessory prayer today, asking for God's protection, as well as for discreet Gospel opportunities.



25 Pray for director Alexander Karyakov and the students of the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. May the Lord enable them to continue to operate in the face of increasing opposition to evangelical churches across Central Asia.

26 We praise and thank the Lord for Ruth Deyneka Erdel and her many years of ministry as an SGA missionary. Please pray for Ruth as she continues work on her next book project, *Daughters of the King*, intended for publication in Belarus.

27 Lift up Bill Ball, director of SGA/Canada, and his staff. Pray for even more opportunities to share what God has been doing across the CIS to churches and individuals across Canada.

28 Pray today for Garland Gould, SGA's director of donor engagement. Garland keeps in touch with many SGA partners who have supported our ministry through the years, updating them on how the Lord

is using their support to advance the Gospel across the former Soviet Union. We are thankful to have him as part of the team!

29 SGA officially closes our fiscal year tomorrow, with the new fiscal year starting on July 1. Please pray with us for a strong finish to the fiscal year so that we can press forward in helping Bible-preaching churches to advance the Gospel across the CIS.

30 Reflection: We close June with this admonition from the writer of Hebrews . . . *Let us hold firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful . . .* (Hebrews 10:23).

Partner Prayer Requests

For physical healing and for the Lord to return soon . . .

Sun City West, Arizona

Pray for total healing from cancer . . .

Fort Smith, Arkansas

For a good resolution to medication issues . . .

Miltona, Minnesota

Please pray for our daughter . . .

Ellsworth, Michigan

For ongoing sleep issues . . . pray for rest . . .

Thomasville, 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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