



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:

*There is none like You, O Lord; You are great, and great is Your name in might. Who would not fear You, O King of the nations (Jeremiah 10:6-7)?*

**1 Reflection:** We begin July with the Lord Jesus' clear declaration that He—and He alone—is God's provision for salvation . . . *I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me (John 14:6).*

**2** As SGA begins our new fiscal year, pray for faithfulness and wise stewardship throughout as our leadership team and board continue to make important financial decisions.

**3** Pray for SGA president Michael Johnson, our leadership team, and board of directors today. These are challenging days around the world, and we need the Lord's wisdom in planning for ministry in the coming months.

**4** As the U.S. celebrates Independence Day, it is good to remember that with freedom comes great responsibility . . . *For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another (Galatians 5:13).*

**5** Pray for SGA's chief financial officer Beverly Braunsky and SGA's

finance department. The transition into a new fiscal year and preparing for the annual audit is always a busy time!

## UKRAINE



**6** In recent months, tensions between Ukraine and Russia began to increase again as there was a movement of troops near the Ukrainian border. Join us in praying for peace to come at last in this troubled region.

**7** Pray for Ruslan Muratayev and the staff of SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC). Summer will be a busy season of ministry with SGA-sponsored summer camps and other youth activities by the churches.

**8** Please pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Igor Zhurba, who serves in the Odessa region. Igor continues to recover from a couple of heart surgeries, the first of which took place last fall. May the Lord grant him strength and full recovery.

**9** We praise and thank the Lord for Irpen Biblical Seminary and His gracious provision in funding the school. Pray today for seminary president Dr. Igor Yaremchuk, the faculty, and students.

**10** Lift Pastor Valery Antonyuk and the leadership of the Ukrainian UECB in prayer. Ask for the Lord's guidance and provision for the 24 regional pastors as they serve the Lord through their oversight responsibilities.

## RUSSIA



**11** Pray for the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary as they continue distance learning and explore more satellite campuses. This will enable more Russian pastors and Bible students to receive Bible training without traveling long distances to study.

**12** Vladimir Nasedkin is an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in Russia's Bryansk region. The Lord has opened doors for him to reach youth and families in his area despite the COVID-19 restrictions. Ask the Lord to draw many to saving faith as they hear the Gospel.

**13** Join us in prayer for a new generation of godly leaders in Russia, particularly those who have a passion to plant vibrant new churches. Pray for Vitaly Zanin, who serves as national youth ministry director for the Russian UECB, and his leadership in this area.

**14** Praise God for the staff of SGA's Moscow RMC, led by Valery Kazakov. We thank God for their hard work and passion to see the Gospel go forth, particularly in Russia's enormous capital city.

**15** Intercede for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian UECB. Piotr must travel

across Russia's vast expanse for ministry purposes, visiting local churches and encouraging the congregations. Ask for safety in travel, and ongoing good health.

## BELARUS



**16** While political turmoil has gripped Belarus for much of the past year, the evangelical churches SGA serves strive to keep focused on the Gospel and serving Christ. Join us in praying for more open doors for evangelism, and for God's protection of the churches.



**17** Compassion Ministry continues to be a major emphasis for the evangelical churches of Belarus, and we are deeply thankful to SGA partners who help support food aid and other ministry to needy families. May many come to saving faith in Christ as they see His provision for their needs.

**18** Lift up our missionary pastors in Belarus who visit orphanages on a regular basis. Pray for open hearts in the children as they listen to the Good News and

know that they have a Savior who loves them.

**19** Pray for SGA's Minsk RMC, led by Piotr Podrez. Pray for wisdom and discernment for our whole Minsk team as they serve local churches—sometimes in very difficult situations.

**20** Lift up Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the Belarussian UECB, in your prayers today. May the Lord grant Leonid and his fellow pastors strength, boldness, and discernment as they serve the churches in their nation.

## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**21** Pray for children's summer camps that will be held in many Central Asian countries this month. Many must be held discreetly due to opposition from the government and dominant Islam. Ask for God's protection, and for open young hearts as they hear the Gospel.

**22** Intercede for Pastor Narmurad, a missionary pastor serving in Turkmenistan. Narmurad spends much time in one-on-one evangelism and visiting families, as open ministry is very difficult in this nation.

**23** One of the many challenges faced by evangelical churches in Central Asia is gaining legal registration for their congregations. Join us in asking God to change the hearts of government officials, and to allow our brothers and sisters to get their churches registered.



**24** Alexander Karyakov has served as director of the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan for many years now. We praise and thank the Lord for his faithful, dedicated leadership of this strategically important Bible school.

**25** Evangelical ministry in the Caucasus Mountain regions of Russia can be very dangerous, especially in Chechnya where opposition is strong. Please pray today for the protection of missionary pastors as they visit and share the Gospel discreetly.

**26** Please remember SGA's ongoing work in partnership with Israel College of the Bible. Join us in thankful praise for the opportunity to help Russian-speaking congregations with Bible training in the land of the Bible!

**27** With the online and digital arena growing more and more prevalent by the year, pray for wisdom as SGA continues expanding our reach in this area. Pray for more partners to come through email and other awareness efforts.

**28** We thank God for SGA's senior missionaries—Ruth Deyneka Erdel, Andrew Semenchuk, and

Florence Daneliuk—as they continue to serve our Lord in every opportunity He provides. May the Lord encourage their hearts today!

**29** Pray for Bill Ball director of SGA/Canada, and his assistant Sue Petten. The Lord continues to bless them with new resources and partners in Canada, and we are deeply thankful to Him. Please continue to pray for more partners who share our burden for the lost across the CIS.

**30** Please remember Bob and Louetta Provost in prayer today. Although officially retired, Bob continues to help the mission and works with SGA president Michael Johnson in communicating with key partners.

**31 Reflection:** We close June with this reminder from the Apostle John . . . *God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth* (John 4:24). May He draw us to Himself closer than ever in the coming days.



## Partner Prayer Requests

*For our financial situation . . .*

Tucson, Arizona

*Pray for the salvation of many loved ones . . .*

Sarasota, Florida

*Intercede for our friends who lost a daughter in a car accident . . .*

Wooster, Ohio

*For reconciliation in our family . . .*

Watertown, Massachusetts

*Pray for full recovery after a heart attack . . .*

Kodiak, Alaska

**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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