



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:

*Lead me in Your truth and teach me,  
For You are the God of my salvation;  
For You I wait all the day (Psalm 25:5).*

**1 Reflection:** We begin August praising God for His sovereign and righteous reign over His creation . . . *Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom (Psalm 45:6).*

**2** As SGA begins yet another new fiscal year, pray for faithfulness and wise stewardship throughout as our leadership team and board make policy and adapt to ever-changing ministry conditions overseas.

**3** SGA president Michael Johnson and vice president Eric Mock recently were awarded honorary doctorates from Irpen Biblical Seminary in Ukraine, which SGA partners have faithfully supported for many years. We praise



and thank God for the opportunity to serve Bible training across Ukraine and the other former Soviet nations.

**4** With recent meetings between Russian and American leaders, join us in praying for a lessening of tensions between Russia and the West. Above all, pray that the ministries of the Bible-preaching churches we serve across Russia will not be hindered, and that the Gospel will continue to advance.

**5** Pray for SGA's chief financial officer, Beverly Braunsky, and SGA's finance department. Ask for God's continual wisdom and direction on getting ministry resources transferred overseas, where constantly changing regulations can pose a significant challenge.

## UKRAINE



**6** After almost seven years of war in eastern Ukraine, the conflict continues with no foreseeable end in sight. Pray for the churches SGA serves in this troubled region, asking both for God's protection, and for opportunities to keep sharing the Gospel and much-needed aid to needy families that have been ravaged.

**7** Pray for Ruslan Muratayev and the staff of SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC). Join us in thanksgiving for our faithful team in Ukraine, and the blessing and encouragement they are to our brothers and sisters there.

**8** Pray for youth ministry in Ukraine, as the Ukrainian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB) continues to grow this fruitful ministry. Youth are the next generation of the church, should the Lord tarry in His coming.

**9** Intercede for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Andrei Kalinin, who has been reaching many needy families with the Gospel through Compassion Ministry. We praise the Lord for this faithful brother and these opportunities to share Christ's love!

**10** Lift the leadership of the Ukrainian UECB in prayer today, especially President Valery Antonyuk. Also ask for God's continued blessing and anointing for the 24 regional pastors as they serve the Lord in their respective territories.

## RUSSIA



**11** Pray for the faculty and students of the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary today. The new fall term will begin soon and we are thankful to be able to support this strategically important Bible school in the heart of Siberia.

**12** Please lift up our *Orphans* *Reborn* workers in Russia as

they minister tirelessly among needy children. The COVID-19 pandemic and the aftermath have posed many challenges, but the Lord has faithfully continued to provide opportunities to share Christ with orphan children.

**13** Tensions between Russia and Western nations have been on the rise for quite some time now over a number of geopolitical issues. Join us in praying that these tensions will ease, and that the Gospel's advance will not be hindered.

**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. Pray for God's guidance while Piotr and his fellow pastors make important leadership decisions that will help guide ministry through the churches across Russia's 11 time zones.

## BELARUS



**16** Pray for Pastor Alexander in the Minsk region of Belarus. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in numerous opportunities to help needy families and share the life-changing Gospel with them. May the seeds planted take root and grow!

**17** Pray for the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary, which is under the leadership of Pastor Leonid Mihovich. Leonid is also leader of the UECB in Belarus, and he is thankful for our intercessory prayers in the midst of his many responsibilities.

**18** The evangelical churches we serve in Belarus have largely been able to avoid the ongoing political turmoil in the country, choosing to focus instead on sharing the Gospel and modeling the love of Christ in their communities. Please remember them in prayer today.

**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** Pray today for the sick children who have been able to attend the SGA-sponsored Kobrin Diagnostic Camp over the summer. Pray not only for physical healing, but also that many young hearts will have been opened to the Gospel and the love of Christ.

## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**21** Pray for children's summer camps that will be held in

many Central Asian countries in this final month of the summer season. Pray that local governments will not hinder the ministry and allow the children to attend without pressure.

**22** Despite there being a cease fire in the military conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan, tensions remain high. Pray for a final peace to come to the region, and for our brothers and sisters there who faithfully share the Gospel with impacted families.

**23** Poverty continues to be severe in the Central Asian nation of Tajikistan, especially in the mountainous regions. Please join us in lifting up the faithful missionary pastors serving there and reaching out to needy families with vital aid and the Gospel.

**24** With ongoing political controversy in Israel, coupled with the recent breakout of armed conflict with Hamas in Gaza, these are difficult days in the nation. Pray for SGA's director of Bible training as he travels and encourages Russian-speaking congregations.

**25** Please pray for ongoing ministry to the homeless and so-called "social orphans" in Uzbekistan. May it have a great impact on these heartbroken children, their caregivers and even their lost, dysfunctional families.

**26** The oppressive situation in Central Asia grieves our hearts, yet the believers we serve proclaim the Gospel with great joy despite the difficulties. Please intercede regularly for them as they model Christ's love in a largely

Muslim culture.

**27** Join us in thanking the Lord for the many partner churches across North America that support various SGA ministries. We could not do what we do without them, and it is a privilege to encourage their hearts with what God is doing across the former Soviet Union!

**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. Pray for their ongoing health needs and ministry activities.

**29** Pray today for SGA's international offices in Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand.

Also pray for SGA missionaries Chris Osiecki in Poland, and Michael T. in Russia's Far East.

**30** While planning for SGA-supported *Immanuel's Child* Christmas ministries continues year-round, activities really begin to step up as we enter the fall. Please lift this vital outreach in prayer, praying for abundant resources and open doors for Gospel outreach to thousands of children.

**31 Reflection:** We close the month with this reminder from the Prophet Zechariah . . . *The Lord will be king over all the earth; in that day the Lord will be the only One, and His name the only one* (Zechariah 13:9).

## Partner Prayer Requests

*Pray for ongoing ear problems and hearing issues . . .*

Lynnwood, Washington

*For continued growth in the Lord . . .*

Farmington, Missouri

*I am struggling with diabetes . . .*

St. Cloud, Minnesota

*Our son and daughter-in-law are expecting their first child . . .*

Ephrata, Pennsylvania

*Please pray for unsaved loved ones . . .*

Gilroy, California

**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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