



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 for October 2021:

Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman keeps awake in vain (Psalm 127:1).

1 Reflection: As we begin this new month, we ponder the glorious promise of God to all who believe . . . *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe on His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God (John 1:12-13).*

2 As you pray today, please remember SGA's international offices in Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and Australia. We praise and thank the Lord for their faithful service to Christ.

3 Pray for SGA president Michael Johnson, our board and leadership team. These are increasingly challenging days of ministry across the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), and we continually seek the Lord's wisdom and direction for our ministries.

4 SGA senior missionary Ruth Deyneka Erdel has completed her next book for translation into

Russian, to be entitled *Daughters of the King*. This book is intended for Belarus at first—please pray for God's ongoing provision in preparing for printing and distribution.

RUSSIA



5 Please lift the staff of SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC) in prayer today. We praise and thank God for director Valery Kazakov and his faithful, diligent team, and their dedication to serving the churches that God is building across vast Russia.

6 The Russian city of Yakutsk has been the location of SGA-sponsored Antioch Initiative Bible training in recent years. Join us in praising God for the numbers of men trained for ministry in what is a very difficult region for outreach.

7 Pray for Gennady, an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in Russia's largely Muslim Tatarstan region. He recently was able to participate in training sessions with men from across Tatarstan, as well as the regions of Udmurtia and Mordovia. May the Lord bring forth much fruit!

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

8 Pray for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Ask for God's wisdom as Piotr and his fellow pastors plan strategic outreach in unreached regions across Russia's 11 time zones.

9 Pray for the Baptist Union leaders of Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan. While Central Asia is difficult for ministry due to Islamic influence, the Lord is drawing many to saving faith in Himself as the Gospel is proclaimed.

10 Intercede in prayer today for SGA's Bible training director in Israel, asking for God's ongoing protection as he travels and teaches God's Word to Russian-speaking students.

11 Pray for the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan, led by director Alexander



Karyakov. Ask the Lord to multiply the impact of this strategic school across Central Asia.

12 As you pray today, remember Kairat, an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in Central Asia. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought opportunities to share Christ with people from several different nations in the region including an atheist, who had many questions. We praise God for these divine appointments!

13 As the Taliban continue to regain a foothold in neighboring Afghanistan, authorities in Tajikistan and other Central Asian republics are concerned about potential unrest at their borders. Intercede in prayer for our brothers and sisters there, asking God to open doors for the Gospel.

UKRAINE



14 Please join us in praying for the staff of SGA's Kiev RMC. We are thankful to the Lord for director Ruslan Muratayev and his team, and their faithful service to Bible-preaching churches throughout Ukraine.

15 As winter draws closer, the need for food, warm clothing, and other aid will certainly increase, not just in Ukraine but the other CIS nations as well. Ask God to raise more resources for SGA-sponsored Compassion Ministry for distribution by the churches.

16 Oleg Karnaukh is an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in Ukraine. Join us in praising the Lord for the vibrant children's ministry in Oleg's church, and for their ongoing

outreach into their community.

17 Lift up the faculty and staff of Irpen Biblical Seminary today. The Lord has graciously allowed SGA to be a principal sponsor of this solid Bible school since its inception, and we are thankful for the eternal impact of the graduates and the churches they serve.

18 The military conflict with separatists in eastern Ukraine has gone on since 2014 with no clear end in sight. Yet the Gospel goes forward there as SGA-supported missionary pastors visit the region with food and other needed aid. Pray for their protection in this dangerous area.

BELARUS



19 Please pray for director Piotr Podrez and the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC. May the Lord bless them with abundant resources for ministry and encourage their hearts.

20 As the students at the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary continue the fall term, pray for them as well as the faculty and leadership. Ask the Lord for His ongoing and increased provision for all Bible training across the former Soviet Union.

21 Pray for Elena, the wife of SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Nikolai in Belarus. Elena has several ongoing health issues, yet she continues to faithfully serve in music ministry in the church.

22 We praise and thank God for the dedicated, servant leadership of Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the Belarussian UECB. Leonid is firmly

committed to sound doctrine and the advance of the Gospel in these difficult days across Belarus.

23 As the churches SGA serves follows up with children reached at the Little Pearl camp and other summer camps in Belarus, ask the Lord to open doors to reach their parents and caregivers with the love of Christ.

24 While travel has been limited for SGA staff due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, opportunities are beginning to slowly open to encourage churches here in North America as well as overseas. Join us in praying for God's ongoing protection, and that our team will be a blessing wherever they go.

25 Pray for Eric Mock, SGA's vice president of ministry operations, and the rest of our ministry division team. They love being a resource and encouragement to churches across the former Soviet Union, as well as churches here in the U.S. that have a heart for missions.

26 Pray today for director Bill Ball and team at SGA/Canada. As do our other international directors, Bill maintains a very hectic travel and ministry schedule to share what God is doing through His people across the CIS.

27 Evangelical churches across Russia and her neighboring countries continue to build their Sunday school ministries and other children's outreaches. Pray that the Gospel seeds planted in these young hearts will grow into true saving faith in Christ.

28 Churches across the CIS are already busily preparing for Immanuel's Child outreaches at Christmas. Please pray for increased resources so we can reach even more children with the Gospel and special Christmas gifts!

29 In addition to the Baptist Union national leadership, many faithful pastors serve as regional leaders to provide support and guidance to churches at a local level. Lift these dedicated brothers in prayer today as they joyfully serve as pastors to pastors!

30 Charitable foundations with a heart for ministry help fund a

portion of SGA's ministries in the former Soviet Union. Ask God to raise up opportunities to acquaint more foundations in the U.S. with what He is doing today in the former Soviet Union.

31 Reflection: We end the month pondering our glorious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who . . . *had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted* (Hebrews 2:17-18).

Partner Prayer Requests

Pray for peace and encouragement . . .

Fresno, California

Please lift our church in prayer during a transition . . .

Vilonia, Arkansas

Join me in thanksgiving for the many ministries reaching the lost . . .

Minot, North Dakota

Remember the children reached during VBS this past summer . . .

Sewell, New Jersey

For the salvation of many loved ones . . .

Madison, Florida

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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