



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:

Let love of the brethren continue
(Hebrews 13:1).

1 Reflection: We begin the new month with thanksgiving for the salvation provided through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ . . . *Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins* (Acts 10:43).

2 As restrictions and oppression of evangelical churches increase in some parts of the former Soviet Union, pray with us for wisdom as we report on the wonderful ministry taking place, yet strive to protect the security of the missionary pastors and churches we serve.

3 Please keep SGA president Michael Johnson in prayer on a regular basis. Michael's oversight role requires frequent travel both overseas and across North America. Ask for ongoing wisdom and discernment.

4 As always, please pray in advance for churches that will be participating in the SGA-sponsored *Immanuel's Child* Christmas ministry this year. Churches continue to gather resources, and we are praying that a record number of children will be reached with the Gospel this season.

RUSSIA



5 Pray for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian UECB. Also remember the seven vice presidents who oversee different parts of vast Russia, and the regional pastors who operate on a more local level. May the Lord encourage their hearts today as they fulfill their ministries.

6 Lift up in prayer the staff of SGA's Moscow RMC, led by Valery Kazakov. They joyfully serve SGA-sponsored missionary pastors across Russia, as well as SGA staff as they travel to encourage the churches and report on the fruitful ministry taking place.

7 Pray for Renat Murunov, an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Russia's Volgograd region. Renat has a wonderful, fruitful ministry reaching out to needy families in his region with aid provided by our partners through Compassion Ministry. Ask the Lord to bring many to Himself as they hear the Gospel.

8 Continue to lift up missionary pastors in Yakutia and other regions of Russia that have been

impacted by wildfires and excessive heat this past summer. Ask the Lord to open doors for the Gospel in this largely unreached area.



9 Pray for the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary—located in central Siberia. Pray for the students and their professors as they dig deeply into God's Word together.

10 Intercede for Pastor Vitaly Zanin, national youth director for the Russian Baptist Union. We praise and thank the Lord for his dedicated service to Christ and zeal to see Russian youth won to Christ.

BELARUS



11 Our hearts are grieved at the ongoing political unrest in Belarus. Please join us in praying for our brothers and sisters there, asking for God's ongoing protection. Also pray for abundant opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ—the only ultimate hope for peace and reconciliation.

12 There are many needy families across Belarus, and we are thankful to be able to help SGA-sponsored missionary pastors reach

out to them with food aid and the Gospel. May the Lord open many hearts to trust in Christ as Savior and Lord.

13 Pastor Leonid Mihovich serves as president of both the Belarussian UECB and the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary. Please lift him in prayer today in the midst of fulfilling his many responsibilities.

14 We praise and thank the Lord for Dima Podrez and his leadership of youth ministry across Belarus. Ask for God's ongoing blessing as Dima and teams of young people visit rural churches for ministry and encouragement.

15 Lift director Piotr Podrez and the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC in prayer today. The next couple of months will be very busy as they help churches prepare for *Immanuel's Child* outreaches and other Christmas ministry.

UKRAINE



16 As with most of the former Soviet Union, the COVID-19 pandemic has hit Ukraine hard. Join us in praying for the health and safety of our brothers and sisters, especially as they reach out to needy families with the Gospel and food aid provided with the help of SGA partners.

17 SGA-sponsored missionary Yaroslav Machinsky and his church often visit orphanages located near the Chernobyl region of Ukraine, which still suffers the effects of the 1986 nuclear accident there.

Pray that their loving ministry will result in many young hearts coming to saving faith in Christ.

18 Please pray for director Ruslan Muratayev and his staff at SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC). Intercede in prayer for their families, and ask the Lord to encourage their hearts even as they encourage the churches they serve.

19 Join us in praising the Lord for Irpen Biblical Seminary, which has been sponsored by SGA since its inception in 1991. Continue to lift Dr. Igor Yaremchuk, Irpen's president, in prayer as he continues to lead the school during these days of challenge in Ukraine.

20 Please intercede regularly for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian UECB. Pray also for the faithful regional pastors who serve churches across Ukraine's 24 oblasts (states).

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

21 Please pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastors who venture into the dangerous Chechnya and Dagestan regions of Russia's Caucasus Mountains. Islam is dominant and Gospel ministry must take place very discreetly.

22 We are thankful for the opportunity to partner with Israel College of the Bible to provide Bible training for Russian-speaking immigrants and congregations in Israel. Ask the Lord to continually

guide as we seek to meet specific needs.

23 Although the armed conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan has ebbed, tensions are still high in the region and the needs of families impacted by the fighting remain. Pray for SGA-supported churches in these nations as they reach out with the love of Christ and Compassion Ministry.



24 Please continue to pray for Dr. Levan, a faithful SGA-sponsored missionary and practicing medical doctor in Georgia. We are thankful for Dr. Levan's selfless example and passion to see the lost won to saving faith in Christ.

25 Thanksgiving Day: *Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus* (1 Thessalonians 5:3). Join us today in praise and thanksgiving to our God and Father for His gracious provision in our lives and ministries. May He be ever glorified!

26 Pray today for Alexander Karyakov, director of the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. Pray also for the professors and students as they continue the fall term of study.

27 Pray for SGA's international offices in Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, and New Zealand. We praise and thank God for their faithful dedication to the Gospel and service to evangelical churches in the CIS and Eastern Europe.

28 We are thankful for SGA's senior missionaries—Ruth Deyneka Erdel, Andrew Semenchuk, and Florence Daneliuk. Also remember our retired missionaries, who are never

truly retired from joyful Christian service.

29 Pray for our mission's church relations area, led by Pastor Larry Pauley who returned to SGA earlier this year after several years in pastoral ministry. We praise God for the opportunities He grants us to be a blessing and encouragement to partner churches across North America.

30 Reflection: We conclude November with the wonderful praise recorded by the prophet Jeremiah . . . *Give thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good, for His lovingkindness is everlasting* (Jeremiah 33:11).

Partner Prayer Requests

Please pray for my health and related rapid weight loss . . .

Mount Vernon, Washington

For the salvation of loved ones . . .

Flippin, Arkansas

I have health issues . . . pray for healing . . .

Milaca, Minnesota

Pray for our country . . .

West Palm Beach, Florida

Feeling overwhelmed at work . . .

Novelty, Ohio

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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