



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:

*Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the sustainer of my soul (Psalm 54:4).*

**1 Reflection:** We begin December with the Apostle Paul's joyous expression of praise . . . *Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways (Romans 11:33)!*

**2** Please continue to pray in advance of *Immanuel's Child* Christmas ministries this season. We praise and thank the Lord for record numbers of children reached with the Gospel last year, and trust Him for even greater ministry this Christmas!

**3** Keep SGA president Michael Johnson and our leadership team in prayer this month. May the Lord grant His ongoing wisdom and direction as we contemplate the upcoming new calendar year.

## RUSSIA



**4** Russia's government recently announced plans aimed at cutting the number of abortions performed in the country by half before 2025. Pray for the crisis pregnancy ministries supported by evangelical churches,

helping needy women to choose life for their babies!

**5** Join us in praising the Lord for summer baptism services held by SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Maxim in Russia's Far East. Soon it will be time for their winter baptism services, and we praise the Lord for each new brother and sister in Christ!

**6** Pray for the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary—both faculty and students. We are thankful to God for the growing reach and influence of this sound Bible school at the heart of Siberia.



**7** Lift SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* ministries across Russia in prayer today. Ask the Lord to open

the doors to more orphanages for access by the ministry teams, and that the hearts of local leaders would be moved to allow it.

**8** We are thankful for the servant labors of director Valery Kazakov and the staff of SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC). Serving and equipping churches in a nation the size of vast Russia is no small task!

**9** Pray for the continued development of aviation ministry supported by SGA in Russia's Far East. So many towns and villages in this region are inaccessible much of the year except by air, and the inhabitants need to hear the life-changing Gospel.

## UKRAINE



**10** Pray today for RMC director Ruslan Muratayev and his staff as they joyfully serve Bible-preaching churches in Ukraine. Ask for wisdom as they assist churches in the eastern zones of the country, which are still ravaged by armed conflict.

**11** Although it is nearly winter, follow-up ministry continues in Ukraine and other former Soviet nations from summer camp ministry. Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Oleg in the Gopchitsa region, where more than 60 children were reached.

**12** Pray for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Valery and his fellow leaders have been engaged in strategic planning sessions

this past year, and we are thankful for the opportunity given to us to serve their churches.

**13** Pray for the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary. Especially lift up seminary president Dr. Igor Yaremchuk as he carries out his many leadership responsibilities, as well as for the students as they near the end of the year.

**14** SGA-sponsored Compassion Ministry continues to be a vitally important outreach in both Ukraine and Belarus as missionary pastors distribute food to needy families. These are wonderful Gospel opportunities as the pastors share Christ's love.

**15** Pray for Sergei, an SGA-supported missionary pastor who has a vibrant youth ministry in multiple Ukrainian villages. May the Lord bless his sports outreaches and other opportunities to share the Gospel with young men and women.

## BELARUS



**16** Pray today for Piotr and Dima Podrez, and the rest of SGA's Minsk RMC staff. Ask for protection of their health and safety as the pandemic continues to affect Belarus and other former Soviet countries.

**17** Intercede for the faculty and students of the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary, especially Pastor Leonid Mikhovich who leads the school. Ask for God's abundant blessing and provision for this and all of our other sponsored

seminaries and Bible institutes.

**18** Join us in praying for Alexei, an SGA-supported missionary pastor in the Grodno region of Belarus. Alexei and his congregation have been working on church construction in addition to their many ministry activities. We praise God for their fruitful ministry to children in their region.

**19** While the political situation in Belarus continues to get much media attention, the faithful churches we serve remain focused on sharing Christ's love and the life-changing Gospel with their people. Pray for unhindered ministry, and for many to come to saving faith.

**20** Even though camp season ended in August, we continue to pray for ongoing resources to fund the Little Pearl Diagnostic Camp for children in Kobrin. So many physically ill boys and girls have been reached at this wonderful camp, and we praise God for each one!

## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**21** Pray today for Pastor Sergei Kondaurov, new president of the Kazakh Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists. May God continue to direct Sergei's steps as he leads the church in Central Asia's largest republic.

**22** Believers in the largely Muslim Central Asian nations face ongoing oppression and persecution, yet faithfully and lovingly continue to share the Gospel with every

opportunity the Lord provides. Pray for God's continued blessing, encouragement, and protection.



**23** In Russia's Caucasus republics such as Chechnya and Dagestan, ministry for SGA-supported missionary pastors can be very dangerous. Please lift them in prayer on an ongoing basis as they lovingly and discreetly share Christ.

**24** Pray for Dr. Levan, a faithful SGA-sponsored missionary pastor and physician serving in the nation of Georgia. We are thankful to God for Levan's faithful, constant witness and passion for sharing the Gospel among the needy in his region.

**25 Christmas Day (Western):** *For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:11).* We praise God with thanksgiving for the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! As the nations celebrate His birth, many come to saving faith as they hear the Gospel!

**26** Pray for Eric Mock, SGA's vice president of ministry operations. While the COVID-19 pandemic has slowed his usual travel and ministry schedule, the pace is beginning to pick up again with recent visits to Ukraine and Russia. We praise God for the opportunity to encourage pastors and churches

through these visits.

**27** Please continue to pray for SGA missionary pastors across the former Soviet Union, as many—as well as their families—have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Ask for God's protection, as well as healing for those who are struggling with ongoing illness.

**28** Please pray for the staff of SGA's USA headquarters in Loves Park, Illinois. Our role here is largely support for faithful missionary pastors, their churches, and ministries across the former Soviet Union, and we count our service a great joy before the Lord.

**29** Join us in thanking the Lord for the charitable foundations who

help fund a portion of SGA's ministries. Some are larger non-profits, while others are smaller family foundations—yet all play a key role in advancing the Gospel in the CIS.

**30** Pray for the boards of directors of each of SGA's international offices in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Australia. We are thankful to God for these dedicated men serving Christ through our mission.

**31 Reflection:** We conclude December with King David's fervent prayer . . . *Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground. For the sake of Your name, O Lord, revive me . . .* (Psalm 143:10-11).

## Partner Prayer Requests

*Pray for my health, which has been a real struggle . . .*

Chubbuck, Idaho

*We lost a granddaughter to leukemia . . . pray for our family . . .*

Edmond, Oklahoma

*Battling COVID-19 . . . pray for healing . . .*

Montpelier, North Dakota

*Pray for our business . . .*

Hollywood, Florida

*Suffering neck pain . . . pray for relief . . .*

Mechanicsburg, 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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