



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:

*But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life (Jude vs 20-21).*

**1 Reflection:** We begin February contemplating the promise of our wonderful Lord . . . *The thief only comes to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep (John 10:10-11).*

**2** SGA's board of directors will be meeting this month. Pray for the board and our leadership team as they continue strategic planning for our mission in the days ahead. We thank the Lord for their faithful service.

**3** It has been two years now since the COVID-19 pandemic began ravaging the world, with deadly impact across Russia and her neighboring countries. Join us in praying for the many needy families reached through the SGA-supported Christ Over COVID outreach, as their needs are certain to continue.

**4** Please lift SGA president Michael Johnson in prayer today. Michael maintains a very busy travel and

meeting schedule, focused on raising awareness and resources for the many great ministry opportunities that exist in the former Soviet Union.



**5** Remember SGA's active senior missionaries in prayer—Ruth Deyneka Erdel, Andrew Semenchuk, and Florence Daneliuk. Join us in thanksgiving for their continued ministry through books, Bible studies, and other forms of outreach.

**RUSSIA**



**6** Intercede for Russian missionary pastors as they follow up with needy children and families reached through SGA-sponsored *Immanuel's Child* Christmas ministries last month. May many come to saving faith in Christ after having heard the Gospel.

**7** Pray for the staff of SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC), led by Valery Kazakov. Ask the Lord to grant them health and protection as they serve Christ in Russia's vast capital.

**8** Pastor Vitaly Zanin serves as national youth director for the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Lift up Alexei and his fellow youth pastors as they encourage and support youth in ministry across the country.

**9** Please intercede for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian UECB. In addition to his oversight duties for the Baptist Union, Piotr also oversees Moscow Seminary. Ask for God's continued blessing and direction.

**10** Today, SGA partners help sponsor a total of 143 faithful, hard-working missionary pastors across Russia—with many in very remote areas difficult to reach. Ask for God's provision, and for multiplied opportunities to share the Gospel and plant new churches.

## UKRAINE



**11** We praise and thank God for Ruslan Muratayev and the staff of SGA's Kiev RMC. With more than 3,000 UECB churches across Ukraine, our Kiev team works many long hours to serve and assist the churches at every opportunity.

**12** Pray for Bronislav, an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in Ukraine. Bronislav has a very fruitful children's ministry in his region, even involving participation in National

Children's Day last fall. Please lift him and his family in prayer today.

**13** Lift the faculty and students of the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary in prayer. SGA partners have supported this sound Bible school for many years, and we praise God for the eternal impact it is having across the former Soviet Union through its graduates.

**14** After nearly eight years, the armed conflict in Eastern Ukraine remains unresolved with sporadic violence and shelling still taking place. Pray for missionary pastors and their teams as they visit this dangerous region with food and other aid for needy families.

**15** Please pray today for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian UECB. Valery and his fellow pastors continue to engage in strategic planning for evangelism and ministry across the country. Ask for God's continued wisdom and direction.

## BELARUS



**16** Remember our missionary pastors in Belarus as they distribute food and render other humanitarian assistance to needy families. Pray that as the physical needs of these families are met in Christ's love, their hearts will be opened to the Gospel.

**17** Intercede for Piotr Podrez, the director of SGA's Minsk RMC, and his staff today. Ask God to protect their health and ministries as the COVID pandemic continues to affect the country. Pray also for the

faithful churches they serve.

**18** In the Brest region next to the Polish border, SGA-supported missionary Sergei is engaging in personal ministry with individuals, and asks that we pray for development of children's ministry in his region. May the Lord open many doors in the days ahead to reach children with the Gospel!

**19** Pray for the students and faculty of the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary. Pray also for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, who leads the seminary as well as the Baptist Union in Belarus.

**20** Please pray today for the youth of Golgotha Baptist Church in Minsk. They frequently travel to other cities and towns in Belarus to support local church ministry and engage in evangelism.

## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**21** Tajikistan is one of the Muslim-dominated republics of Central Asia where ethnic Russians have become even more of a minority. Pray for Tajik UECB leader Kamil Abdullaev, asking for God's wisdom as he leads and encourages evangelical churches there.

**22** Pray for Israel College of the Bible and the students who are gaining biblical training in order to reach Russian-speaking people in Israel. Also lift up SGA's director of Bible training as he travels frequently for teaching purposes.

**23** Alexander Karyakov is the director of the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. As the government is looking to impose more restrictions on evangelical churches, ask for God's protection over the churches and this vital training ministry.

**24** With the extreme poverty that exists in the Central Asian nations, SGA is praying for wisdom in how to help more churches reach out with food aid and the Gospel. Please join us in intercession.



**25** While *Immanuel's Child* Christmas ministries are over for the year, follow up ministry with the children and families reached is not over. Pray for the pastors and children's workers as they continue to visit and engage these families with Christ's love.

**26** Please pray for SGA's Garland Gould, Donnette Moak, and Rev. Larry Pauley who work in our Advancement Division engaging our partners and supporting churches. We are thankful for the opportunity

to be a blessing to those who help make our ministry possible.

**27** Lift SGA's international offices in prayer—Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and Australia. Pray with them for abundant resources to take advantage of new ministry opportunities in the coming months.

**28 Reflection:** We conclude February with the psalmist's praise of our God . . . *Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand* (Psalm 95:6-7).



## Partner Prayer Requests

*Please lift my many loved ones in prayer . . .*

Alamo, California

*Pray for debt reduction and salvation of family members . . .*

Middle River, Minnesota

*Pray for healing from a broken hip . . .*

Palmer, Alaska

*For boldness in faith . . .*

College Station, Texas

*My nephew needs the Lord and much prayer . . .*

Chesapeake, Virginia

**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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