



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:

*The things that are impossible with people are possible with God (Luke 18:27).*

**1 Reflection:** We begin this new month with the song of hope and trust penned by King David . . . *The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the defense of my life. Whom shall I dread (Psalm 27:1).*

**2** Things are very tense in a geopolitical sense between Poland and Belarus, as well as the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. Please pray for peace, and for the protection of the faithful evangelical churches we serve in these regions.

**3** Lift SGA president Michael Johnson in prayer this month. We are thankful for the opportunities the Lord gives Michael to be a blessing and encouragement to our brothers and sisters in the former Soviet Union.

## RUSSIA



**4** Please continue to intercede for SGA-sponsored missionary pastors in Russia's huge Far East region. We praise and thank the Lord for the many new ministry opportunities the Lord is opening there for *Orphans Reborn*, *Immanuel's Child*, and other outreaches.

**5** Pastor Vitaly Zanin is the national youth ministry director for the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Pray for him today, and for more open doors to reach Russia's youth with the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**6** While ethnic Russians make up the largest people group, there are at least 130 different ethnicities that call Russia home. Ask for God's anointing as faithful missionary pastors reach out to them with the Gospel.



**7** Follow-up ministry will be taking place across Russia and her neighboring countries in the aftermath of SGA-supported *Immanuel's Child* Christmas

ministries. Please join us in praying for continuing Gospel fruit among the children reached.

**8** We praise God for Valery Kazakov and SGA's Moscow office staff. Valery and team are vitally important links in our service to Russia's evangelical churches.

**9** Pray for Pastor Sergei and other SGA-sponsored missionary pastors whose families have been impacted by COVID-19. We are thankful for the recovery of Sergei's family, and continue to pray for the speedy recovery of other families who are ill.

## UKRAINE



**10** Pray for SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC) staff, led by Ruslan Muratayev. May the Lord bless and encourage their hearts as they serve Christ through SGA and through their churches in the Kiev region.

**11** The armed conflict between separatists and the Ukrainian central government continues in the eastern part of the country, with no end yet in sight. Lift SGA-supported missionary pastors in prayer as they visit the dangerous region with food aid for needy families, and the hope of the Gospel.

**12** Ivan K. is an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor who conducts outreach in four Ukrainian villages. He asks for prayer that God will raise up more young workers to help as there are few in this region.

**13** Pray for Dr. Igor Yaremchuk in his leadership of the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary. Also remember the faculty and students in prayer as they wind down another term studying God's Word.

**14** Pastor Valery Antonyuk serves as president of the Ukrainian UECB. Please remember him and his fellow pastors across the country as they disciple their congregations and proclaim the Gospel.

**15** Intercede for missionary pastors who continue to distribute food and other aid to needy families through SGA-supported Compassion Ministry. We praise and thank the Lord for the open doors these outreaches help open to share Christ's love.



## BELARUS



**16** Pray today for SGA's Minsk RMC staff today. Ask for God's ongoing provision for their ministries and families, and that even more opportunities will open to serve

evangelical churches across Belarus.

**17** For the past several months, global media have been reporting on growing tensions between Belarus and Poland, and subsequently with Western nations. Pray that these tensions will ease, and that the ministry of Bible-preaching churches will not be adversely impacted.

**18** Pray for Pastor Alexei in the Grodno region of Belarus, especially his ongoing outreaches to children through summer ministries such as VBS and camps. Ask for the Lord's ongoing provision and blessing.

**19** The SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary continues to train many faithful young pastors for lifetimes of fruitful outreach. Pray for increased resources to help the seminary train even more students to lead new congregations being planted.

**20** Pray for the SGA-sponsored Little Pearl Diagnostic Camp ministry at Kobrin. This camp assists hundreds of children suffering the effects of Chernobyl radiation that still impacts large portions of the nation even 36 years after the nuclear accident.

## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**21** Pray today for Sergei Kandaurov, who now leads the Kazakh Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists. Ask for the Lord's wisdom and direction as ministry

conditions continue to evolve across Kazakhstan and Central Asia.

**22** Many Central Asian nations are uneasy with the Taliban regaining full control of neighboring Afghanistan. Join us in praying for the protection of these countries from Islamic extremism, and for the churches to have open doors to share the peace found only through the Gospel.

**23** Lift director Alexander Karyakov and the students of the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in prayer today. May the Lord use the graduates mightily in advancing the life-changing Gospel across Central Asia.

**24** Please continue to intercede for SGA's director of Bible training in Israel. We are thankful to the Lord for the impact he is having on Russian-speaking immigrants to Israel, and in strengthening congregations across the country.

**25** Tensions and even occasional clashes continue to occur between Azerbaijan and Armenia despite a 2020 cease fire agreement. Lift our brothers and sisters who are ministering on both sides in prayer, asking for God's blessing and protection as they share Christ's love.

**26** SGA partners continue to help provide Russian-language Bibles and other doctrinally sound Christian books for distribution across the CIS. Pray for God's continued provision to replace Bibles and books post distribution.

**27** As always, please remember SGA's active senior missionaries in prayer. We praise God for the life-

long service of Ruth Deyneka Erdel, Florence Daneliuk, and Andrew Semenchuk, and for the impact they have had for Christ's kingdom through the years!

**28** Pray for Tim Dabner, SGA's director of media. Tim has produced most of the ministry videos and photos released and posted by our mission since the early 1990s. We praise and thank God for his giftedness in service to Christ.

**29** Pray for Bill Ball, director of SGA/Canada, in prayer. Pray for more opportunities to share what God is doing across the lands of Russia with missions-minded Canadian congregations.

**30** Pray for the boards of directors governing SGA ministries 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.

**30 Reflection:** Let us close March with our Lord's solemn command . . . *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another* (John 13:34-35).

## Partner Prayer Requests

*Please pray for me during ongoing ministry travels . . .*

Sun City West, Arizona

*I am battling cancer . . . please pray . . .*

Edmond, Oklahoma

*Pray for our nation . . .*

Houston, Texas

*For healing from chronic pain . . .*

Willmar, Minnesota

*Pray for me as I move soon . . .*

Tampa, 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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