



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:

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes (Psalm 118:23).

1 Reflection: We begin May with the Gospel call of repentance . . . *Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself (Acts 2:38-39).*

2 Please pray today for SGA's board of directors, led by chairman Dr. Rick Goertzen. The days ahead will be challenging in the aftermath of war in Ukraine, and they will need God's wisdom as they, our president Michael Johnson, and leadership team chart the course of our ministry.

3 Next month will see churches across the former Soviet Union beginning their summer children's camp season. Join us in praying in advance for abundant resources to support the camps, and that God will draw many children to Himself as they hear the Gospel.

4 Pray for Lana Yusov, SGA's director of children's ministries. As a former schoolteacher, Lana has a deep love for reaching children with Christ's love, and provides vital support to get

resources to the churches we serve.

RUSSIA



5 Let us pray today for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB), and the seven men who serve as regional vice presidents across the country's 11 time zones. May the Lord encourage their hearts today as they fulfill their many responsibilities.

6 Pray for the students at the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary as their summer practicum assignments will soon begin. Also pray for seminary president Pastor Eduard Genrikh and the seminary professors.

7 Lift director Valery Kazakov and the staff of SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC) in prayer. As the COVID pandemic continues, some of our team have gotten ill with it over the past few months. Pray for full recovery and for the protection of their families.

8 We praise and thank the Lord for the faithful missionary pastors that SGA partners help sponsor across Russia and her neighboring countries.

Some of them minister in very remote, difficult regions, yet their passion for reaching the lost for Christ is undimmed. Please pray for them today.

9 The news has been dominated in recent months with the Russia/Ukraine conflict, and the armed conflict in eastern Ukraine that has burned since 2014. The faithful churches we serve strive to focus on their ministries and the Gospel instead of geopolitics, and we pray for peace as well as for God's ongoing protection of the churches.

UKRAINE



10 Only the Lord knows what lies ahead for the people of Ukraine amid the destruction of war. The lives of millions of families will continue to be impacted and the needs are great. Pray with us, asking for God's ongoing provision for Compassion Ministries, and for the churches we serve to have open doors for the Gospel.

11 Join us in praising God for the wonderful response of SGA partners to help the Baptist church in Mlachivka repair their building after arsonists set it ablaze this past Christmas. It has truly been a testimony in their community, and helped lead to wider proclamation of Christ's love.

12 Intercede in prayer for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the UECB in Ukraine. May God grant Valery and his fellow pastors wisdom in their leadership of the churches, and for opportunities to lift the name of Jesus in the midst of turmoil in the country.

13 Pray for Ruslan Muratayev and the staff of SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC) in Ukraine. May God bless and multiply their ministry of service to Ukrainian evangelical churches, and give them wisdom in these challenging days.

14 Please continue to lift the SGA-supported Irpen Biblical Seminary, its faculty, and students in prayer. We praise and thank the Lord for Dr. Igor Yaremchuk and his steady leadership of this vitally important Bible training center.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

15 Evangelical churches in Muslim-dominated regions like Central Asia and some parts of the Caucasus Mountain regions face many difficulties in their ministries, if not outright persecution and oppression. Lift our faithful brothers and sisters before the Lord in prayer today.

16 The SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* ministry continues to bear much fruit in Kazakhstan and the other Central Asian republics. Pray for expanded resources as well as for more orphanages to open their doors for ministry to these lonely, forgotten children.

17 We praise and thank the Lord today for the opportunity to

help provide Bible training for Russian-speaking congregations in Israel. Pray for our director of Bible training there as he travels across the country to hold classes and seminars with the students.

18 There have been reports of a possible leadership change at the national level in Turkmenistan, where evangelical churches encounter a great deal of opposition. Join us in praying for restrictions on the churches to be relaxed, and that God will encourage the hearts of our brothers and sisters there.

BELARUS



19 Please pray for director Piotr Podrez and the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC. In a country where there are tremendous needs faced by a resourceful people, our RMC staff is a great encouragement to evangelical churches, whose people love their land and long to see it come to Christ in full.

20 As summer camp season draws closer, remember to intercede for the SGA-supported Little Pearl Children's Diagnostic Camp in Kobrin, Belarus. Funds are always very tight for this vitally important outreach, where sick children are receiving Christ's love as well as limited treatment.

21 Pray as always for the SGA-supported Minsk Theological Seminary, led by UECB president Pastor Leonid Mihovich. Despite ongoing turmoil in the country, the faculty and students remain focused on God's Word and

advancing the Gospel.

22 Lift Pastor Pavel, an SGA-supported missionary in Belarus, as he continues to carry out Compassion Ministry in his region. Pavel has seen much fruit from this outreach, and we pray that many will turn to Christ in saving faith as they hear the Gospel.

23 In addition to his duties at SGA's Minsk RMC, Dima Podrez is very involved in leading youth ministry at his church, with periodic outreaches in other parts of Belarus. Please remember him and his young family in prayer today.

24 As SGA-sponsored church planters begin working in new regions of the CIS, beginning a Sunday school for local children is often a high priority. Ask the Lord to grant these faithful missionaries wide open doors to reach these children and their unbelieving families for Christ.

25 Please pray today for SGA senior missionary Ruth Deyneka Erdel, who continues work on a new book project. We are deeply thankful to the Lord for Ruth and her decades of devoted service to Christ through SGA.

26 Intercede in prayer for the directors and staff of SGA's international offices in Canada, Great Britain, Australia, and New Zealand. The pandemic restrictions have imposed difficulties for them and the churches they serve, yet they continue to help advance the Gospel in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

27 Pray for SGA president Michael Johnson and our leadership

team. We are finalizing budgets for the next fiscal year, and preparing for next month's board meeting. Ask for God's ongoing provision of wisdom and direction.

28 Pray for Bill Ball, director of SGA/Canada, and his assistant Sue Petten. Ask for God's continued provision for their ministries, and for increased opportunities to share the SGA story with Canadian churches and partners.

29 Please remember SGA's ministry division in prayer, led by vice president Eric Mock. Eric and his team oversee ministry across the former Soviet Union, which includes missionary pastors, Bible training, humanitarian aid distribution, Russian-

language Bibles and Christian literature, and children's outreaches.

30 SGA periodically sends out mailings across the U.S. to seek new partners who might be interested in supporting the ministries of Bible-preaching churches in the former Soviet Union—always with the desire to increase the Gospel's advance. Please lift this need before the Lord today.

31 Reflection: We close May with King David's beautiful psalm and admonition. . . *But know that the Lord has set apart the godly man for Himself; the Lord hears when I call to Him. Tremble and do not sin; meditate in your heart upon your bed, and be still* (Psalm 4:3-4).

Partner Prayer Requests

Pray for my husband as he recovers from surgery . . .

Ashton, Illinois

Please lift our prison ministry in prayer . . .

Bozeman, Montana

Many requests for loved ones . . . may they come to know Christ . . .

Hitchcock, Texas

Prayers for our nation . . .

Honesdale, Pennsylvania

For health concerns . . .

Gerber, California

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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