



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:

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom (Psalm 45:6).

1 Reflection: We begin the new month with the wonderful promise in Scripture for the people of the Lord . . . *the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen (1 Peter 5:10-11).*

2 As relations between the West and Russia are deeply strained due to the Ukraine war, please pray with us that SGA's service to evangelical churches will not be hindered. Ask the Lord for continued open access for the sake of the Gospel.

3 SGA's board of directors is scheduled to meet later this month. Pray for chairman Dr. Rick Goertzen, president Michael Johnson, and our leadership team as they prayerfully set our mission's direction in these very challenging days.

4 Pray today for SGA's staff at our Loves Park, Illinois, headquarters. We are small in number, but the Lord graciously allows us to accomplish

much for His glory and in support of the churches' Gospel ministry across the former Soviet Union.

UKRAINE



5 Pray for the faithful staff of SGA's Regional Ministry Center (RMC) in Ukraine. Ask for ongoing wisdom for director Ruslan Murataev and his team as they strive to carry out fruitful ministry in the midst of a terrible war.

6 Please pray for ongoing wisdom and direction for the leadership of the SGA-supported Irpen Biblical Seminary. With the war-caused destruction of the seminary building, we are working on ways to continue Bible training ministry for the hundreds of students who had enrolled.

7 Pray for Sasha, who started the music program at Irpen Seminary, and other church leaders who have been forced to relocate due to the ongoing bombardment of war in Ukraine. We praise God for their constant demonstration of faith and love in the midst of such horrible circumstances. The Gospel continues to go forth!

8 Intercede in prayer for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian Union of Evangelical Christians/Baptists (UECB). Pray also for the faithful regional pastors who help oversee ministry across Ukraine's 24 oblasts (states).

9 Even after the military conflict ends in Ukraine, the great needs of afflicted individuals and families will continue for some time, especially those who are refugees in neighboring countries. Pray with us for the ongoing resources to help these families in the name of Jesus.

RUSSIA



10 The economic sanctions imposed by Western nations over the Ukraine war have significantly impacted the Russian people, and the evangelical churches we serve are not immune. Ask for God's intervention and blessing so that the Gospel's advance will not be hindered.

11 Dr. Piotr Mitskevich serves as president of the Russian UECB. As he oversees churches across 11 time zones, ask the Lord to grant Piotr and his fellow pastors great wisdom. We are thankful to the Lord for his dedication and godly example.

12 We continue to praise and thank the Lord for the *Orphans Reborn* ministry and its Gospel impact in the lives of thousands of needy children. With more than 700,000 orphans across Russia, the need for increased ministry access is great.

13 Please lift all SGA-sponsored missionary pastors across Russia in prayer today. Especially remember those who serve in remote, challenging regions like the Arctic region and Siberia. Their lives are difficult, but their joy in serving Christ is great.

14 Pray for Valery Kazakov and the staff of SGA's Moscow RMC. We are thankful for their servant hearts and cheerful spirits as they labor in Russia's huge capital city.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

15 Pressure and restrictions on evangelical churches continue to increase across the Muslim-dominated countries of Central Asia. Intercede in prayer for our brothers and sisters there as they lift up Christ amid great opposition.

16 The SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan is strategically located to equip and strengthen churches across Central Asia with sound Bible training. Pray that we will be able to serve and train many more students in the days ahead.



17 Pray for SGA and Israel College of the Bible as we labor together to serve Russian congregations through provision of sound Bible training. Pray also for our director of Bible training there as he travels and teaches Russian-speaking students.

18 In Russia's Caucasus Mountains, SGA-sponsored missionary pastors are discreetly serving in troubled regions such as Chechnya, Dagestan, Ingushetia, and Kabardino-Balkaria. Ask for God's ongoing protection and provision for their ministries.

19 SGA-sponsored Compassion Ministry is vitally important for missionary pastors in poverty-stricken Central Asian nations such as Tajikistan. It helps open the door to reach many with the Gospel. Ask for God's ongoing provision for food, evangelistic literature, and other aid.

20 Continue to intercede for SGA-supported pastors and churches in the troubled Nagorno-Karabakh region that is disputed between Azerbaijan and Armenia. Ask God to protect them and provide for their needs as they share Christ with their people.

21 Pray for Georgian church leader Pastor Levan, who runs a medical clinic for needy individuals and families in addition to being a missionary pastor. We praise and thank the Lord for his faithful witness in a very challenging ministry environment.

BELARUS



22 SGA-sponsored missionary pastors in Belarus—as well as churches across other CIS nations—are getting ready to launch their summer camp ministries. May the Lord draw many children to Himself as they hear of the His great love for them.

23 Pray for Piotr Podrez and the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC, asking God to bless and encourage their hearts amid many economic and other challenges. They serve Christ with great joy, and we are thankful to God to be able to support churches in Belarus through the RMC.

24 Pastor Leonid Mihovich serves as president of the Belarussian UECB and maintains a very busy ministry schedule. Ask the Lord to grant him wisdom and direction as he also serves as head of the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary.

25 Please continue to lift up the SGA-supported Little Pearl Children's Diagnostic Camp in the Kobrin region of Belarus. We thank the Lord for the opportunity to serve sick children, and to share the Gospel with them and their families as they enjoy rest and limited treatment at the camp.

26 Please continue to intercede for SGA senior missionary Bill Kapitaniuk, whose wife and fellow missionary Stella Jarema Kapitaniuk went to be with the Lord earlier this year after a long illness. May the Lord continue to bring Bill and his family comfort in these difficult days.

27 At the end of this month, SGA concludes yet another fiscal year. We thank the Lord for His gracious provision, praying also for the abundant resources needed to press on advancing the Gospel in the former Soviet Union. Much remains to be done!

28 SGA president Michael Johnson is thankful to be able to share what God is doing across the former Soviet Union through media opportunities and speaking engagements. May the Lord grant many more opportunities for him to share about the great ministry opportunities that exist.

29 Pray for SGA-supported youth ministry across the former Soviet Union. Not only are young people being reached with the Gospel, but they are also being trained for fruitful service in their local churches. These zealous young people are a tremendous encouragement to their pastors and congregations.

30 Reflection: We conclude June with the rejoicing of the psalmist . . . *This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it* (Psalm 118:23-24).

Partner Prayer Requests

Unspoken prayer request for family . . .

Manteca, California

For God's wisdom and direction in retirement . . .

Seaside, Oregon

For the salvation of loved ones . . .

Alabaster, Alabama

For growth in my walk with Christ . . .

Jenison, Michigan

Pray for encouragement and ongoing health issues . . .

West New York, New Jersey

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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