

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:

He is your praise and He is your God, who has done these great and awesome things for you, which your eyes have seen (Deuteronomy 10:21).

- **Reflection:** We begin July with praise and thanksgiving to our God and Father . . . *I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations* (Psalm 57:9).
- 2 Even though Easter is months past, the faithful churches we serve across the former Soviet Union will conduct follow up ministry with those who heard the Gospel. Pray that many will come to saving faith in Christ!
- 3 Lift up SGA's leadership team— President Michael Johnson, along with chief financial officer Beverly Braunsky and vice presidents Eric Mock and Garland Gould. Ask the Lord to grant them wisdom as they oversee our mission's work.
- 4 Lift up Bill Ball, director of SGA/Canada, and his team as they work with joy and love to support evangelical churches advancing the Gospel across Russia and her neighboring countries.

5 Join us in thanksgiving for the many churches across North America who support SGA's ministries across the former Soviet Union. Please pray today for Rev. Larry Pauley, who serves as our director of church relations.

RUSSIA

6 Intercede for the SGA-sponsored Orphans Reborn team in Krasnoyarsk, where this wonderful outreach began years ago. We praise God for the way Orphans Reborn has grown across Russia and her neighboring countries from small beginnings. The Krasnoyarsk team still enjoys a vibrant, fruitful ministry with orphan children in this key region of Russia.



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We thank God for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB), and his leadership team. Pray for continued wisdom and resources as they lead with dedication and zeal for the Gospel.

Pray for director Valery Kazakov and the staff at SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC). These are difficult days for our brothers and sisters in Russia amid the ripple effects from the Ukraine war. May God grant them His peace and protection, and many opportunities to share Christ.

With thousands of miles of unreached territory where no Bible-preaching churches exist, the need to sponsor more missionary pastors in Russia remains significant. Please lift this need before the Lord today.

Lift up Pastor Vitaly Zanin, who serves as national youth director for the Russian UECB. Pray for Vitaly and his fellow youth leaders as they encourage the youth to be holy and set apart in this world for service to Christ.

UKRAINE

Please intercede for the staff of SGA's Kiev RMC, led by director Ruslan Muratayev. With the devastation of the war in Ukraine, our team had to evacuate the RMC, and relocate to other parts of Ukraine for safety. We praise and thank the Lord for their faithfulness under fire.



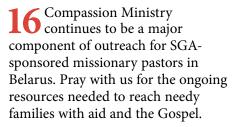
12 One of the many heartbreaking developments from the war was the destruction of the Irpen Biblical Seminary building due to shelling. Pray for the Irpen leadership and SGA as we prayerfully determine next steps in continuing Bible training ministry in the country.

13 Intercede for Pastor Vlad, who has been carrying out Compassion Ministry and food distribution in the region of Avdeevka and other villages. Ask for God's ongoing protection for him and other faithful pastors as they share the Gospel with those whose lives have been shattered by the war.

14 The city of Lviv in western Ukraine has received many refugees from other parts of the country in the wake of the daily bombardment. Pray for the pastors and churches there as they serve these needy families. SGA is thankful for the opportunity to help them.

15 Pray for Pastor Valery
Antonyuk, president of the
Ukrainian UECB, especially during
this time of war in Ukraine. Pray for
wisdom and safety as he leads in all
his ministry responsibilities.

BELARUS



17 Pray for the Belarussian UECB as they continue to prioritize the training of pastors and worship leaders, along with children's and youth workers. Pray for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the Belarussian UECB, as he oversees ministry and the SGA-supported Minsk Theological Seminary.

18 Pray for director Piotr Podrez and his staff at SGA's Minsk RMC. We praise and thank the Lord for their opportunity to support and encourage evangelical churches in their ministries. May the Lord grant His ongoing blessing and protection.

19 Pastor Alexander is one of many SGA-supported missionary pastors in Belarus, and he has seen wonderful fruit with orphan ministry and other outreach in the Vitebsk region. Pray for him and his church today as they share the Gospel across their region.

20 While not directly engaged in the Ukraine war, this tragic conflict has had impacts in Belarus with refugee needs and other concerns. Please ask the Lord to grant wisdom to evangelical churches across the country as they carry out their day to day ministries.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

21 Although the war in Ukraine has dominated much of the world's attention, the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan remains unsettled and occasional armed flareups still occur despite a ceasefire. Intercede for our brothers and sisters there as they continue to lift up Christ.

22 Please intercede for workers in children's ministries and outreaches in the central Asian countries as summer continues. Camp ministries in these Muslimdominated lands must be conducted very discreetly.

23 Intercede for the UECB churches of Turkmenistan as they reach out to their people with the Gospel. Pray for safety and God's leading as they preach God's Word and live faithful lives in Christ amid severe persecution.

24 Pray for the students at Israel College of the Bible as they prepare for the soon-coming fall term. Join us in praise and thanksgiving to God for the opportunity to help Russian-speaking students in Israel!

25 Pray today for the SGAsponsored Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. We praise and thank the Lord for the opportunity to support this school, and for the faithful service of the director, Alexander Karyakov.

26 We thank the Lord for Cindy Snyder, who serves in our accounting department and has several key responsibilities. May the Lord encourage her heart today!

27 Please remember the faithful, SGA-supported missionary pastors who serve in the Caucasus Mountain regions of Russia, Georgia, and other former Soviet nations in the region. Ministry there can be very difficult, especially in regions where Islam is prevalent.

28 We thank and praise God for SGA's senior missionaries—Ruth Deyneka Erdel, Andrew Semenchuk, and Florence Daneliuk—and the examples their lives have been, and even now as they continue to impact many lives for eternity!

29 Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastors who visit prisons and share the Gospel with those serving time in prison. Many

inmates have come to know Christ and have even begun churches behind prison walls!

30 We are thankful to God for all of our partners in ministry, including charitable foundations, church missions teams, and you! Please let us know how we can pray for you—our staff meets in daily prayer groups to intercede for our partners and ministries.

31 Reflection: We end the month with the Apostle Peter's fervent prayer . . . so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:7).

Partner Prayer Requests

For the salvation of my son and other loved ones . . .

Concrete, Washington

Pray for my daughter-in-law battling cancer . . .

Richmond, Indiana

Pray for full physical recovery from fatigue and insomnia . . .

Merritt Island, Florida

I am dealing with several health issues . . .

Allentown, Pennsylvania

For the needs of loved ones . . .

College Station, Texas

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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