



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:

Do not be afraid, little flock, for the Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom (Luke 12:32).

1 Reflection: We begin August with the Apostle John's declaration of God's Word . . . *These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life (1 John 5:13).*

2 Please pray for continued wisdom for SGA president Michael Johnson as he oversees SGA's ministries in the US and across the former Soviet Union. With the tragic war in Ukraine and the related international impacts, these are very challenging days for the churches we serve, and for our mission.

3 SGA-sponsored summer camp season across Russia and her neighboring countries concludes this month. Pray for the final sessions, and for follow up ministry with the children afterward, asking the Lord to draw many to Himself in saving faith.

4 Pray for Bill Ball, director of SGA/Canada, as he diligently works on building partnerships between Canadian congregations and evangelical churches in the CIS. Pray also for the faithful partners who support their ministries.

5 Since the invasion of Ukraine in February, SGA partners have stepped up to provide Compassion Ministry aid to thousands of refugees in Ukraine, Poland, and other countries. We praise and thank the Lord for the impact this is having in many shattered lives, especially as the Gospel is lovingly shared.

UKRAINE



6 Pray today for the faithful churches SGA serves across Ukraine as they minister the love of Christ to their people amid this awful war. May the Lord encourage the hearts of the pastors and their congregations even as they encourage needy refugees with Compassion Ministry and share the Gospel.

7 Pastor Sergei is one of many SGA-supported missionary pastors in Ukraine who are helping refugees with food and other aid—in Sergei's case taking them into his home. Please pray for him and his family today, asking for God's protection and ongoing blessings.

8 As the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary building was damaged by shelling earlier this year,



the Lord's wisdom is being sought on how best to move forward with classes, and building repairs. Please lift this urgent need before the Lord.

9 Another devastating impact of the war has been on agriculture in Ukraine. In addition to supplying wheat to global markets, so many Ukrainians rely on their gardens to help get through the winter. Pray with us for the resources needed for ongoing Compassion Ministry to needy families.

10 Intercede for the staff of SGA's Kiev RMC as they tirelessly serve the Lord and the evangelical churches of Ukraine. May the Lord grant them wisdom, discernment, and protection as they navigate through these challenging days.



RUSSIA



11 As another term begins at the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary, pray for the faculty and students as they delve into the riches of God's Word. Also pray for the resources needed to operate the school at full capacity.

12 In addition to his church-planting ministry in Russia's Samara region, SGA-supported missionary pastor Andrew repairs appliances, which gives him the opportunity to share the Gospel with many families. Intercede for him and his church in prayer today.

13 Pray for evangelical churches across Russia as they must deal with ongoing pressures in the wake of the Ukraine war. May the Lord grant them many opportunities to proclaim peace and reconciliation in Christ!

14 Lift director Valery Kazakov and the staff of SGA's Moscow RMC in prayer. May the Lord bless and encourage their hearts today as they faithfully serve Christ and the cause of the Gospel in Russia's capital.



15 Pray for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian UECB. Ask God to encourage his heart and provide for the needs of his family during these difficult days in Russia.

BELARUS



16 Pray for the students of the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary. Support of biblical training across Belarus and other former Soviet nations remains SGA's top priority, reflecting the top priority of the churches we serve.

17 Lift the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC in prayer today. We praise and thank the Lord for director Piotr Podrez and his team as they faithfully serve Christ in Belarus' capital city.

18 SGA-supported Pastor Ivan labors in the Vitebsk region, and has been helping needy families impacted by COVID-19 with food aid. Ask the Lord to open their hearts to the Gospel as Ivan demonstrates Christ's love and shares the Gospel.

19 Pray for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the Belarus UECB as well as the head of the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary. May God encourage Leonid's heart today in the midst of his many responsibilities.

20 Remember to pray for the many ill children who attended the SGA-supported Little Pear Diagnostic Camp in Kobrin over the summer. We praise and thank God for the opportunity to help these children with their physical needs, as well as to share Christ's love.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

21 Lift up the SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* ministry

operating through churches across Central Asia. As the faithful church teams visit the orphanages, may many children come to know the Savior who loves them!

22 Pray today for Pastor Gia Kandelaki, president of the UECB in Georgia. Also pray for his fellow pastors across the country, including Dr. Levan, who has been supported through SGA for many years.

23 News media have been reporting possible constitutional reforms in Kazakhstan in recent months. Join us in praying that these reforms will also eventually provide for greater freedom for evangelical churches across the country to worship and carry out their ministries.

24 Intercede in prayer for Alexander Karyakov, director of the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. We are thankful for God's provision in support of this strategic school in the heart of Central Asia.

25 It is never too early to pray in advance for the SGA-sponsored *Immanuel's Child* Christmas ministries across the CIS—the participating churches are already planning for this coming season's outreaches. Pray for abundant resources, and for thousands of young hearts who will be hearing the Gospel.

26 As always, please pray on an ongoing basis for SGA's active senior missionaries—Andrew Semenchuk, Florence Daniliuk, and Ruth Deyneka Erdel. May the Lord

encourage their hearts as they joyfully continue to serve Him.

27 Pray for God's ongoing provision for Russian-language Bibles and other Christian literature. With increased ministry due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine, we want to be sure stocks are adequate for missionary pastors and their ministries.

28 Please keep in prayer SGA's advancement division, which is responsible for fundraising and communicating with our partners about what God is doing in the former Soviet Union today. We are so deeply thankful to SGA partners for their ongoing prayers and support.

29 Please remember to pray for SGA's international offices in New Zealand, Canada, Australia, and the United Kingdom. Pray with us that God will provide all their needs in every area of ministry.

30 Pray for follow up ministry that will be taking place with Ukraine refugees reached over the past few months with Compassion Ministry and the Gospel. We pray that there will be a tremendous spiritual harvest in the days ahead.

31 Reflection: We end the month with the Prophet Zechariah's wonderful declaration . . . *And the Lord will be king over all the earth, in that day the Lord will be the only one, and His name the only one* (Zechariah 14:9).

Partner Prayer Requests

Please pray for several loved ones . . .

Alamo, California

For various health and strength issues . . .

Aurora, Colorado

Pray for persecuted Christians around the world . . .

Elmo, Montana

Please lift my granddaughter in prayer . . .

Hunlock, Pennsylvania

My family needs a healing touch . . .

Loveland, Ohio

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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