



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:

*God, having spoken long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days spoke to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom He also made the worlds (Hebrews 1:1-2).*

**1 Reflection:** We begin the new month with the prayer of Asaph . . . *Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; and deliver us and atone for our sins for your name's sake (Psalm 79:9).*

**2** Please pray for protection of evangelical churches across the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), especially in Ukraine where war has continued to rage. Pray for wisdom in our service to the churches as they render aid and proclaim the Gospel.



**3** Keep SGA's board of directors in prayer as they meet later this month.

Ask for ongoing wisdom and discernment for them, as well as our president Michael Johnson and the leadership team.

**4** Please pray in advance for churches that will be participating in the SGA-sponsored *Immanuel's Child* Christmas ministry this year. SGA will soon be sending resources to participating churches here in North America, with thanksgiving to God for their partnership in the Gospel.



**RUSSIA**



**5** Pray for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian UECB. Piotr was recently elected for another term in office, and his responsibilities are great. We are thankful to God for this gifted brother and his devotion to Christ.

**6** Intercede for the staff of SGA's Moscow RMC, led by Valery Kazakov. These are difficult days for ministry in Russia, but we praise and thank the Lord that He is not restrained in fulfilling His purpose and in building His church.

**7** Pray for Vitaly Zanin, national youth ministry director for the Russian UECB. Ask God for wisdom and direction for Vitaly and his fellow youth pastors, as well as for the resources to help disciple and train even more young people to serve.

**8** Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Rostislav, who serves in Russia's Far East. Rostislav and his team have been traveling from place to place holding services in a bus! We are thankful for his diligence and creativity in taking every opportunity to share Christ.



**9** Pray for the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary—located in central Siberia. Pray for the students and their professors as they begin another term of study in God's Word and in ministry.

**10** Join us in praying for SGA-supported missionary pastors in southern Russia's often dangerous Muslim regions. These faithful men

frequently and discreetly visit these regions to minister to individuals and families, and lovingly share the Gospel.

## BELARUS



**11** Pray for Sergei, an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Belarus' Brest region near the border with Poland. Sergei is involved in visiting needy families with food aid, and often is able to share the Gospel with the recipients. We thank God for the fruit of Sergei's ministry.

**12** Belarus shares its southern border with Ukraine, and almost 3,000 refugees from Ukraine have fled to Belarus since the war began. Please pray for SGA-supported churches as they labor to minister to the refugees with aid and the Gospel.

**13** Pastor Leonid Mihovich serves as president of the Belarussian UECB, as well as the head of Minsk Theological Seminary. Please continue to lift him in prayer today in the midst of fulfilling his many responsibilities.

**14** We praise and thank the Lord for the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC. Director Piotr Podrez, his son Dima, and the staff are dedicated to serving the churches the Lord is building across Belarus, and we are thankful for their faithful labors.

**15** As summer camp season concluded last month, pray with us for the follow up ministry that will be taking place across Belarus and other former Soviet countries. Ask the Lord to draw many children to Himself in saving faith.

## UKRAINE



**16** Only the Lord knows how long the war between Russia and Ukraine will continue. Pray for the continued resources needed for SGA to help evangelical churches proclaim the peace and the Gospel of Christ in the midst of such sorrow and turmoil.



**17** Intercede for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Ivan, who ministers to needy families in Ukraine's Novoivanovka region. Ask the Lord to open their hearts to believe the Gospel and trust in Christ!

**18** Please pray for director Ruslan Muratayev and his staff at SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC). Intercede in prayer for their families, and ask the Lord to encourage their hearts even as they encourage the churches they serve.

**19** Join us in praising the Lord for Irpen Biblical Seminary, which has been sponsored by SGA since its inception in 1991. Pray for current president Dr. Igor Yaremchuk as he leads the school.

**20** Please intercede regularly for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian UECB. May God grant him abundant

wisdom and discernment during these days of serious challenge in Ukraine.

## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**21** Please pray for SGA-sponsored *Antioch Initiative* Bible and ministry training in the Caucasus nation of Georgia. May God enable them to raise up and train biblically sound pastors and leaders, and bless them as they plant zealous, Gospel-preaching churches.

**22** We are thankful for the opportunity to partner with Israel College of the Bible to provide Bible training for Russian-speaking immigrants and congregations in Israel. Ask the Lord to continually guide as we seek to meet specific needs.

**23** Please remember to pray for follow up ministry that churches will be doing in connection with this past summer's children's camps. We are praying that many young boys and girls will come to Christ as a result of their time in camp.

**24** The Caucasus Mountains region covers southern Russia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Armenia, and ministry there poses many challenges, and even dangers in Muslim-dominant areas. Intercede for our brothers and sisters there today.

**25** On occasion, SGA leadership has opportunity to visit the countries of Central Asia, where poverty is severe and persecution of churches intense. Ask God to provide

the resources to help the oppressed believers there, and encourage their hearts.

**26** Pray today for Alexander Karyakov, director of the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. Pray also for the professors and students as they enter the fall term of study.

**27** Pray for SGA's international offices in Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, and New Zealand. We praise and thank God for their faithful dedication to the Gospel and service to evangelical churches in the CIS and Eastern Europe.

**28** We are thankful for SGA's senior missionaries—Ruth Deyneka

Erdel, Andrew Semenchuk, and Florence Daneliuk. Ask the Lord for continued strength and blessing as they serve Christ with every opportunity He grants.

**29** Please remember to intercede on a regular basis for SGA's Loves Park, Illinois, headquarters staff. We are deeply thankful to know that our faithful partners are sustaining our ministries in their prayers.

**30 Reflection:** Let us conclude September with the wonderful praise recorded by the prophet Jeremiah . . . *Give thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good, for His lovingkindness is everlasting* (Jeremiah 33:11).

## Partner Prayer Requests

*Please pray for my son and his children . . .*

Sacramento, California

*For a possible heart condition . . . please pray . . .*

Dubois, Wyoming

*Pray for our country . . .*

Glen Ullin, North Dakota

*For ongoing health concerns with me and my brother . . .*

Ho Ho Kus, New Jersey

*Lift my brother in prayer . . . he is very ill . . .*

Sun City Ctr, 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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