



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:

In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, but the darkness did not comprehend it (John 1:4-5).

1 Reflection: As we begin the new month, may we remember this admonition from Scripture . . . *Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom (Hebrews 3:1).*

2 As political conditions continue to evolve across the former Soviet Union, please join us in ongoing intercession for the Bible-preaching churches we serve there. May God protect them as they faithfully proclaim the Gospel and carry out their ministries.

3 Pray for SGA president Michael Johnson, our board, and leadership team. Ask for God's wisdom in ongoing strategic planning and our partnership with evangelical churches across North America and the former Soviet Union.

4 Remember SGA's senior missionaries in prayer today—Ruth Deyneka Erdel, Andrew Semenchuk, and Florence Daneliuk. The Lord continues to impact many lives as Ruth, Andrew, and Florence carry out their day-to-day ministries.

RUSSIA



5 Please lift the staff of SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC) in prayer today. Director Valery Kazakov and his faithful, diligent team are vitally important links in our service to evangelical churches across Russia.

6 Praise God with us today for His continued blessings of the SGA-sponsored *Antioch Initiative* in Russia. Pray for the Lord's wisdom in planning future Bible training opportunities in varying locations.



7 Roman S. is an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in Russia's Krasnodar region who has been ministering to refugees from the war in Ukraine. Pray for many Gospel opportunities, and he also asks that we pray for peace to come at last in this conflict.

8 Pray for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Evangelical churches in Russia are facing increasing difficulties from many opponents, and need abundant wisdom from the Lord as they respond with Christ's love.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

9 Pray for the Baptist Union leaders of Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan. Ask God to grant them wisdom and discernment as they lead ministry in these Muslim-majority countries.

10 Please continue to intercede for SGA's director of Bible training in Israel. We praise and thank the Lord for the opportunity to serve Russian-speaking congregations there, and to share the Gospel with immigrants from the former Soviet nations.

11 Pray for the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan, led by director Alexander Karyakov. May the Lord continue to provide—and even increase—resources for this strategic Bible school in the heart of Central Asia.

12 Join us in lifting up Andranik, a faithful missionary pastor supported by SGA partners in Armenia. Andranik has a vibrant children's ministry, as well as outreach to troubled families. We are thankful to God for his faithful service to Christ and for the advance of the Gospel.

13 Intercede for believers in Azerbaijan and other Caucasus Mountain regions/republics. Due to the influence of Islam, ministry can be extremely difficult—if not dangerous—for evangelical churches in these regions. Yet the Lord continues to draw lost men, women, and children to Himself as they hear the Gospel proclaimed!



UKRAINE



14 Please join us in praying for the staff of SGA's Kiev RMC. May the Lord enable Ruslan Muratayev and his team to be a continual blessing and resource to Bible-preaching churches throughout Ukraine.

15 As winter draws closer, the need for humanitarian aid such as food and warm clothing will certainly increase, especially with the terrible destruction brought by the war with Russia. Please lift this need before the Lord in prayer today.

16 Remember Pastor Valery Antonyuk in prayer today. As leader of the Ukrainian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists as Ukraine is the midst of war, Valery carries heavy ministry responsibilities.

17 Missionary pastor Ivan has been leading outreaches in several Ukrainian villages, especially to needy and dysfunctional families. Pray that the Holy Spirit will draw

many to faith in Christ as they hear the Gospel and see God's love in action.

18 Even though Christmas is a few months away, churches in Ukraine and the other former Soviet countries are already busily preparing for *Immanuel's Child* children's outreaches. Please pray for increased resources so we can reach even more children with the Gospel and special Christmas gifts!

BELARUS



19 Please pray for director Piotr Podrez and the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC. In addition to their RMC duties, the staff also is dedicated to ministry in their local churches with every opportunity God grants. May He encourage their hearts today!

20 As the students at the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary continue the fall term, pray for them and their professors. Also ask the Lord to increase resources to help this important school continue to grow and develop.

21 Pray for Alexander P—an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in the Gomel region of Belarus. Alexander has many fruitful outreaches, including sports ministry and even working with government officials to help those with alcohol and drug addiction. We give God glory and praise for these wonderful opportunities!

22 We praise and thank God for the dedicated, servant

leadership of Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the Belarussian UECB. Ask the Lord to bless Leonid with health, strength, and abundant wisdom in his leadership responsibilities.

23 Pray for our brothers and sisters in Belarus as they—along with other churches across the former Soviet Union—continue to follow up with children reached during summer camp ministries. May the ongoing contacts with the children and their parents result in many coming to faith in Christ.



24 Provision of sound Bible training has always been SGA's top priority as a mission. Please continue to pray for all SGA-sponsored seminaries and Bible institutes in the CIS, and for the resources needed to keep them operating at full capacity. New churches being planted are in need of more trained pastors.

25 Pray for Eric Mock, SGA's vice president of ministry operations, and the rest of our ministry division team. With the ongoing war in Ukraine, Eric and his team have been laboring around the clock to provide as much assistance to the churches as possible.

26 Pray today for SGA's international offices in the United Kingdom, Canada, New

Zealand, and Australia. Changing global ministry conditions and economic challenges continue to be of great concern to all of us, and much wisdom from the Lord is needed.

27 It is never too early to pray for the upcoming *Immanuel's Child* children's Christmas outreach across the former Soviet Union. A record number of children were reached with the Gospel last year, and we are praying to reach an even greater number this year as God provides opportunity.

28 We praise and thank the Lord for the recent addition of Mark Miles to the SGA team as director of partner relations. Join us in thanksgiving as Mark has the opportunity to travel and visit supporters of our ministry, encouraging them and sharing about what God is doing across the former Soviet Union.

29 In addition to national UECB leaders, many faithful pastors serve as regional leaders to provide support and guidance to churches at a local level. Lift these dedicated brothers in prayer today as they joyfully serve as pastors to pastors.

30 Remember SGA-sponsored Compassion Ministry in prayer today. As winter draws closer, the need for warm clothing, food, and other aid increases, and such ministry provides opportunities for churches to share the Gospel with the needy.

31 Reflection: We close October with the Prophet Jeremiah's glorious praise of God . . . *Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I have been called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts* (Jeremiah 15:16).

Partner Prayer Requests

We praise God for all His blessings and protection . . .

Concord, California

Pray for my children's walk with Christ . . .

Flippin, Arkansas

For my brother's salvation . . .

Westland, Michigan

To be aware of God's presence in my life . . .

Jasper, Alabama

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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