



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:

Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household" (Acts 16:30-31).

1 Reflection: We begin the new month with the psalmist's song of hope . . . *But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever (Psalm 52:8).*

2 As tensions between the West and Russia remain high over the Ukraine war, please pray with us for our brothers and sisters in both Russia and Ukraine. May their ministries be unhindered and the Gospel advanced for the glory of Christ!

3 We are thankful to God for SGA's board of directors, chaired by Dr. Rick Goertzen. Please lift them in prayer today as they provide oversight and wise counsel to our mission and leadership team.

4 Pray today for SGA's active senior missionaries—Ruth Deyneka Erdel, Florence Daneliuk, and Andrew Semenchuk. All three have served faithfully since the earlier days of our mission, and we are deeply thankful to the Lord for their ongoing ministry.

UKRAINE



5 Pray for the faithful staff of SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC). In the midst of the awful war that has dragged on for nearly 9 months, director Ruslan Muratayev and his team labor tirelessly to help the churches reach individuals and families whose lives have been shattered by the violence.

6 We thank the Lord for His faithful provision of the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary. Work continues repairing the seminary building from war damage, yet the faculty and students are undeterred in studying God's Word and preparing for ministry.



7 SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Mikhail Hvizdun labors in the village of Mylivtsi near Ternopil, and conducts outdoor evangelism when possible. Please lift him and his congregation in prayer today.

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). They need great wisdom in these troubling days.

9 Remember to intercede for the many families who are refugees from Ukraine now in other countries such as Poland. Ask for God's ongoing provision to help them with material needs, and for open Gospel doors.



RUSSIA



10 The economic difficulties caused by the ongoing Ukraine war have significantly impacted evangelical Russian churches and their ministries. Ask for God's intervention and blessing so that the Gospel's advance will not be hindered.

11 Pastor Vitaly Zanin is the national youth director for the

Russian UECB. As he provides leadership for Russia's youth ministry, ask for God's wisdom and direction in reaching more young people for Christ.

12 We continue to praise and thank the Lord for the *Orphans Reborn* ministry and the way He has changed many young lives for eternity through it. Lift the workers and the children in prayer today, asking God to draw many more to Himself in saving faith.

13 Russia is such a huge country—11 time zones across and so much of it yet unreached with the Gospel. Join us in praying for more faithful workers to be raised up and sent out to evangelize and plant new churches.

14 Pray for Valery Kazakov and the faithful 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 The Muslim-dominated countries of Central Asia are always challenging for evangelical church ministry with government restrictions and outright oppression. Join us in praying for our brothers and sisters there as they model Christ's love before their neighbors.

16 The SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan is strategically located to equip and strengthen churches across Central Asia with sound Bible training. Please lift director Alexander Karyakov in

prayer today, with thanksgiving for his faithful service.

17 Israel's population has always included Russian-speaking immigrants, and that number continues to grow. Pray for SGA's director of Bible training there as he labors to provide sound theological training to Russian-speaking students.

18 In Russia's Caucasus Mountains where ministry can be difficult and dangerous, SGA-sponsored missionary pastors are discreetly sharing the Gospel and are living examples of Christ's love. Please lift them in prayer and ask God to protect them as they labor.

19 Poverty in Central Asian nations like Tajikistan continues to be severe, and SGA-sponsored Compassion Ministry helps open the door to reach many with the Gospel as food and other help is delivered by faithful church workers and missionary pastors. Ask for God's ongoing provision and for open doors to share Christ.

20 Obtaining registration for evangelical churches in countries such as Uzbekistan can be very difficult, with some congregations waiting for years. Ask for the Lord's intervention, and that all hindrances to Gospel outreach will be lifted at last.

21 Pray for Georgian church leader Pastor Levan, who operates a medical clinic for needy families in addition to his church-planting labors. We praise and thank the Lord for his faithful witness in a

very challenging ministry environment.

BELARUS



22 Churches in Belarus—and indeed across the former Soviet Union as a whole—will continue to follow up with children reached during summer camp ministries and in advance of Christmas and the *Immanuel's Child* outreach. Please lift these efforts in prayer.



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. We are thankful for their diligent, faithful service.

24 Pastor Leonid Mihovich serves as president of the Belarussian UECB and maintains a very busy ministry schedule. We praise and thank the Lord for this faithful brother and his firm commitment to biblical truth.

25 In addition to his work at SGA's RMC in Belarus, Dima Podrez maintains an active youth ministry through Golgotha Baptist Church in Minsk, the capital city.

May the Lord grant much fruit among young people as they hear the Gospel and experience the love of Christ.

26 SGA senior missionary Ruth Deyneka Erdel was in Minnesota earlier this year to minister to youth from Russian-speaking congregations in the U.S. We pray that many were encouraged and inspired by Ruth's testimony and life of faithful service to Christ.

27 Please remember the SGA-sponsored *Immanuel's Child* on a regular basis as the Christmas holidays approach and churches across the former Soviet Union finalize their preparations. We are praying to reach an even greater number of children this year with the Gospel!

28 SGA president Michael Johnson and others on our leadership team love to visit supporting churches to share what God is doing across the former Soviet Union. May the Lord grant more opportunities for us to acquaint churches with the great ministry opportunities that exist.

29 Pray for the SGA-sponsored Youth-IN-Ministry program, which helps train and equip church youth for fruitful service in their local churches. These zealous young people are a tremendous encouragement to the pastors and congregations.

30 **Reflection:** We conclude November with the rejoicing of the psalmist . . . *May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; and may those who love Your salvation say continually, 'May God be exalted!'* (Psalm 70:4).

Partner Prayer Requests

Pray as I prepare to move and for God's will to be done . . .

Shoreline, Washington

For God's ongoing guidance . . .

Daphne, Alabama

Pray for wisdom as we make a major decision . . .

Rockford, Illinois

For the Gospel to advance . . .

Easton, Pennsylvania

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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