



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:

My shield is with God, who saves the upright in heart (Psalm 7:10).

1 Reflection: We begin December with the prayer of King David . . . *Hear my cry, O God, give heed to my prayer. From the end of the earth I call to You when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I, for You have been a refuge for me (Psalm 61:1-2).*



2 Please join us in intercession for the upcoming *Immanuel's Child* Christmas ministries. In addition to traditional Russian Christmas on January 7, more churches in the former Soviet Union are also holding outreaches around Western Christmas on December 25. May there be an abundant harvest!

3 Keep SGA president Michael Johnson and our mission's board of directors in prayer. As the calendar

year comes to a close, pray for ongoing wisdom and direction from the Lord in our ministry planning.

RUSSIA



4 Since Russia's war against Ukraine broke out this past February, much of the Western world imposed severe economic sanctions, and relations with Russia have been badly strained. Pray for our brothers and sisters across Russia as they lift up the peace and reconciliation found only in Christ.

5 Pray for youth pastors and children's workers across Russia, asking God to raise up many more to disciple young people in the Lord. We are thankful to God for the vibrant youth movement led nationally by Pastor Vitaly Zanin.

6 Pray for the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary in Russia. Evangelical schools have come under increasing pressure from the government in recent years, and our prayer is that sound Bible training will continue to be accessible for Russian pastors and pastoral students.

7 We praise God for our *Orphans Reborn* (OR) ministries across

Russia and all the former Soviet nations. Please lift them in prayer today as they seek every opportunity to reach these needy children with the Gospel and the love of Christ.

8 We are thankful for the faithful service of director Valery Kazakov and SGA's Moscow RMC staff. Ask the Lord to bless and encourage them today, as well as their families and ministries in their churches.

9 Please lift up ongoing aviation ministry in Russia's Far East. SGA-sponsored missionary pastors there are able to use planes to reach otherwise inaccessible towns and villages in remote areas. Pray for open Gospel doors!

UKRAINE



10 Pray today for Kiev RMC director Ruslan Muratayev and his staff as they joyfully serve Bible-preaching churches in Ukraine. Ask the Lord to grant them an extra measure of strength as they serve during the stress of wartime conditions.

11 Please continue to join us in intercession for churches in Ukraine and Russia, that their unity will be strong and focused on what Christ calls us all to do no matter what the circumstances. Pray that God will restrain the enemy from sowing disunity and hindering evangelism.

12 We are thankful for the ministry of Sergei Omelchenko, who serves as SGA's chief Russian-language book editor. May the Lord continue to bless Sergei in this task, as well as his other duties when SGA's USA personnel are in country.

13 Pray for the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary. We praise and thank the Lord for their dedication to their mission even after the school suffered heavy damage from bombing during the war. Extensive repairs have been made to the main floor and they are continuing with classes.



14 Lift up the pastors carrying out food distributions across Ukraine to needy families and in the regions most impacted by the war. Pray that many doors will be opened for sharing Christ with these families and individuals.

15 Join us in thankful prayer for the ministry of SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Mikhail, who is a student at Irpen Seminary and is ministering to refugee families. Pray for God's blessing as Mikhail takes the love and encouragement of Christ to these broken families.

BELARUS



16 Pray today for Piotr and Dima Podrez, and the rest of SGA's

Minsk RMC staff. Churches in Belarus have been helping with refugees from the Ukraine war, and this is challenging with limited resources.

17 Intercede for the faculty and students of the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary, especially president Leonid Mikhovich. Ask for God's abundant blessing and provision for the school's operations, and on the students as they delve into God's Word.

18 Missionary pastors across Belarus are busily preparing for *Immanuel's Child* Christmas outreaches, as are churches across the former Soviet Union. Pray that many children will be drawn to the Lord, both during the outreaches and through follow-up ministry afterward.

19 We are thankful to the Lord as He continues to build His church and advance the Gospel in Belarus despite the challenges and obstacles put before His people. We praise God for His faithfulness in saving His people from their sins.

20 Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastors who serve close to the border with Poland, as there have been thousands of refugees from Ukraine going through. Lift the pastors and church workers up as they lovingly share the Gospel and provide aid.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

21 Pray today for Pastor Sergei Kondaurov, president of the Kazakh Union of Evangelical

Christians-Baptists. May God continue to direct his steps as he leads the church in Central Asia's largest republic.

22 Believers in Uzbekistan face ongoing oppression and persecution, and transition of national leaders does not appear to have changed much. Pray for God's continued protection of His people, and for doors to open for advancement of the Gospel.

23 Earlier this year, peace talks continued between Azerbaijan and Armenia related to the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region and fighting off and on between the two countries since the 1990s. Lift the faithful churches in the region as they lift the name of Jesus and pray for peace and reconciliation.

24 Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastors as they discreetly visit the Muslim-dominated Caucasus region of Chechnya and other locations such as Dagestan. Pray for their safety as opposition to evangelical churches is strong.

25 Christmas Day (Western): *For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord* (Luke 2:11). We praise God with thanksgiving for the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! As the nations celebrate His birth, may many more come to saving faith as they hear the Gospel!

26 Mark Miles recently joined the SGA staff as our director of partner relations. We are thankful to the Lord to have Mark on our team. Please lift him in prayer as he continues to get acclimated to SGA's ministries,

and meets our faithful partners.

27 Pray for SGA senior missionaries Ruth Deyneka Erdel, Andrew Semenchuk, and Florence Daneliuk. We thank and praise God for their continued Gospel impact and service to Christ through SGA.

28 Please pray for the staff of SGA's Loves Park, Illinois, headquarters today. Although many do not know the individual names of our staff, each plays an important role in serving the churches of the former Soviet Union for Christ.

29 Praise God for the charitable foundations who help fund a portion of SGA's ministries. Also pray with us as we continue to seek new

foundations who would be interested in supporting the faithful churches we serve in advancing the Gospel.

30 Pray for the boards of directors of each of SGA's international offices in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Australia. We are thankful to God for these dedicated men serving Christ through our mission.

31 Reflection: We conclude December with the Apostle Peter's wonderful benediction . . . *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead . . .* (1 Peter 1:3).

Partner Prayer Requests

Please pray for our family . . .

Brentwood, California

For God's wisdom in moving . . .

Eureka, Illinois

Pray for our health concerns . . .

Fountain City, Wisconsin

For the salvation of our family . . .

Bethel Springs, Tennessee

Praising God for good health . . .

Flushing, New York

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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