



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:

*Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have compassion on him (Isaiah 55:6-7).*

**1 Reflection:** As we begin a new year, praise God with us for the changed lives of the redeemed—a sovereign work of God! *Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come (2 Corinthians 5:17).*

**2** Winter is harsh across most of the former Soviet Union, and the need for warm clothing and other aid through SGA-supported Compassion Ministry is great. Pray for the resources needed to provide food parcels and other aid where it is needed the most—and especially among Ukrainian war refugees.

**3** Lift up in prayer Bill Ball, director of SGA/Canada. Also pray for the Canadian board of directors as they—together with Bill—plan for the year's ministry activities.

**4** Pray for SGA's leadership team—our president Michael Johnson, along with chief financial officer Beverly Braunsky, and vice presidents Eric Mock and Garland Gould. Ask

for God's continued guidance and wisdom as they oversee SGA's ministries in the challenging days ahead.

## UKRAINE



**5** Continue to pray for lasting peace and reconciliation in Ukraine. We praise God for all who have supported our efforts to help evangelical churches with Compassion Ministry to the war refugees. Pray for many hearts to be opened to the Gospel as they receive of God's love!

**6** Join us in praying for Alexander, an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Ukraine who has reached out to many refugee families since last February. May the Lord continue His faithful provision and grant rest to Alexander and his team in the midst of their labors.

**7 Eastern Christmas:** Pray for the many children and families across Ukraine and the entire former Soviet Union who will be hearing the Gospel today through SGA-sponsored *Immanuel's Child* outreaches. May many come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior!

**8** Pray for the staff of SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC)

as they serve evangelical churches across Ukraine. May they have God's wisdom in the midst of the current conflict and new challenges that arise.

**9** Pray for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). We are deeply thankful to God for Valery's servant leadership in very difficult times for the churches and for the Ukrainian people.

**10** News reports about the ongoing war raise frequent alarm about the status of nuclear plants in Ukraine and potential damage they face from shelling. Please intercede in prayer, asking for God's intervention in this dangerous situation.

## RUSSIA



**11** Pray for the continued growth of the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary in Siberia. Distance learning has become increasingly important for students unable to travel long distances to attend classes.

**12** Intercede for *Orphans Reborn* workers as they minister to thousands of children, particularly as follow-up ministry from *Immanuel's Child* Christmas outreaches takes place. May they come to know their Heavenly Father, the One who cherishes and cares for them every day.



**13** Lift up the staff of SGA's Moscow RMC, led by Valery Kazakov. Russia is such a vast country, yet our small Moscow team is diligent to provide valuable resources and encouragement to many ministries.

**14** Pray for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian UECB. Also lift up the seven regional vice presidents who are responsible for overseeing churches in significant stretches of territory across the country, along with regional pastors.

**15** Intercede for faithful missionary pastors who are working in remote, difficult regions of Russia such as the Arctic north and Far East. May the Lord encourage their hearts and grant them a great spiritual harvest in their regions.



## BELARUS



**16** Pastor Leonid Mihovich serves as the president of the Belarussian UECB, in addition to leading the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary. Please lift him in prayer today as he fulfills his ministry across Belarus.

**17** Although summer camp season is not for several months yet, please intercede in advance for the SGA-supported Little Pearl Children's

Diagnostic Camp in Kobrin. Ask God for the increased resources to provide this Gospel-centered resource for sick and needy children.

**18** Vasily is an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Belarus' Gomel region, and is deeply involved in Compassion Ministry among needy individuals and families. Pray with us that many will be drawn to saving faith as they hear the Gospel.

**19** Pray for director Piotr Podrez and the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC. Our Minsk team is thankful for the opportunity to serve, knowing that our partners are lifting them in prayer on a daily basis.

**20** The country of Belarus shares a long border with Poland, which has absorbed many of the refugees from the war in Ukraine. Lift the pastors of both nations in prayer as they continue ministering to the great needs that exist now, and in the days ahead.



## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**21** The SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute is a strategically important school for training pastors and church workers in Central Asia.

Pray for director Alexander Karyakov today as he fulfills his leadership role.

**22** Intercede for Pastor Vasily Korobov, president of the UECB in Turkmenistan. Ask God to grant him great wisdom as governmental pressure continues on evangelical churches and their ministries.

**23** Uzbekistan is also one of the most difficult countries in Central Asia for evangelical church ministry. Please lift our brothers and sisters there in prayer today as they discreetly share the Gospel and model Christ's love to their neighbors.



**24** We are deeply thankful to God for SGA's director of Bible training in Israel, and for the opportunity the Lord has granted to serve Russian-speaking congregations there. Ask for continued protection as frequent travel for teaching is necessary.

**25** Although the SGA-supported *Immanuel's Child* outreaches are over for the year, follow-up ministry with the children reached and their families is just beginning. Pray for missionary pastors across Central Asia and the Caucasus as they continue sharing Christ's love.

**26** Pray for ongoing evangelism in the Caucasus republic of Georgia, especially for SGA-

supported missionary pastor Dr. Levan. Lift up Levan's health as well, as he has had periodic issues surface in recent years. We are thankful to God for this gifted brother!

**27** Please pray today for the ministry division of SGA, led by vice president Eric Mock. Our ministry team oversees all our operations overseas across the former Soviet Union, laboring many hours to get resources to the churches and missionary pastors.

**28** As political and ministry conditions continue to evolve across the former Soviet Union, pray for continual wisdom in serving the churches. Our prayer is to be a constant resource and encouragement for our brothers and sisters as they serve so faithfully.

**29** We thank God for SGA's senior missionaries—Ruth Deyneka Erdel, Andrew Semenchuk, and Florence Daneliuk. Pray also for our former active missionaries who are now officially on retirement status, but never really retired in service to Christ.

**30** Today, we praise and thank God for each one of you—our faithful partners in ministry. We truly could not do what we do without you, and we're thankful for the opportunity to pray for you daily.

**31 Reflection:** As we end January, let us remember the Apostle Paul's loving admonition . . . *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord* (1 Corinthians 15:58).

## Partner Prayer Requests

*For family's health, salvation, and deliverance . . .*

Lexington, North Carolina

*Pray for us as we settle into a new home and area . . .*

Kalona, Iowa

*For ongoing physical recovery . . .*

Costa Mesa, California

*Thankful for improved physical condition . . .*

Lake Orion, Michigan

**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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