



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:

*Let love of the brethren continue*  
(Hebrews 13:1).

**1 Reflection:** Let us begin February with the Apostle Peter's call . . . *Therefore, repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord* (Acts 3:19).

**2** Pray in advance for SGA president Michael Johnson and our board of directors as they plan to meet February 13. Ask for God's ongoing wisdom for them and our mission's leadership team as they prayerfully seek His direction in the days ahead.

**3** Join us in praising and thanking the Lord for SGA's partner churches across North America. What a privilege it is to be joined together to help our brothers and sisters across the former Soviet Union to advance the Gospel and bring glory to Christ!

**4** Pray for SGA's vice president of ministry operations Eric Mock, who maintains an extensive travel and ministry schedule overseas and across the United States. Ask for continual health and strength as he fulfills his duties.

**UKRAINE**



**5** Join us in thanksgiving to God for all who have generously supported

Compassion Ministry in Ukraine during these times of war, as well as ministry to the needy in other former Soviet nations. Pray that many will be drawn to saving faith as they hear the Gospel through faithful missionary pastors.



**6** Please remember the faculty and students at the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary in Ukraine today. The fall term began in the face of many challenges, and the students remain focused on their study of God's Word and preparing for ministry in these troubled times.

**7** Pray for director Ruslan Murataev and the staff of SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC) today. Ask for their ongoing protection as the Kiev region has been an ongoing target of missile attacks during the war.

**8** Pray for Viktor, an SGA-supported missionary pastor who serves in Ukraine's Ternopol region and who is active in helping displaced refugees in-country. We are thankful for the opportunities he has had to distribute food and other aid, and to share Christ.

## RUSSIA



**9** The Lord has been blessing the outreach of the SGA-supported Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary, with a new extension center recently opening in Russia's Far East. May the Lord enable this Bible training center to strengthen and encourage the churches across this vast region.

**10** Russia is such a huge country that the vast majority of cities, towns, and villages are still waiting for a Bible-preaching church and the proclamation of the Gospel, and pressure on evangelical churches is increasing. Pray for God to raise up more workers for the great harvest that is waiting.



**11** Pray for Valery Kazakov and the staff at SGA's Moscow RMC. These are very difficult days for ministry in Russia, and we are so deeply thankful to God for their faithfulness and selfless service.

**12** Please pray today for Vitaly Zanin, director of youth ministry for the Russian UECB. With young people possibly facing conscription, we pray that God will draw many to Himself in saving faith as they contemplate their future.



## BELARUS



**13** Please pray for SGA's Minsk RMC director, Piotr Podrez, as he fulfills his vitally important leadership role. May the Lord bless and encourage him, his wife Lilia, and family as they continue to faithfully serve Christ.

**14** Lift SGA-supported missionary pastor Sergei in prayer today, as well as his congregation in the Minsk region. Sergei has been deeply involved in Compassion Ministry to several sick and needy people in his area. Pray for open hearts and ears to hear the Gospel.

**15** SGA is thankful to be sponsors of Minsk Theological Seminary in Belarus. Intercede in prayer today for the faculty and students as they study God's Word together. Especially pray for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, who serves as president as well as the leader of the Belarus UECB.

**16** Pray for evangelical churches across Belarus and the other former Soviet nations as they carry out follow-up ministry with children reached during SGA-supported *Immanuel's Child* outreaches at Christmas. May many children and their caregivers be drawn to saving faith!



**17** Churches in Belarus have ministered to refugees from the Ukraine war, sharing aid and the love of Christ. These needs will go on there, in Poland, and other nations for some time. Pray for the ongoing resources needed to help them.

## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**18** Join us in praising the Lord for SGA's partnership with Israel College of the Bible. Russian-speaking congregations in the country are being encouraged and strengthened through training opportunities there. Also remember to pray for SGA's director of Bible training in Israel.

**19** Intercede for Pastor Sergei Kondarov, president of the UECB in Kazakhstan. As with all the Central Asian nations, the government places restrictions on evangelical churches.

**20** Recently, Pastor Vasily Korobov, leader of the UECB in Turkmenistan, was able to return home and rejoin his family after a long COVID-related lockdown of the country. We praise and thank the Lord for this news, and rejoice with Vasily!

**21** Pray for the faculty and staff at SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. We are very thankful for the servant leadership and diligence of director Alexander Karyakov and his team as they lead vitally important Bible training.

**22** There have been recent moves toward peace in the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan, with the European Union sending a civilian peace team to the region. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in both nations as they proclaim the peace of Christ.

**23** Please continue to pray for SGA's active senior missionaries—Ruth Deyneka Erdel, Florence Daneliuk, and Andrew Semenchuk. Also lift up our retired missionaries and staff with thanksgiving for their faithful service to Christ.

**24** Although the war in Ukraine has been a major focus, other SGA-supported ministries such as *Orphans Reborn* carry on each day. Please pray for the church teams as they visit these neediest of children with the Gospel and the love of Christ.

**25** Please pray for SGA vice president of partner engagement, Garland Gould, and his team as they travel across the country reporting to our faithful partners on what God is

doing in the former Soviet Union. We are thankful for the opportunity to be a blessing and encouragement.

**26** In addition to our ongoing efforts to help churches as they assist Ukrainian war refugees, the need for food and other aid continues in the other former Soviet countries



where poverty is rampant. Lift up the need for resources for the churches to increase their ministries in this area.

**27** Each morning, our Loves Park, Illinois, staff meets for prayer to lift up the needs of the ministry and to pray for our faithful partners. Always let us know when you have prayer needs—we are thankful for the opportunity to join you before the Throne of Grace.

**28 Reflection:** We close February with King David's wonderful words . . . *I would have despaired unless I had believed I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage. Yes, wait for the Lord* (Psalm 27:13-14).

## Partner Prayer Requests

*Please pray for my eyesight . . .*

Price, Utah

*For family concerns . . .*

Rogers, Texas

*Pray for our health and strength, and for the country . . .*

Fountain City, Wisconsin

*For the salvation of loved ones . . .*

Cresgo, Pennsylvania

*My mother was recently injured . . . pray for recovery . . .*

Sweetwater, Tennessee

**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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