



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:

May my prayer be counted as incense before You; the lifting up of my hands as the evening offering (Psalm 141:2).

1 Reflection: Let us begin the new month with encouragement from the Apostle James . . . *Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him (James 1:12).*

2 SGA-supported missionary pastors will soon be following up after Easter ministries across the former Soviet Union. Join us in praying for fruitful outreach, and that God will draw many to Himself as they hear the Gospel proclaimed.

3 Lift up SGA's executive leadership team—President Michael Johnson, along with chief financial officer Beverly Braunsky, and vice presidents Eric Mock and Garland Gould. Ask the Lord to grant them wisdom as they oversee our mission's work.

4 Next month begins the busy summer camp season across Russia and her neighboring countries. Please pray in advance for the children who will attend, asking God to prepare their hearts for Gospel ministry.

5 Lift up SGA's international offices in Canada, the United Kingdom,

Australia, and New Zealand in prayer today. Pray for more churches and individuals in each of these countries to get involved in what the Lord is doing among Russian-speaking peoples around the world.

RUSSIA



6 The war in Ukraine has created significant pressure on evangelical Christians in Russia, who have traditionally taken a pacifist view on war. May the Lord grant them wisdom in these difficult days, and many new opportunities for the Gospel.

7 We thank God for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB), and his leadership team. Pray for continued wisdom and resources as they lead with dedication and zeal for the Gospel.

8 Valery Kazakov has served as director of SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC) since 1998. We are deeply thankful to the Lord for Valery's years of service to Christ through our mission. Lift him and his family in prayer today.

9 Currently, SGA partners help sponsor 141 missionary pastors in

Russia. There are still vast areas across the country that remain without a consistent evangelical witness or Bible-preaching church. Pray for more faithful workers to gather the waiting harvest.

10 Lift up Pastor Vitaly Zanin, who serves as national youth director for the Russian UECB. Pray for Vitaly and his fellow youth leaders as they encourage the youth to be holy and set apart in this world for service to Christ.

UKRAINE



11 Please pray today for Kiev RMC director Ruslan Muratayev. Ruslan has faced significant health challenges in the past year, and has been separated from his family due to the ongoing war in Ukraine. May the Lord grant him healing and peace as he continues his faithful ministry.

12 Pray for the faculty and students at the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary as they carry on with their studies even in the midst of war and chaos. We praise and thank the Lord for the impact their courage and faithful ministry is having around Kiev and environs.



13 Intercede for Pastor Vladimir O in northern Ukraine, whose

church has a vibrant small group ministry made even more important with the ongoing war. Pray for their safety and for these small groups to bear much fruit as the Gospel is taught and proclaimed.

14 Ask for God's ongoing provision as evangelical churches in Ukraine reach out to needy families through SGA-sponsored Compassion Ministry. A gift of food frequently opens the door for the Gospel!



15 Pray for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian UECB. Valery carries heavy responsibilities encouraging churches across the nation in the midst of war and bloodshed. Ask for God's blessing and encouragement today.

BELARUS



16 Please continue to pray for the staff at the SGA-supported Little Pearl diagnostic children's camp in Belarus as they continue to minister to war refugees from Ukraine. This is

over and above their normal ministry of diagnostics and limited treatment of sick, needy children. Ask for God's increased provision.

17 Pray for the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary as they conclude one term of study and prepare for the fall. Pray for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the Belarussian UECB, as he oversees these initiatives.

18 Pray for director Piotr Podrez and his staff at SGA's Minsk RMC. We praise and thank the Lord for their ongoing opportunities to bless and encourage evangelical churches across the country.

19 We praise and thank God for the ministry of SGA-supported Pastor Valery in Belarus' Brest region. His church is following up with children and their families after a very fruitful Christmas outreach. Ask the Lord to draw many to Himself in saving faith.

20 Various media have expressed concerns over whether Belarus will be drawn further into the war in Ukraine. Pray with us that the war will not expand further into other nations, and that God will bring a lasting peace.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

21 Intercede today for our brothers and sisters in the Caucasus nation of Armenia. Poverty is rampant in the country, and evangelical churches can encounter significant opposition.

22 It is almost time for summer camp season to begin, and Bible-teaching churches across Central Asia will be holding sessions as God provides. Ask for His protection as opposition is strong in these Muslim-dominated regions.

23 Intercede for the UECB churches of Turkemistan as they reach out to their people with the Gospel. Pray for safety and God's leading as they preach God's Word and live faithful lives in Christ amid severe persecution.



24 Pray for the students at the SGA-supported Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan as they finish the spring school term. Pray for the summer ministries of the students, asking the Lord to open many Gospel opportunities.

25 Lift in prayer Pastor Vladimir Chernyshkov, president of the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists in Tajikistan. Ask the Lord to encourage his heart today in a very difficult ministry environment.

26 We thank the Lord for SGA's Cindy Snyder, Wendy Boehme, and Reanee Rowell, who serve in our accounting department and have several key responsibilities. May the Lord encourage their hearts today as they serve Christ through our mission.

27 Lift up Bill Ball, director of SGA/Canada, his staff, and board of directors as they work with joy and love to support evangelical churches advancing the Gospel across the former Soviet countries.

28 Please continue to pray for SGA's active senior missionaries—Ruth Deyneka Erdel and Andrew Semenchuk. We praise and thank the Lord for the example they set in decades of selfless service for the sake of the Gospel.

29 Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastors who visit prisons and share the Gospel with those serving time in prison. Many

inmates have come to know Christ and have even begun churches behind prison walls!



30 Reflection: We close June with the wonderful promise of God . . . Come now, and let us reason together . . . *though your sins are as scarlet, they will be white as snow* (Isaiah 1:18).

Partner Prayer Requests

For my family's health and protection . . .

Littleton, Colorado

Pray for our grandchildren to keep attending their Christian school . . .

Eltopia, Washington

Please lift up our children . . .

Fort Smith, Arkansas

For healing . . .

Hunlock Creek, Pennsylvania

Pray for Christians to show more love and forgiveness . . .

Jackson, Ohio

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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