



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:

For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline (2 Timothy 1:7).

1 Reflection: We begin August with this wonderful admonition from King Solomon . . . *The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who is wise wins souls* (Proverbs 11:30).

2 Please pray for continued wisdom for SGA president Michael Johnson as he oversees SGA's ministries. Join us in asking God to open more doors across the country for Michael to share what God is doing today across the former Soviet Union.

3 SGA-sponsored summer camp season across the CIS will conclude this month. Pray for the final sessions as they are held, asking the Lord to also open doors for follow-up ministry with the children afterward.

4 SGA's financial records are independently audited every August and that process will begin soon. Pray for chief financial officer Beverly Braunsky and our finance team during this vitally important time of year.

5 While much attention has been on war-torn Ukraine in the past year, there is deep poverty in other former Soviet nations, especially across Central Asia. Pray for SGA-sponsored Compassion

Ministry as missionary pastors reach many with food aid and the Gospel.

UKRAINE



6 Like many SGA-supported congregations across Ukraine, Sergei B. has had to contend with constant power outages and other difficulties amid wartime bombardment, yet has a fruitful ministry with much youth involvement. Please lift him and his church in prayer today.

7 Pray today for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Also remember Pastor Igor Bandura, who serves as vice president and frequent spokesman for the Ukrainian UECB in the media.

8 Lift up the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary as they prepare for yet another fall term of study. SGA remains the principal sponsor of this wonderful, doctrinally sound, and influential Bible school.

9 As we have mentioned periodically, many farmers across Ukraine—Europe's breadbasket—have faced serious challenges trying to plant and

harvest crops amid the bombardment of the war. Please intercede in prayer for them as harvest begins.

10 Pray for director Ruslan Muratayev and the staff of SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC). Also pray for SGA's Sergei and Lydia Omelchenko who have served through SGA in Ukraine for many years.

RUSSIA



11 As another term begins at the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary, pray for seminary president Rev. Eduard Genrikh. We are thankful to God for this faithful brother and his diligent leadership of the school and extension centers across Russia.



12 SGA has been supporting *Antioch Initiative* Bible training in the Russian regions of Khabarovsk, Kemerovo, Altai, Kyzyl, and Omsk the past year. Join us in praising the Lord for His provision in these wonderful opportunities for pastors and church workers to become even more firmly grounded in His Word.

13 Despite ongoing tensions between Western nations and Russia over the war in Ukraine, SGA continues to do what we have always done—to focus solely on serving the

churches Christ is building for His glory and for the sake of the Gospel. Please ask for God's continual wisdom as we carry out this ministry.

14 Lift director Valery Kazakov and the staff of SGA's Moscow RMC in prayer. May the Lord grant them abundant wisdom, protection, and encouragement in their challenging ministry, not only in Russia's capital city but also across the country.

15 Pray for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian UECB. In his leadership responsibilities, Piotr must travel frequently both in-country and outside of Russia. Ask for God's protection and continued wisdom in his ministry.

BELARUS



16 Pray for the students of the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary. Support of biblical training across the CIS remains SGA's top priority, as it is with the Bible-preaching churches we serve.

17 Pray today for director Piotr Podrez and the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC. With churches in Belarus needing more assistance with refugees from Ukraine and other needs, Piotr and his team maintain an even busier schedule and ministry.

18 Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Oleg in Belarus' Vitebsk region. Oleg's church has a vibrant children's ministry with many activities and Gospel-centered lessons. We thank God for these wonderful opportunities.

19 Pray for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the UECB

in Belarus as well as leader of Minsk Theological Seminary. As the seminary enters the fall term, ask for God's protection and blessing as the students dig into God's inerrant Word.

20 We praise and thank the Lord for the vibrant youth ministry that takes place in Belarus. SGA's RMC team member Dima Podrez is a key leader in this area. Please pray for him and the teams of young people as they travel to minister and to encourage other churches.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL



21 We praise and thank the Lord for the *Orphans Reborn* ministry operating through churches across Central Asia, as well as the other former Soviet nations where SGA works. It is truly a privilege and blessing to support this vital outreach that God is using to make an eternal difference in the lives of many children.

22 As the political situation in Israel has gotten more tense in recent months, please pray for SGA's director of Bible training in Israel. Ask for God's protection on him and

his family as they travel and encourage Russian-speaking congregations.

23 Please pray for Pastor Asatur Nakhapetian, president of the Baptist Union churches in Armenia, one of the former Soviet nations in the Caucasus Mountains. We praise and thank the Lord for Asatur's servant leadership.

24 Continue to lift Alexander Karyakov, director of the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan, in prayer on a regular basis. As in all of the Central Asian nations, ministry in Kazakhstan can be very challenging. Pray also for the faithful students enrolled.



25 Although summer isn't officially over until next month, please begin early intercessory prayer for the upcoming *Immanuel's Child* Christmas ministries across the former Soviet Union. Pray for abundant resources, and for thousands of children who will be hearing the Gospel for the first time.

26 SGA's advancement division—under the leadership of our president Michael Johnson—is responsible for public communication about our ministries and for raising ministry funds. Please pray for the team today as they seek to make many more people aware of what

God is doing through His people across the former Soviet Union.

27 Pray for evangelical churches in Poland that have been helping SGA with Compassion Ministry aid to refugees from the war in Ukraine. The logistics of such a large effort are enormous, and much wisdom is needed continually.

28 Social media continues to be a growing way for SGA to raise awareness of our ministries in North America and around the world. Pray for God's clear direction as we seek different avenues to raise increased prayers and support.

29 Please remember to pray for SGA's international offices in

New Zealand, Canada, Australia, and the United Kingdom. Pray with us that God will provide all their needs in every area of ministry.

30 Pray for God's ongoing wisdom and provision as we continue to seek funding through charitable foundations here in North America. These foundations have been a major blessing through the years as they help underwrite some of our key ministries.

31 Reflection: We close August with the admonition of the prophet . . . *So let us know, let us press on to know the Lord. His going forth is as certain as the dawn, and He will come to us like the rain, like the spring rain watering the earth* (Hosea 6:3).

Partner Prayer Requests

I will be with the Lord soon . . . pray for peace and comfort for family . . .
Hastings, Florida

For wisdom and guidance . . .

San Bernardino, California

Pray for our son's salvation . . .

Jefferson City, Missouri

For direction in moving . . .

Lena, Illinois

Pray for healing from cancer . . .

Duluth, Minnesota

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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