



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:

Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord (James 5:7).

1 Reflection: Let's reflect on God's command as we begin the new month . . . *Dispense true justice and practice kindness and compassion each to his brother; and do not oppress the widow or the orphan, the stranger or the poor; and do not devise evil in your hearts against one another (Zechariah 7:9-10).*

2 Considering the challenges of the past few years from a global pandemic to the war in Ukraine, we can't help but reflect on the Lord's gracious provision in ministry across the former Soviet Union. Join us today in thankful praise!

3 Pray for SGA president Michael Johnson, our board of directors, and leadership team. Ask God to grant them continual wisdom and foresight as they chart our mission's ministry course in the days ahead.

4 Remember SGA's active senior missionaries in prayer today—Ruth Deyneka Erdel and Andrew Semenchuk. Also remember faithful missionaries such as Florence Daneliuk and other SGA staff who are now on retirement status. We are thankful to God for their examples of lifetime Christian service.

RUSSIA



5 Please lift the staff of SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC) in prayer today. These are truly challenging days for evangelical churches and believers in Russia, and we are thankful for their faithful testimony and service to Christ.

6 Lift Pastor Eduard Genrikh today as he continues to lead the SGA-supported Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary. This solid school continues to serve more students through extension center study as well as on campus, giving them a strong grounding in ministry and sound Bible doctrine.



7 Pray for Pastor Valery, an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Russia's Ufa region. It has been a busy year for Valery's church with ongoing community outreach and a major youth conference. May God's gracious

provision continue and increase!

8 Pray for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Also please remember the seven regional vice presidents and many regional pastors across the country's 11 time zones—truly a vast ministry field!

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

9 Pray for the Baptist Union leaders of Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan. Ministry in these nations is very difficult due to the Islamic culture and pressure from authorities. May the Lord encourage their hearts today and grant them even more boldness.

10 This past summer, violence again broke out in the West Bank as Israel launched a military campaign to crack down on militant attacks. Pray for the violence to end, and for God's protection of His people. Pray especially for our director of Bible training and his family.

11 Pray for the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan, led by director Alexander Karyakov. We praise God for His provision in making sound Bible training available for students across Central Asia.

12 Continue to pray for SGA's director of Bible training in Israel, asking for protection and encouragement as he travels across the country to hold Bible classes. We praise and thank the Lord for him, and for our partnership with Israel College of the Bible.

13 Recently, SGA president Michael Johnson and Tim Dabner, our director of media, were able to visit the former Soviet nation of Moldova and meet with church leaders. We lift thankful praise to the Lord for the opportunity to encourage our brothers and sisters there.

UKRAINE



14 Please join us in praying for the staff of SGA's Kiev RMC. Director Ruslan Muratayev and his team face significant challenges in their service to churches in the midst of an ongoing war. Ask for God's continual protection and encouragement amid the difficulties.

15 Compassion Ministry continues to be an urgent need in Ukraine, as it does in most other former Soviet nations with winter getting ever closer. Please lift this need in prayer today.



16 The SGA-supported Irpen Biblical Seminary continues its vital Bible and ministry training mission, even in the midst of all the challenges and deprivations that take place in a war zone. Please pray for seminary president Dr. Igor Yaremchuk and his team, asking for God's wisdom each day.

17 The devastation in eastern Ukraine wrought by the

destruction of the Nova Kakhovka Dam and subsequent historic flooding is truly jaw-dropping. Please intercede in prayer for our brothers and sisters in this region, and for increased opportunities for the churches to step in and minister to the afflicted with help and the Gospel.

18 Even though Christmas is a few months away, churches in Ukraine and across the former Soviet nations are already busily preparing for *Immanuel's Child* children's outreaches. Please pray for increased resources so we can reach even more children with the Gospel and special Christmas gifts!

BELARUS



19 Please pray for director Piotr Podrez and the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC. Pray also for their families and additional ministry through in their respective churches. We praise and thank the Lord for their faithfulness and dedication to the Gospel's advance.

20 As the students at the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary continue the fall term, please intercede often for them. Pray also for seminary president Leonid Mihovich as he fulfills his leadership responsibilities with the school, and as president of the Baptist Union in Belarus.

21 Pray for Konstantin, an SGA-supported missionary pastor serving in Belarus' Brest region near the border with Poland. Many refugees have passed through this area since the war in neighboring Ukraine broke out last February, and the churches have reached out to

them in the love of Christ.

22 In addition to their usual ministry with ill children across Belarus, the Little Pearl Diagnostic Camp has also served as a ministry point for thousands of Ukrainian refugees in the past year. Please lift them in prayer, asking for the increased resources needed for their operations.

23 In the midst of all the international tensions that have heightened since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the churches SGA serves make every effort to focus on the Gospel and reconciliation with God. Join us in thankful praise to the Lord for their dedication and loving example.

24 As new churches are being planted, the need for more trained pastors across the former Soviet Union is keenly evident. Continue to lift SGA-supported Bible training in prayer, asking the Lord to send out more faithful workers into His harvest.

25 Pray for Eric Mock, SGA's senior vice president of ministry operations, and the rest of our ministry division team. With schedules that were already busy, the ongoing Ukraine war has doubled, if not tripled, their workload as the outreaches of the churches we serve also have greatly increased.

26 Pray today for general director Derek Maxwell and his team at SGA/United Kingdom. May the Lord grant increased provision for the ministries they support across Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

27 Although summer camp season ended in August, follow up ministry among the thousands of

children reached is ongoing. Pray for many open doors to reach the children and their families with the life-changing Gospel.

28 The USA's next presidential election is a year off, yet it is never too early to pray. Scripture tells us that . . . *It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings* (Daniel 2:21). May we all humbly seek His face in an attitude of repentance as we intercede for our country.

29 In addition to national UECB leaders, many faithful pastors serve as regional leaders to provide support and guidance to churches at a local level. Lift these dedicated brothers in prayer today as they

joyfully serve as pastors to pastors.

30 We offer praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for His gracious provision of Bibles and doctrinally sound Christian books for distribution across the former Soviet Union. Pray for SGA's book editor and translator Sergei Omelchenko as he continues with several book projects.

31 Reflection: We close October with this wonderful exhortation . . . *Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased* (Hebrews 13:15-16).

Partner Prayer Requests

Praising God that our church is growing . . .

Lansing, Illinois

Pray for our unsaved family members . . .

Leavenworth, Washington

For ongoing health problems . . .

Houston, Texas

Pray for our son . . .

Norwalk, Iowa

For friends who are struggling . . .

Clinton, 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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