



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 we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building (1 Corinthians 3:9).

1 Reflection: We begin the New Year with praise of our God and King . . . *It is He who made the earth by His power, Who established the world by His wisdom, and by His understanding He stretched out the heavens (Jeremiah 51:15).*

2 Intercede for SGA president Michael Johnson as he continues providing leadership and oversight to our ministries. Ask for God's continued direction and wisdom.

3 Pray for general Compassion Ministry supported by SGA across the former Soviet Union as winter deepens. May the Lord provide the increased resources needed for evangelical churches to reach needy families with aid and the life-changing Gospel.

4 Lift up SGA's Loves Park, Illinois, staff today as we continue to provide support for our ministries overseas. We are few in number, but by God's grace are able to accomplish much in helping the churches with their many outreaches.

5 Pray today for SGA's international offices in the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia. May the Lord increase their resources

greatly as they support the ministries of evangelical churches in their own countries, and across the former Soviet Union.

UKRAINE



6 Pray for the staff at SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC), led by Ruslan Muratayev. The past two years have been very difficult for our team and indeed, for all the Ukrainian people, because of the ongoing war with Russia. Ask for God's continued protection and sustenance as the churches proclaim the love of Christ and the Gospel to their suffering people.

7 Eastern Christmas: *For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:11).* Today is the day when most SGA-supported *Immanuel's Child* Christmas outreaches take place across the former Soviet Union. Please pray for the participating churches, and above all, the children and caregivers who will hear a clear Gospel presentation.

8 Lift up SGA-supported missionary pastor Svyatoslav K. as he and his church teams help repair war-damaged homes in Ukraine's Kherson region. We pray that God will open many hearts to

the Gospel as the people see His love in action through His people.

9 Please continue to pray for the SGA-supported Irpen Biblical Seminary, the faculty, and students. Especially remember seminary president Dr. Igor Yaremchuk in his great leadership responsibilities.



10 Pray for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Also please remember the regional pastors across Ukraine's 24 oblasts (states) as they oversee local ministries.

RUSSIA



11 Pray for missionary pastor Viktor, who serves in Russia's Krasnodar region through a variety of evangelistic and ministry activities. We praise the Lord for his fruitfulness as he shares Christ through children's ministries, street ministry, and one-to-one outreach.

12 Lift up SGA-supported missionary pastors who serve in remote, cold regions such as Yakutia, where temperatures plunge to double-digits below zero in winter. Yet the warmth of their love for Christ and their people is undimmed, and the Lord is using them to bear much fruit.

13 Intercede for the staff of SGA's Moscow RMC, led by Valery Kazakov. Pray for their health over the winter, and for an abundance of resources to serve Russian evangelical churches in advancing the Gospel.

14 Continue to pray for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian UECB. Ask God to grant him great wisdom as he represents the Baptist Union churches on a national level, and before governmental authorities.

15 Pray for the Lord's ongoing provision for the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary located in the heart of Siberia. Also lift up the faculty led by Pastor Eduard Genrikh. We praise God for the growing impact of this sound Bible school across Russia.

BELARUS



16 Pray for the enrolled students at the SGA-supported Minsk Theological Seminary. Also ask the Lord to grant His wisdom and direction to seminary leader and pastor Leonid Mihovich, and the faithful faculty.

17 In addition to its usual mission of ministering to sick children across Belarus, the SGA-supported Little Pearl Diagnostic Camp in Kobrin has also been assisting families who



are refugees from the Ukraine war. Pray for many Gospel opportunities as Christ's love is lived out before them.

18 SGA-supported missionary pastor Vasily in Belarus and his church are rejoicing at several baptisms of young people who have come to faith in Christ. Pray with us for God's continued blessing as the Gospel is proclaimed in Vasily's region.



19 Pray for the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC, led by Piotr Podrez. Ask for ongoing wisdom in serving the churches of Belarus, and in helping them with aid for war refugees from Ukraine.

20 With political turmoil always simmering under the surface in Belarus, our brothers and sisters there strive to remain focused on their Gospel ministry rather than politics, calling their people to repentance and faith in Christ. Continue to remember them in prayer often.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

21 We praise and thank God for SGA's partnership with Israel College of the Bible. Please lift the faculty and students in prayer today, and pray also for SGA's director of Bible training in Israel.

22 Since early fall, thousands of ethnic Armenian refugees from the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region have fled into Armenia after Azerbaijan's seizure of the province. Pray for God's wisdom and provision as SGA assists the faithful churches as they render aid to the refugees.

23 The Caucasus regions of Chechnya and Dagestan are heavily Muslim, and evangelical ministry there is very hazardous. Please lift SGA-supported missionary pastors in prayer as they discreetly share the Gospel in the region.

24 Please pray today for Alexander Karyakov, director of the SGA-supported Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. Pray especially for the resources needed to increase the reach of this important, solid Bible school across Central Asia.

25 Pray for the Baptist Union leadership in the Central Asian nations where SGA works—Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Kazakhstan. We praise God for their faithful service in a region where opposition to evangelical churches is strong.

26 In addition to SGA president Michael Johnson, our executive leadership team consists of chief financial officer Beverly Braunsky, along with vice presidents Eric Mock and Garland Gould. Please ask for the Lord's ongoing wisdom and direction as they lead our mission.

27 We praise and thank God today for each of you—our faithful partners in ministry. Your prayers and generous support help sustain our ministries, and encourage

our brothers and sisters across Russia and her neighboring nations.

28 Pray for SGA's international offices around the world—Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, and New Zealand. Pray for God's ongoing provision in their respective fields of ministry in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

29 While the bulk of SGA's literature ministry has transferred overseas, the distribution of Bibles and doctrinally sound Christian literature remains an important component. Please ask for the Lord's ongoing provision for these needed resources.

30 Lift SGA missionary Michael T. in prayer today as he serves in Far East Russia through aviation ministry. Many who live there are in regions that are nearly impossible to reach except by air. Ask for God's protection and blessing as the Gospel is proclaimed.



31 Reflection: As we conclude the month, we join King David's earnest prayer acknowledging God's matchless grace . . . *Be gracious to me, O God, be gracious to me, for my soul takes refuge in You, and in the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge* (Psalm 57:1).

Partner Prayer Requests

Pray for repentance in America . . .

Phoenix, Arizona

For wisdom and direction in ministry . . .

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Pray for unity in our church . . .

Shawnee, Oklahoma

Facing numerous challenges . . . please pray . . .

Centennial, Colorado

Praying for God's grace and guidance in days ahead . . .

Boscawen, New Hampshire

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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