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:

As is Your name, O God, so is Your praise to the ends of the earth (Psalm 48:10).

1 Reflection: We begin March with the admonition of the Lord Jesus . . . But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven . . . (Matthew 5:44-45a).

2 While winter is in its final weeks, parts of the former Soviet Union remain in bitter cold. Please intercede for SGA-supported missionary pastors as they continue reaching out to needy families through Compassion Ministry.



3 Lift SGA president Michael Johnson in prayer. These are truly challenging days for SGA's ministries, and the needs of the Bible-preaching churches we serve remain great across Russia and her neighboring nations. Ask for God's ongoing wisdom and direction.

Pray today for churches across the former Soviet Union that continue

follow-up ministry with children and families reached during the *Immanuel's Child* Christmas outreaches. May the Lord continue to open many doors for the Gospel!



UKRAINE

5 Intercede in prayer for the SGAsupported Irpen Biblical Seminary, led by President Dr. Igor Yaremchuk. Also lift up the new extension Bible training center in Poland, which is operated with Irpen's assistance.

6 Lift the staff of SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC) in prayer. Director Ruslan Muratayev and his team carry a significant added workload assisting evangelical churches in the midst of an ongoing war.

7 Mikhail is an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Ukraine whose church—like many in Ukraine has been filled with people as a result of the war. Pray for many open Gospel doors with refugees and others who

come to the church for help.



8 Join us today in praying for the ongoing resources needed to keep helping churches as they minister to needy refugee families in Ukraine. We praise and thank the Lord for the faithfulness of SGA partners for their prayers and generous support.

9 Please remember SGA's Sergei Omelchenko and his family in prayer today. We praise and thank the Lord for their years of faithful service to Christ in Ukraine and across the former Soviet Union.

RUSSIA

10 Russian evangelical churches traditionally take a pacifist view of war, and there has been a significant amount of official pressure on churches to back the war in Ukraine. Intercede for our brothers and sisters across Russia as they stand for Christ and the hope of the Gospel.

Pray today for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian UECB. His leadership responsibilities often require much travel. Ask for God's ongoing blessing and protection.

12 SGA-supported missionary pastor Dmitri leads an active children's and youth ministry in Russia's Volgograd region. Pray that many hearts will be open to the Gospel as they hear of Christ's love through these outreaches.

13 Pray for Russian UECB national youth leader Vitaly Zanin as he provides encouragement and counsel for church youth ministry across Russia. We praise and thank the Lord for this gifted brother and his passion for winning young people to Christ.



14 In addition to UECB president Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, there are seven regional vice presidents in the UECB along with other key leaders who oversee ministry across Russia's 11 time zones. Please intercede for them in prayer today, asking for God's blessing in their leadership responsibilities.

15 Pray for SGA's Moscow RMC staff, which is led by Valery Kazakov. Ask for God's blessing, protection, and encouragement as their workload is heavy in these challenging days.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

16 Please continue to intercede for SGA-supported pastors and church workers in Israel as they minister to their people in the difficult days since the war with Hamas broke out last year. May God open many hearts to hear of their

Messiah's love for them.



17 We continue to hear news of increasing pressure on evangelical churches in Central Asia where Islam is dominant despite officially secular governments. Ask for the Lord's protection over our brothers and sisters as they faithfully proclaim the Gospel.

18 Join us in thanksgiving for the opportunity to help evangelical churches in Armenia as they continue outreach to refugees from the Nagorno-Karabakh region. Pray for increased resources to provide needed aid and the Gospel to these families.

19 Pray for Viktor, an SGAsupported missionary pastor in Kazakhstan, as he follows up with children and youth reached during last year's summer camp outreaches. We praise and thank the Lord for the abundant fruit of these Gospelcentered ministries!

20 Lift Kazakh UECB president Pastor Sergei Kondaurov in prayer today, along with his fellow pastors across Kazakhstan's 17 oblasts (states). We pray that God will grant them His wisdom and direction as they set the example as servant leaders for Christ.

21 Pray for the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. We are thankful to the Lord for Alexander Karyakov, the school's director, and his fellow faculty as they prepare future generations for lifetimes of fruitful ministry.

BELARUS

22 Pray today for the family of SGA's Minsk RMC director Piotr Podrez. Some have faced health challenges over the past year, yet continue on in their faithful, diligent service to Christ. We praise and thank the Lord for them!

23 SGA-supported missionary pastor Nikolai has had very fruitful ministry with children over the past year, with many now attending Sunday school. Pray that many will come to faith in Christ as they hear the Gospel.

24 Intercede in prayer for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the Belarussian UECB. We are thankful to the Lord for his servant leadership both in the Baptist Union, and as head of the SGA-supported Minsk Theological Seminary.

25 Continue interceding for the SGA-supported Little Pearl Children's Diagnostic Camp in Kobrin, Belarus. In addition to their ministry with sick children, the camp has also been serving refugees from the war in Ukraine over the past two years.

26 The abuse of drugs and alcohol continue to be a severe problem across the former Soviet Union. Please lift up the church-based drug rehab ministries led by many SGA-sponsored missionary pastors. Praise God for the way He is setting people free through the power of the Gospel! **27** Pray for the SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* ministry across Russia and her neighboring countries. Ask for God's leading in beginning new locations for this vital ministry, as well as provision for the workers needed to oversee outreach.

28Many Bible-preaching churches are still following up from *Immanuel's Child* Christmas ministries this past January. We pray that many children and their caregivers will yet respond to the Gospel and trust in Christ as Savior.

29 SGA-supported *Antioch Initiative* Bible training classes have been held in Yakutia over the past year. Join us in thanksgiving to God for these opportunities to encourage faithful men and equip them for pastoral ministry.

30Pray today for SGA's international offices in the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia. May the Lord draw many more evangelical churches to support Gospel work across the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

31 Reflection: Let us close the month with the Apostle Paul's admonition . . . Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love (1 Corinthians 16:13-14).

Partner Prayer Requests

Pray for my upcoming hospital chaplaincy exam ...

Pearland, Texas

For the salvation of loved ones . . .

Lift up my financial situation . . .

Pray for a family member struggling . . .

Concrete, Washington

Miami, Florida

Forest Hills, New York

For healing after surgery and ongoing health . . .

Fort Wayne, Indiana

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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