



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:

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord (Philippians 3:1).

1 Reflection: We begin the new month with the psalmists' praise of God. He is worthy! . . . *As is Your name, O God, so is Your praise to the ends of the earth* (Psalm 48:10).

2 Join us in thanksgiving for God's provision in SGA-supported Bible training ministries across the former Soviet Union. Ask for God's continued blessing on the faculty and students in their study of God's Word.



3 Please pray in advance of this year's summer camp ministries supported through SGA. There are many challenges, especially in Ukraine with the ongoing impacts of an awful war. Intercede for God's protection of the children and camp workers.

4 Pray for the directors and staff of SGA's international offices in Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and the United Kingdom. All play a vital role in serving evangelical churches

across the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

5 Please pray that God will continue to grant wisdom to SGA president Michael Johnson as he provides daily oversight of SGA's ministries. Also intercede for our board of directors, chaired by Dr. Rick Goertzen. We are thankful to the Lord for their diligent, faithful service.

RUSSIA



6 Pray for the students at the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary. Also lift up seminary president Pastor Eduard Genrikh and the school's teachers as they work toward wrapping up the academic term.

7 SGA-supported missionary pastor Maksim in Russia has a fruitful ministry among children and Roma families in his region. Pray that many will come to faith in Christ as they hear the Gospel and about His great love for them.

8 Evangelical churches across Russia have been under considerable pressure to support the war in Ukraine, but they historically have held to pacifism. May the Lord grant

our brothers and sisters boldness as they remain focused on the proclamation of the Gospel.



9 Pray today for Valery Kazakov and the staff at SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC). Ask for God's ongoing provision and wisdom in their service to Bible-teaching churches across Russia.

10 Pray for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian UECB. The challenges evangelical churches face these days are great across Russia. Ask for God's wisdom, blessing, and protection for him and his fellow pastors.

UKRAINE



11 The distribution of food and other much needed aid to war-impacted families continues to be a



vitaly important ministry for SGA-supported missionary pastors. Pray with us that many hearts will be opened to the Gospel.

12 SGA-supported Pastor Valery has been ministering to families in several Ukrainian villages where the war impacts have been severe. Lift him and his fellow workers in prayer as they share Christ's love and aid with so many amid this tragedy.

13 Continue to pray for the SGA-supported Irpen Biblical Seminary, led by Dr. Igor Yaremchuk. Ask for God's protection of the faculty and students amid the ongoing bombardment of war.

14 Lift up the staff of SGA's Kiev RMC in prayer, led by director Ruslan Muratayev. Pray that God will grant them His peace and strength as they fulfill their ministry in these difficult days for their country.

15 Life in the middle of a brutal war carries stresses that for most are unimaginable. Pray that God will continue to use the current situation in Ukraine to bring many to faith in Christ. Only the Gospel and living out the Gospel can bring true peace.

BELARUS



16 Ukraine's government recently proposed a bill to end a free trade agreement with Belarus over the latter's support for Russia's war against Ukraine. Join us in praying that these tensions do not escalate into a broader conflict, and that God will strengthen the churches as they proclaim the Gospel.

17 SGA-supported Compassion Ministry continues across Belarus, and we praise God for the way He is using this to open many hearts to hearing of Christ's love. Pray for God's continued provision.

18 Pray today for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the Belarussian UECB. We are thankful to God for Viktor's servant leadership of both the Baptist Union in Belarus as well as the SGA-supported Minsk Theological Seminary.

19 Continue to pray for Piotr Podrez, director of SGA's RMC in Minsk. Pray for the health of his family and for God's ongoing provision for their personal and ministry needs.



20 As summer gets closer, pray for the SGA-supported Little Pearl children's diagnostic camp in Belarus as they help refugees from the Ukraine war in addition to their ongoing outreach to sick children. May God provide abundant resources.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

21 SGA leadership has been meeting in recent months with

the leadership of UECB churches in the former Soviet republic of Moldova, looking at ways we can be of assistance to their ministries. Pray for the Lord's ongoing direction and provision as things develop.

22 Pray for the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan, led by director Alexander Karyakov. This strategic school in Central Asia is having a growing impact for churches in the region, and we praise God for His provision.

23 Pray today for SGA's director of Bible training in Israel and his fellow pastors as they minister to individuals and families amid the war with Hamas. The Lord is opening hearts to the Gospel as believers share His love and help with compassionate aid.

24 The former Soviet nations of Central Asia are predominately Muslim, but the Lord has enabled Bible-teaching churches to have great Gospel impact where He has planted them despite much opposition. Please lift our brothers and sisters there in prayer today.

25 Please intercede for SGA-supported churches and pastors in Azerbaijan, where pressure on evangelical believers is increasing. We praise and thank the Lord for the boldness of our brothers and sisters there in modeling the love of Christ before their people.

26 Please lift up SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* workers across the former Soviet Union in prayer. Especially



pray for the resources to expand this ministry and that the Lord will open more doors to additional orphanages.

27 Pray today for SGA missionary Ruth Deyneka Erdel, the eldest daughter of SGA founder Peter Deyneka, and her husband Paul. Join us in thanking and praising God for their decades of faithful service to Christ and the proclamation of the Gospel.

28 Please intercede regularly for SGA's leadership team—our president, Michael Johnson, chief financial officer Beverly Braunsky, Eric Mock, senior vice president of ministry operations, and Garland Gould, vice president of partner

engagement. Much wisdom from the Lord will be needed for our ministries in the days ahead.

29 Remember SGA's Loves Park headquarters staff in prayer today. We are not many in number, but we are so thankful to God for the opportunity to serve His people here in North America, and across the former Soviet Union.

30 Reflection: We conclude the month with the beautiful praise to God from the psalmist . . . *I hope for Your salvation, O Lord, and do your commandments. My soul keeps Your testimonies, and I love them exceedingly* (Psalm 119:166-167).

Partner Prayer Requests

For peace in Ukraine and Israel . . . health concerns . . .

Metlakatla, Alaska

Pray for deeper fellowship with believers . . .

Oakwood Village, Ohio

My husband recently passed . . . pray for us . . .

Graniteville, South Carolina

For the salvation of loved ones . . .

Cambridge, Minnesota

Pray for God's direction and wisdom . . .

Reseda, California

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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