



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:

Preserve justice, and do righteousness, for My salvation is about to come and My righteousness to be revealed (Isaiah 56:1).

1 Reflection: We begin May with the comforting assurance of our Lord . . . *Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful (John 14:27).*

2 Pray today for SGA's international offices in Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and the United Kingdom. Each one provides significant support to the ministries of our brothers and sisters across the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, and we are thankful to God for them.

3 Pray today for SGA president Michael Johnson and our leadership team—chief financial officer Beverly Braunsky, senior vice president of ministry operations Eric Mock, and Garland Gould, vice president of partner engagement. Ask for God's continual wisdom and direction.

4 While the war in Ukraine has rightly received much attention, there are other places in the former Soviet Union where armed conflicts have taken place and tensions simmer. Pray with us that peace will come to these regions, and that churches will

have more open doors for the Gospel.

5 Easter (Julian Calendar): Today is the day Easter is celebrated this year in the former Soviet Union. Join us in prayer as the Gospel is proclaimed today, asking the Lord to bring many to Himself. *He is not here. He is risen (Luke 24:6)!*

BELARUS



6 Lift up the students at the SGA-supported Minsk Theological Seminary in Belarus. Over the summer, many work on ministry assignments and continue their in-depth studies of God's Word. May the Lord enable them to hit the ground running as classes resume in the fall.

7 Pray for Dmitri, an SGA-supported missionary pastor in



Belarus who has been engaging much in one-on-one evangelism. We praise God for these opportunities for Dmitri and his church to share the Gospel and live out the love of Christ.

8 Recent news reports have discussed Belarus requiring churches to re-register in keeping with a new religion law. Please join us in praying that this will not be used to close smaller churches that might not meet the numerical membership requirements.

9 Pray for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the Belarus UECB and leader of the SGA-supported Minsk Theological Seminary. Ask for God's wisdom and direction as the evangelical churches face new challenges.

RUSSIA



10 The war between Russia and Ukraine has created challenges for evangelical churches in both nations as they labor to minister Christ's love to their people and proclaim the Gospel. Pray for God's protection and abundant wisdom during these tense days.

11 In addition to the national leadership of the Russian Baptist Union, there are many regional pastors across Russia's 11 time zones with oversight responsibilities in their given areas. Please lift these faithful men in prayer today.

12 Please pray for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Ask God to encourage his heart as he fulfills

his leadership responsibilities with the Baptist Union, as well as at Moscow Theological Seminary.

13 SGA's Moscow RMC is led by Valery Kazakov, and strategically located to render the best possible service to Bible-preaching churches cross Russia. Please lift them in prayer today.

14 Please pray for SGA-supported missionary pastor Viktor in Russia's Kabardino-Balkaria region as he follows up with children reached during the *Immanuel's Child* Christmas ministries. We praise and thank the Lord for God's provision for this fruitful ministry across Russia and her neighboring nations.

15 Pray in advance of SGA-supported Summer Camp ministries across Russia and her neighboring nations. May the Lord bring many children to Himself as they hear the Gospel during the camp sessions.



16 Lift the faculty and students of the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary in prayer today. Pray also for increased resources to help fund all SGA-supported Bible training initiatives.

UKRAINE



17 Join us in prayer today for the SGA-supported Irpen Biblical

Seminary, its faculty, and students. Holding classes in the midst of an ongoing war is a great challenge, but they press on diligently in their studies.

18 Lift Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian UECB, in prayer today. SGA president Michael Johnson and senior vice president Eric Mock had the opportunity to meet Valery and Pastor Igor Bandura earlier this year when they made a U.S. visit. We are thankful for the opportunity to encourage them in the Lord.

19 As do many other SGA-supported missionary pastors in Ukraine, Vadim and his church have ongoing ministry to individuals and families displaced by the war. Pray for many Gospel opportunities as the church shares the love of Christ and much-needed aid.

20 Intercede for director Ruslan Muratayev and the staff of SGA's Kiev RMC. Pray that God will enable them to be an ongoing blessing and encouragement to evangelical churches across Ukraine.

21 Continue to pray for Sergei and Lydia Omelchenko, who have served our mission in Ukraine for many years in a variety of capacities. Ask for God's ongoing blessing and encouragement in their ministry and service to the churches.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

22 Pray today for SGA-supported missionary pastors who serve in the Caucasus region of the former Soviet Union—a region where Islam

is strong. May God grant them boldness as they proclaim the Gospel throughout this difficult territory.



23 Please intercede for SGA's director of Bible training in Israel. This time of war and conflict is also an opportunity for sharing the Gospel and the love of Christ. Ask for many open doors.

24 Lift up the Baptist Union leadership in the former Soviet nations of Central Asia where SGA works—Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan. May God grant them wisdom in abundance as they lead the churches and their ministries.

25 We praise and thank the Lord for the Almaty Bible Institute, which SGA has supported for many years. Pray for director Alexander Karyakov and the students, and for the impact of the school across Central Asia.

26 Keep lifting our brothers and sisters in Armenia as they minister to displaced families from the Nagorno-Karabakh region disputed with Azerbaijan. Pray that many will come to faith in Christ as they hear the Gospel.

27 Pray for SGA's accounting staff as they prepare to enter the last month of SGA's fiscal year and

close it out June 30. We praise the Lord for His gracious provision over the past year of fruitful ministry.

28 SGA-sponsored summer children's camp ministries will begin next month in June and last until the end of August across the former Soviet Union. Ask for God's provision, as well as for His work in the hearts of the children who will attend.

29 While SGA-sponsored Compassion Ministry in Ukraine and Israel has captured much attention for some time, faithful missionary pastors and their churches in other parts of the former Soviet

Union engage in it as well. Pray that God will increase our resources and enable the churches to reach more people with the Gospel.

30 Remember SGA senior missionaries Ruth Deyneka Erdel and Andrew Semenchuk in prayer today, as well as Florence Daneliuk who retired in January 2023. May the Lord encourage their hearts and grant them His strength.

31 Reflection: We close May with the song of the psalmist . . . *The name of the Lord is to be praised. The Lord is high above all the nations; His glory is above the heavens* (Psalm 113:3-4).

Partner Prayer Requests

For recovery from surgery . . .

Sequam, Washington

Pray for ongoing health concerns . . .

Lebo, Kansas

Please pray for my granddaughter . . .

Hunlock Creek, Pennsylvania

For God's provision of ongoing wisdom . . .

Cleveland, Tennessee

Pray today for our loved ones . . .

Alamo, 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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