



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:

So let us know, let us press on to know the Lord (Hosea 6:3).

1 Reflection: We begin June with praise of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ . . . *O God, You are awesome from Your sanctuary. The God of Israel Himself gives strength and power to the people. Blessed be God (Psalm 68:35)!*

2 Pray today for SGA-supported summer camp ministries, which begin this month and are held throughout the summer until August. May God bring many children and youth to faith in Christ as they hear the Gospel.



3 Keep SGA president Michael Johnson in prayer as he leads our mission. Pray also for our board of directors, which will be meeting on June 10. Pray for wisdom and direction as we close out our fiscal year.

4 Please intercede in prayer for SGA's advancement division, which raises the funds needed to

serve evangelical churches in the former Soviet Union and in Israel. We praise and thank the Lord, who graciously and generously provides as we make ministry needs known.

RUSSIA



5 Pray for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian Baptist Union. These are difficult days in Russia for evangelical churches and pastors, which are historically pacifist and opposed to war. May God grant them wisdom and protection.

6 Lift up director Valery Kazakov and the staff of SGA's Moscow RMC. Ask for God's provision during the summer months, as many churches carry out summer camp ministries and evangelistic outreaches.

7 Pray for Pastor Vitaly Zanin, who serves as national youth director for the Russian UECB. May God provide the resources for Vitaly and his fellow youth pastors to disciple and train even more young people to serve.

8 Pastor Dmitri is an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Russia's Ivanovo region, and he has been rejoicing over fruitful children's and Compassion Ministry

opportunities. Ask God to open many Gospel doors in the days ahead!

9 This will be a year of transition for the SGA-supported Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary as Pastor Eduard Genrikh steps down as president and leadership transfers to Pastor Igor Khokhlov. Please lift these faithful brothers in prayer today, asking for God's guidance and wisdom.



10 Russia is a huge nation with vast territories remaining without a Bible-preaching church or consistent Gospel witness. Continue to pray with us for the Lord to send out more workers into His harvest!

BELARUS



11 Pray for the SGA-supported Minsk Theological Seminary as they recruit new students in their missionary training program. May the Lord draw and prepare many to enter the ministry field as missionary pastors.

12 With disputed parliamentary elections just concluded and the next presidential election scheduled for 2025, political turmoil continues to be an issue for Belarus. Pray for evangelical churches as they focus on the Gospel rather than involvement in political controversies.

13 Continue to intercede for the SGA-supported Little Pearl

Diagnostic Camp at Kobrin as the regular camp ministry season begins. They have had a parallel ministry helping war refugees from Ukraine as well. Pray for the resources needed to sustain operations.

14 Please lift SGA-supported missionary pastors in prayer as they carry out Compassion Ministry across Belarus, taking food and other aid to needy families. Pray with us for hearts to be opened to the Gospel.



15 Remember Pastor Leonid Mikhovich in his dual roles as leader of the Belarussian UECB and Minsk Theological Seminary. May the Lord grant him much wisdom and encouragement during these challenging days with churches being required to re-register by the government.

UKRAINE



16 The SGA-supported Irpen Biblical Seminary is in need of God's provision to repair the roof damaged shortly after Ukraine's war with Russia broke out in 2022. Join us in intercessory prayer for our brothers and the completion of this needed repair.

17 Intercede for SGA-supported missionary pastor Vasily in Ukraine as he is conducting new

home visits as well as distributing aid to needy families and individuals impacted by the war. We praise God for his faithful labors and the fruit of the ministry.



18 Please pray for director Ruslan Muratayev and the team at SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC). The war has brought a huge increase in the RMC staff's workload as well as physical dangers, yet they joyfully labor on for the sake of the Gospel.

19 With Irpen Biblical Seminary president Dr. Igor Yaremchuk's retirement recently, a new leader for the school is being sought. Please pray for leader Dr. Vladimir Shemchishin as he leads on an interim basis, and for wisdom in choosing a successor.

20 Please intercede regularly for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian UECB. Ask for God's continued wisdom and direction for Valery and all of his fellow pastors across Ukraine.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

21 We continue to pray for SGA-supported *Antioch Initiative* Bible training across the former Soviet Union, with varying locations. Praise God with us



for the provision of these wonderful opportunities to equip pastors and church workers in sound doctrine.

22 Pray for SGA-supported Bible training in Israel, both through our director of Bible training and the Russian-language tracks at Israel College of the Bible. Ask the Lord for the increased resources needed to help train more students.

23 Summer is the time for SGA-supported children's camps, and holding them can be very challenging in Central Asia where opposition to evangelical churches is strong. Pray for God's protection, and that the Holy Spirit will draw many children to Himself as they hear the Gospel.

24 Tensions between Armenia and Azerbaijan over the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region continue to simmer, despite much of the Armenian population fleeing back to Armenia proper. Pray for the faithful churches as they minister to these refugees.



25 Lift up the Baptist Union leadership across the Central Asian countries where SGA works—Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan. May God encourage their hearts as they carry out their difficult ministries.

26 Pray for Alexander Karyakov, director of the SGA-supported Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. Also intercede for the students as the summer months are busy with ministry assignments and preparing for the fall term.

27 Pray for SGA's international offices in Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, and New Zealand. Ask for God's ongoing wisdom and direction for their leadership as they plan future ministry endeavors.

28 Pray for the family of retired SGA missionary Nina Lee Rosheger, who went to be with the

Lord earlier this year. We are thankful to God for her many years of service along with her late husband Vince. May God grant her family comfort in this difficult time.

29 As SGA concludes another fiscal year tomorrow, please pray for chief financial officer Beverly Braunsky and our accounting team. We praise God for His faithful provision for our ministries over the past 12 months.

30 Reflection: We end the month with God's admonition to His people . . . *He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me; and to him who sets his way properly I will show the salvation of God* (Psalm 50:23).

Partner Prayer Requests

Pray for our nation . . .

Citrus Heights, California

For the health needs of myself and my family . . .

Rockford, Illinois

Unspoken request . . .

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Pray for fruit from a recent missions trip . . .

Myerstown, Pennsylvania

For improvement of my health . . .

Ada, Michigan

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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