



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:

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust. Do not let me be ashamed; do not let my enemies exult over me (Psalm 25:1-2).

1 Reflection: We open July with the Apostle Paul's praise of our Lord . . . *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ (Ephesians 1:3).*

2 Remember to intercede for SGA-supported Summer Camp ministries across Russia and her neighboring countries. Thousands of children are expected to attend, and we pray that many will come to the Lord as they hear the Gospel.

3 Please keep SGA president Michael Johnson in prayer as he leads our mission. Ask God to grant him wisdom in raising the resources we need for fruitful ministry.

4 SGA continues to provide Bibles and Christian literature resources

for distribution by churches in the former Soviet Union. We praise and thank God for the gift of His Word, and pray for more open doors for the churches to share the life-changing Gospel.

RUSSIA



5 Pray for Pastor Igor Khokhlov, the new leader of the SGA-supported Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary. Located in Akademgorodok—a suburb of Novosibirsk—this effective school is equipping many young men for future ministry.

6 With the ongoing war in Ukraine, Russian evangelical churches continue to face pressure to support it despite their historic pacifist stance. Please lift our brothers and sisters in prayer today, asking for God's protection and boldness in their proclamation of the Gospel.

7 Pray for the staff of SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC), led by Valery Kazakov. May the Lord grant them continual wisdom as they serve churches across the country and in Russia's huge capital city.

8 Please intercede for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor



Viktor in Russia's Volgograd region. Viktor has been engaged in discipleship of youth through remote teaching, as well as visiting and encouraging churches in his region. Join us in thanksgiving for the fruit of his ministry.

9 Lift Dr. Peter Mitskevich, president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB), in prayer today. Russia is a vast nation covering 11 time zones, and Peter's leadership responsibilities are great!

10 Pray for SGA-supported missionary Mikhail, who is engaged in aviation and church-planting ministry in Far East Russia. Many towns and villages are only accessible by air, and they need to be reached with the Gospel.



BELARUS



11 Piotr Podrez leads SGA's Minsk RMC in Belarus. Piotr's whole family is engaged in fruitful ministry, and we praise God for their selfless service for His glory.

12 SGA-supported missionary pastor Alexander serves in Belarus' Gorodok region, and often engages in one-on-one evangelism. Please lift him in prayer today.

13 Due to a new law in Belarus, churches across the country are

being forced to undergo re-registration. Pray with us that this will not be used by the authorities to shut churches down, as has often been done in several former Soviet countries.



14 Pray for the students of the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary. Even though it is summer, the students will be busy with practicum assignments and ministry through their churches.

15 Keep interceding for the SGA-supported Little Pearl Children's Camp in Kobrin, Belarus. In addition to ministering to refugees from Ukraine, the camp continues to serve sick children from across the country with limited treatment and diagnostic services.



UKRAINE



16 Please keep Ruslan Muratayev in prayer as he leads SGA's Kiev RMC. These are such difficult days in the country, and our RMC staff faces considerable dangers in the midst of an ongoing war with Russia.

17 Pray for Vasily, an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Ukraine, as he holds day camp ministries for children and ministers to many new believers who have come to faith in Christ in war time. May God encourage his heart today and grant him protection in his ministry.



18 We thank the Lord for the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary and their commitment to the Gospel and sound doctrine. Continue to pray for repairs taking place on the campus in the aftermath of bomb damage in the war.

19 Intercede for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian UECB. He needs abundant wisdom from God in these challenging days, and in his ministry of being a pastor to pastors across the country.

20 SGA-supported Compassion Ministry continues to help many churches across Ukraine reach out to needy families and individuals. We are deeply thankful to the Lord for each of SGA's partners who support this vital outreach.



CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

21 Please pray for evangelical believers and their churches

across the Central Asian nations of the former Soviet Union, asking for God's protection and encouragement. Islam is dominant in this region, and churches face many pressures in their ministries.

22 The war with Hamas terrorists has taken a serious toll in Israel, and the Russian-speaking congregations SGA serves there are discreetly sharing the Gospel as they help needy, impacted families. Pray for many to come to know Christ as their Messiah and Savior!

23 Pray for the SGA-supported *Orphans Reborn* ministry in Kazakhstan, which is bearing fruit among many of these neediest of children. Ask God to open many more doors to reach children with the Gospel.

24 Lift Almaty Bible Institute director Alexander Karyakov in prayer today. Pray for the resources needed to help many more students receive training in God's Word and to be anchored in sound biblical doctrine.

25 SGA-sponsored Compassion Ministry continues to be a great need in Tajikistan and other Central Asian nations where poverty is severe. Join us in praying for missionary pastors as they visit needy families to render aid and share the Gospel.

26 We thank the Lord for SGA missionary Ruth Deyneka Erdel, the eldest daughter of our founder Peter Deyneka. Ruth retired this past March after 74 years of service. Join us in praising God for her ministry, and asking God's abundant blessings for her and her husband Paul.

27 As always, intercede for SGA's international offices in Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and Australia. We praise and thank the Lord for their ongoing ministry and service to Christ for the sake of the Gospel.

28 SGA recently began supporting church ministries in Moldova, a former Soviet nation bordering western Ukraine and Romania. Ask for wisdom as this new venue for outreach continues to develop.

29 In addition to the Summer Camp ministries now taking place, SGA-supported missionary pastors are already planning follow-up

ministry with the children year-round. Pray with us that the doors to reach the children with the Gospel would remain open and even increase.

30 As this issue of Prayer & Praise was going to print, the Russian military began stepping up attacks on Ukraine's infrastructure, especially the power grid. Continue praying for peace to come, and that God will sustain His people in the midst of these tragic days.

31 Reflection: Let us end July with Asaph's prayer . . . *O God, restore us and cause your face to shine upon us, and we will be saved* (Psalm 80:3).

Partner Prayer Requests

My husband recently passed away . . .

Mulino, Oregon

For health needs . . .

Syracuse, New York

Pray for the salvation of family . . .

Berne, Indiana

Thanking God for Gospel opportunities . . . praying for fruit . . .

Mansfield, Texas

Join us in praying as we conduct evangelism . . .

Luquillo, Puerto Rico

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