



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:

Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called . . . (Ephesians 4:1).

1 Reflection: We open the new month with the wonderful praise from the psalmist. . . . *Praise the Lord, all nations; laud Him, all peoples! For His lovingkindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord is everlasting. Praise the Lord (Psalm 117:1-2)!*

2 We are now in the final month of the SGA-supported summer camp season for children across the former Soviet Union. May the Lord open many young hearts to the truth of the Gospel, and bring them to faith in Christ.



3 Continue to lift SGA president Michael Johnson and our leadership team in prayer on a regular basis. Great wisdom is needed in these challenging days as we determine how best to serve

the churches Christ is building across Russia and her neighboring countries.

4 With only a few months before winter sets in, join us in praying for SGA-supported Compassion Ministry, carried out in the former Soviet Union by missionary pastors and their church teams. Ask God for an abundance as the needs are many.

RUSSIA



5 Pray for the 25 men in Yakutsk who received training in expository preaching earlier this year through the SGA-supported *Antioch Initiative*. We are thankful for these opportunities to encourage and strengthen these faithful brothers in proclaiming God's Word.



6 The ongoing war with Ukraine has brought great pressure on the Baptist Union churches we serve in

Russia, as the government expects support for its policies yet the churches advocate for peace. Please lift our brothers and sisters in prayer today.

7 Pray for the staff of SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC), led by Valery Kazakov. Ask God to encourage their hearts during these difficult days in Russia's capital city.

8 Please intercede for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Alexander in Russia's Kurgan region. Alexander and others from the church have been doing much home visitation and one-on-one ministry sharing the Gospel. May God bring many to Himself in faith as they hear of His great love.

9 Lift Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian Baptist Union, in prayer today. Also remember the seven regional vice presidents and local leaders across the country's many oblasts (states), asking for God's guidance and wisdom.

10 Russia's Ural Mountains region was severely impacted by flooding earlier this year, along with areas in Kazakhstan. Pray for our brothers and sisters in these regions as they minister to their people and proclaim Christ's love.

BELARUS



11 Piotr Podrez is the long-time director of SGA's Minsk RMC in Belarus, and many of his family members serve in ministry with him. Join us in thanksgiving for this faithful brother, his family, and their dedication to the Gospel.

12 Earlier this year, the U.S. government imposed additional sanctions on Belarus for supporting the war in Ukraine. Continue praying for evangelical churches across the country as they minister to displaced people and point them to Christ.

13 Sergei, an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Belarus, has been engaged in much one-on-one evangelism and home visitation. Please ask the Lord to bless these encounters, and open many hearts to the Gospel.

14 Continue intercessory prayer for the SGA-supported Minsk Theological Seminary, where the fall term will begin soon. Lift the students as they delve into the truths of God's Word and prepare for future ministry.

15 Compassion Ministry continues to be a vitally important outreach in Belarus for missionary pastors as they distribute food packs and share the Gospel. With winter coming soon, please pray for the resources needed to reach even more needy families and individuals.

UKRAINE



16 Ruslan Muratayev has served for many years now as director of SGA's RMC in Ukraine, and the ongoing war brings added labors and stressful situations. Lift Ruslan, his family, and fellow RMC workers in prayer today.

17 There continues to be a significant number of displaced people across Ukraine due to war impacts on their home communities. Join us in praise and thanksgiving to

the Lord for the opportunity to help evangelical churches reach out to them with aid and the love of Christ.

18 SGA has been blessed to be the principal sponsor of Irpen Biblical Seminary since its inception in the early 1990s. Pray today for the faculty and students as they continue their studies amid the current war footing in the country.

19 Intercede for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian Baptist Union. We praise and thank the Lord for him and his fellow church leaders as they focus on the Gospel and proclaiming Christ's love to their nation.

20 Sergei is an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Ukraine's Zhdeniev region who has a vibrant ministry with youth and children. Pray for him and his fellow workers as they wrap up summer ministries and follow up with the youth who participated in the outreaches.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

21 Former Soviet Central Asia can be a very challenging region for ministry with governments that oppose evangelical ministry and the dominance of Islam. Pray for the faithful SGA-supported missionary pastors and their churches as they lovingly proclaim the Gospel.

22 The war impacts between Israel and Hamas terrorists are global, and underscore the need to support Christian congregations there as they discreetly share the Gospel and the love of Christ. We praise and thank the

Lord that He has opened the door for SGA to serve the churches in Israel.

23 Tensions continue to simmer between Azerbaijan and Armenia in the Caucasus region of the former Soviet Union. Join us in lifting Bible-preaching churches across both nations in prayer as they call their people to repentance and faith in Christ.

24 Pray for Almaty Bible Institute director Alexander Karyakov today. Ask the Lord to provide resources for even more students across Kazakhstan and Central Asia to receive sound Bible training.

25 Please continue to pray for SGA leadership as plans move



ahead to serve evangelical churches in Moldova. Praise God for this wonderful new avenue for the furtherance of the Gospel.

26 Garland Gould serves as SGA vice president of partner engagement, as well as overseeing planned giving for our ministries. Lift Garland and his team in prayer, asking God to direct their steps.

27 Pray for SGA-supported Bible and Christian literature provision across Russia and her neighboring countries. For cost-effectiveness, logistics, and better service to the churches, SGA now focuses on provision of literature in-country rather than shipping it overseas from the USA.

28 Next month, SGA will begin sending *Immanuel's Child*

ministry kits to churches in America that want to participate in reaching children with the Gospel at Christmas. Join us in praying for more participation, enabling even more children to be reached.



29 Keep praying for SGA-sponsored Orphans Reborn ministry teams across the former Soviet Union. Ask

God to open the doors to more orphanages and children's homes so these neediest of children can be reached with Christ's love.

30 Pray in advance of SGA's next board of directors meeting next month on September 9. May the Lord grant the board and SGA leadership wisdom and direction as they review progress, and plan future initiatives.

31 Reflection: We conclude the month with Moses' fervent admonition . . . *So you shall observe to do just as the Lord your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right or to the left* (Deuteronomy 5:32).

Partner Prayer Requests

Pray for family health needs . . .

Canonsburg, Pennsylvania

For speedy recovery from surgery . . .

Pasadena, California

Ask for God's wisdom in leading us to a new church . . .

Rockford, Illinois

That my prayers would be pleasing to God . . .

Gainesville, Florida

For family health challenges and for comfort after death in the family . . .

Martin, 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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