



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:

*But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God (John 3:21).*

**1 Reflection:** We begin November with King David's thankful praise to God . . . *But as for me, I shall sing of Your strength; Yes, I shall joyfully sing of Your lovingkindness in the morning, for You have been my stronghold and a refuge in the day of my distress (Psalm 59:16).*

**2** Each November, SGA's advancement division seeks funding to sustain SGA-supported Bible training ministries across the former Soviet Union. Join us in lifting this ongoing need before the Lord.

**3** Pray for SGA president Michael Johnson as he and our leadership team oversee our ministries. Ministry is becoming increasingly difficult again for many of the churches we serve across Russia and her neighboring countries. We praise God we are able to serve them for His glory.

**4** Continue to pray for the development of SGA-supported ministry in Moldova, as well as Bible training for Ukrainian refugees in Poland. Join us in praising God for the opportunity to serve and encourage our brothers and sisters in

these former communist nations.

**5** The provision of Bibles and Christian literature through SGA is now handled overseas, which makes printing much more cost-effective. Pray for the resources to keep Bibles and doctrinally sound books available for distribution by the churches we serve.



## RUSSIA



**6** With winter setting in earnest soon, pray for missionary pastors who serve in regions of Russia where the climate is severe, such as Siberia and the Arctic. May the Lord encourage their hearts today, and enable SGA to support them with needed ministry resources.

**7** Lift Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB) in prayer today. May the Lord

grant His wisdom and guidance as Piotr fulfills his leadership responsibilities amid great challenges.

**8** Pray for SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC) staff, led by Valery Kazakov. These are difficult days for evangelical churches in Russia, and we pray that God will encourage their hearts and embolden them in their proclamation of the Gospel.

**9** Khakim is an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Russia's Nizhny Novgorod region who oversees a very fruitful children's and youth ministry. Ask the Lord to bring many boys and girls to faith as they hear the Gospel and see Khakim's witness in action.



**10** Intercede for Igor Khoklov, the new incoming president of the SGA-supported Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary following the retirement of Eduard Genrikh. We praise and thank God for His gracious provision of Bible training through this strategic school in the heart of Siberia.

## UKRAINE



**11** Pray for director Ruslan Muratayev and SGA's Kiev RMC staff today. Also lift their families in prayer, asking God to grant them His peace and protection as war continues in the country.

**12** Now that Dr. Igor Yaremchuk has retired as president of the SGA-supported Irpen Biblical Seminary, church leaders are seeking God's wisdom on a successor. Join us in prayer for them, asking the Lord to direct their steps in this vitally important appointment.

**13** Pray for SGA-supported missionary pastor Vladimir in Ukraine as he continues ministry among youth and the Roma people group in his region. Ask for God's blessing and provision, while also praying that many will come to faith in Christ as they hear the Gospel.

**14** Ask for God's protection and blessing on the SGA-supported missionary pastors who are traveling into the line of fire to distribute much needed aid to needy families unable to relocate out of war zones. May the Lord open many hearts to the Gospel!

**15** Continue to intercede in prayer for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian UECB. Also remember the regional pastors that serve in leadership positions across the country, asking for God's wisdom, direction, and provision.

## BELARUS



**16** Pray for Pavel, an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Belarus' Grodno region. Pavel has been visiting outlying towns and villages this year, encouraging the small congregations and sharing the Gospel. May the Lord grant an abundant harvest in His time through Pavel's ministry.

**17** Keep lifting the SGA-supported Minsk Theological

Seminary in prayer. With new churches being planted, the need is great for more faithful men being trained in sound doctrine to shepherd these congregations.

**18** Pray for director Piotr Podrez and our team at SGA's Minsk RMC. Also continue to remember Piotr's wife Lilia as she undergoes cancer treatment. We are so thankful to God for this dedicated family and their decades of service to Christ through our mission.

**19** Gennady is an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Belarus who uses nature hikes and other outdoor fellowship for sharing the Gospel and discipling new believers. Please lift him in prayer today, asking the Lord to draw the participants to Himself in faith.



**20** Presidential elections are set to be held in Belarus next year, with controversial longtime leader Alexander Lukashenko declaring his intention to run again. Pray for peace in the country, and for the protection of the churches as they proclaim the Gospel.

## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**21** New accusations of cultural genocide have been leveled in the media at Azerbaijan after the

reported destruction of Armenian churches in the Nagorno-Karabakh region. Please join with us in praying for our brothers and sisters remaining in this region, and for a lasting peace to end the conflict.

**22** Pray today for Russian-speaking students at Israel College of the Bible and for SGA's director of Bible training in Israel. Join us in praise and thanksgiving at God's provision with the growing number of immigrants from the former Soviet nations.

**23** Please pray for Pastor Vasily Korobov and his fellow church leaders in Turkmenistan. This former Soviet republic places some of the most severe restrictions on evangelical churches in Central Asia. Ask for God's blessing and protection for the churches.

**24** Pray for the SGA-supported Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan and its new director Yuri Skurydin. Join us in thanksgiving for this vitally important Bible school at the heart of Central Asia.

**25** Pray for Pavel, an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Uzbekistan. Pavel has been engaged in much children's ministry, including helping to feed their needy families. May God open many hearts to the Gospel as they experience His love.



**26** Please frequently lift up SGA's board of directors in prayer,

chaired by Dr. Rick Goertzen. The Lord has blessed us greatly with these faithful men who steer our mission's course along with our president Michael Johnson and our leadership team.

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

**28** **Thanksgiving Day:** *O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting* (1 Chronicles 16:34). Join us on this Thanksgiving Day in the USA as we praise and thank our God for another year of His marvelous

provision and blessing. He is greatly to be praised!

**29** SGA-supported *Immanuel's Child* Christmas outreaches begin in less than a month and run through January 7. The churches SGA serves are praying to reach yet another record number of children with the Gospel and gifts you help provide. Please pray regularly!

**30** **Reflection:** Let us end the month pondering the reality of God's sure promise . . . *And the Lord will be king over all the earth; in that day the Lord will be the only one, and His name the only one* (Zechariah 14:9).

## Partner Prayer Requests

*For relief from pain and salvation of loved ones . . .*

Milton Freewater, Oregon

*Pray for our ongoing outreach into the community . . .*

Scottsbluff, Nebraska

*Please pray for my vision . . .*

Willow Street, Pennsylvania

*For financial concerns . . .*

San Marcos, Texas

*Pray for our church and pastor's family . . .*

Reno, Nevada

**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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