



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:

*The Lord is in His holy temple; the Lord's throne is in heaven; His eyes see, His eyelids test the sons of mankind (Psalm 11:4).*

**1 Reflection:** Let us begin the new month with the encouragement of James . . . *Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him (James 1:12).*

**2** Intercede for the many men, women, and children across Russia and her neighboring countries who are receiving aid through SGA-supported Compassion Ministry. Ask God to open their hearts to the Gospel as they experience His gracious provision.

**3** SGA president Michael Johnson also serves as our mission's chief development officer, which involves overseeing all efforts to raise resources and gain new partners in support of our ministries. Pray for him today, asking for abundant wisdom and direction.

**4** Across the former Soviet Union, follow-up ministry from SGA-supported *Immanuel's Child* Christmas ministries continues with the children, their families, and

caregivers. May many come to faith in Christ as they hear the Gospel.



## UKRAINE



**5** Despite the challenges presented by an ongoing war, students at the SGA-supported Irpen Biblical Seminary faithfully continue their studies in God's Word. Ask for God's blessing and protection over them, their families, and the Irpen faculty.

**6** Please pray for Ruslan Muratayev, director of SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center. The workload carried by Ruslan and his team is very heavy in these challenging days. Pray for God's encouragement and daily strength.

**7** Yevgeny is an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Ukraine's Kharkiv region, which has sustained many missile and bomb attacks during the war. He is seeing much ministry fruit even in the midst of

such danger. Lift him and his church in prayer today.



**8** Continue to remember Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB) in prayer. We are thankful for this dear brother's steadfastness in his faithful leadership during these difficult days.

**9** Please remember SGA's Sergei Omelchenko and his family in prayer today. Sergei serves as our senior book editor and chief in-country translator, while his wife Lydia serves in gathering ministry reports from missionary pastors.

## RUSSIA



**10** With Donald Trump taking office once again as U.S. president in January, it remains to be seen how the relationship between Western nations and Russia will evolve. Please join us in praying for a lowering of tensions and an end to the war in Ukraine.

**11** Pray today for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian UECB. Also lift up the seven regional vice presidents who oversee ministry in their respective areas across Russia's vast expanse.

**12** Pray today for Vladimir, an SGA-supported missionary

pastor in Russia's European region. Vladimir and his church have participated in fruitful youth ministry and discipleship activities over the past year, and we pray that the Gospel seeds will take root and grow.

**13** Continue to intercede for SGA-supported missionary pastors across Siberia and the Arctic regions, where climate can make things very challenging for ongoing ministry. We praise and thank the Lord for these men and their families willing to make great sacrifices for the sake of the Gospel.

**14** Pray for the SGA-supported Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary in the midst of their spring term. Also pray for the ongoing resources needed to fund all the vitally important UECB schools that SGA supports across the former Soviet Union.

**15** Pray for SGA's Moscow RMC staff, which is led by Valery Kazakov. As always, ask the Lord to grant them health, strength, and encouragement in their daily service to the faithful churches we serve.

## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**16** With Israel fighting Hamas and Hezbollah, in addition to conflict with Iran which supports such groups, these are days of great tension. Pray for SGA's director of Bible training and congregations of Jewish believers, asking for God's protection and for open Gospel doors.

**17** In Kazakhstan, SGA-supported *Orphans Reborn* ministry is having significant impact among children from dysfunctional families.

Please lift this vitally important outreach in prayer today, asking God to bring many children to Himself.

**18** The former Soviet nation of Georgia has been in significant political turmoil with a pro-Western president and a parliament dominated by pro-Moscow forces. Pray for reconciliation, and for God's sovereign protection over churches as they proclaim the Gospel.

**19** Dmitri is an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Russia's Caucasus region who works with men and women going through drug rehab. Pray that God will deliver these addicts from substance abuse and open their hearts to the Gospel.

**20** Lift up churches across Central Asia as they discreetly follow up with children and families reached over Christmas through *Immanuel's Child*. We praise and thank God for these open doors to share Christ in an Islam-dominated region.

**21** Continue to intercede for the faculty and students at the Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. Join us in thanksgiving for God's provision in enabling SGA to continue supporting this strategic Bible school at the heart of Central Asia.

## BELARUS



**22** Please continue to lift up Piotr Podrez, director of SGA's RMC in Minsk, and his wife Lilia. Both have encountered significant health challenges in recent years. Ask the Lord for healing and His ongoing gracious provision.

**23** SGA-supported missionary pastor Valery in Belarus continues to have a vibrant ministry among children through VBS, Sunday school, and other outreaches throughout the year. Pray that many children will come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

**24** Intercede in prayer for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the Belarus UECB and leader of the SGA-supported Minsk Theological Seminary. May God bless and encourage his heart in the midst of his ongoing faithful service to Christ.

**25** Presidential elections were set for earlier this month in Belarus, with longtime leader Alexander Lukashenko widely expected to retain his post amid little allowed opposition. As always, intercede for the churches as they daily lift up Christ and proclaim the Gospel.

**26** SGA has been blessed to be a key supporter of the Little Pearl Children's Diagnostic Camp in Kobrin, Belarus, for many years. Please join us in praying for the significant resources needed to keep this urgently needed facility in operation.

**27** Pray for Mikhail, an SGA-supported missionary who



works in Far East Russia. Mikhail and his team visit many remote villages, including those that are only accessible by air throughout much of the year.

**28** Remember SGA's international offices in prayer today—Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and the United Kingdom. May God bless and sustain their ministries, and grant them wisdom for future outreaches.

**29** Lift SGA's leadership team in prayer today. SGA president Michael Johnson, chief financial officer Beverly Braunsky, senior vice president of ministry operations Eric Mock, and vice president of partner engagement Garland Gould carry

many responsibilities and seek God's wisdom on a daily basis.

**30** Summer camp ministry begins in June and lasts through August. Pray in advance that we can help churches reach even more children with the Gospel across the former Soviet Union.

**31** We close March with reflection on the Apostle Paul's assurance . . . *For if by the offense of the one, death reigned through the one, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ (Romans 5:17).*

## Partner Prayer Requests

*Seeking God's ongoing comfort after my husband's passing . . .*

Tehachapi, California

*For loved ones who went through last year's hurricane . . .*

Alamo, North Dakota

*Pray for ongoing needs and for loved ones' health issues . . .*

Winnebago, Illinois

*My husband and I have ongoing health concerns . . .*

Johnstown, Pennsylvania

*For strength, encouragement, and peace . . .*

Americus, Georgia

**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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