



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:

Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near (Isaiah 55:6).

1 Reflection: We begin the new month with the Apostle John's proclamation . . . *This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5).*

2 SGA president Michael Johnson must spend significant time in travel as part of his leadership responsibilities. Please remember him in prayer as he attends conferences and meets partners here in the USA, as well as meetings overseas with the faithful churches we serve.

3 Remember SGA's international offices in prayer on an ongoing basis: Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand. May God grant them abundant wisdom and direction as they chart the course of their ministries.

4 In less than a month, it will be time for SGA-supported summer camp ministries to begin across the former Soviet Union. Join us in asking for God's blessing and provision on these very fruitful children's outreaches.

5 Pray for the staff at SGA's Loves Park, Illinois, office today. Much of what takes place in support of our work overseas is behind the scenes, but

vitaly important in undergirding our service to evangelical churches there.

RUSSIA



6 Pray today for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Pray also for the seven regional vice presidents as they serve pastors and their churches across the country.

7 Intercede in prayer for the students and leadership of the SGA-supported Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary in Russia's Siberia region. We praise God for the growing influence of this sound Bible school and its dedication to biblical truth.

8 Gennady is an SGA-supported pastor in Russia's Voronezh region. He and his congregation are seeking the Lord's direction in planting a new church. Join us in lifting this before the Lord, asking for open doors and the necessary resources for Gennady to move ahead.

9 Lift up SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC) staff in prayer today. Director Valery Kazakov and his hardworking team labor diligently to ensure the distribution of

resources for the evangelical churches we serve across Russia.

10 Some of the missionary pastors in Russia supported through SGA minister in very difficult regions such as Siberia, the Far East, and the bitter Arctic regions. Ask God to encourage their hearts, protect them and their families, and to grant them much fruit in their ministries.

UKRAINE



11 Even when the war between Russia and Ukraine ends, it will take many years to repair the damage to Ukrainian cities and their infrastructure, not to mention the war's scars in the population. Lift up the churches SGA serves, asking for God's enabling grace and the resources they need as they point their people to Christ.



12 Pray for SGA's Kiev RMC today. Especially remember director Ruslan Muratayev and his family, who have been separated for a very long time due to the war.

13 Join us in thanksgiving to God for the SGA-supported Irpen

Biblical Seminary, and for the recent appointment of Mykola Romaniuk as president of the school after Dr. Igor Yaremchuk's retirement. Please remember the faculty and students in prayer often.

14 Roman is an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Ukraine, who has been having fruitful small group ministry with refugees and displaced persons amid the war. We pray that many will believe the Gospel as they hear it through Roman as he labors among them.

15 Please pray for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian UECB. May the Lord encourage his heart and grant him strength in his important leadership role across the country.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

16 While a peace agreement between Israel and Hamas was reached at the beginning of the year, the road ahead is still difficult and dangerous. Lift up the evangelical congregations that SGA serves in Israel, asking God to open up abundant opportunities to share Christ's love.

17 Pray for the family of Pastor Vasily Korobov, leader of the Baptist Union in Turkmenistan. Vasily's daughter Kristina recently passed away unexpectedly in the USA where she lived with her husband Ed and three young children. Ask for God's ongoing comfort in this difficult time.

18 Located in Central Asia, the so-called "stan" countries are

frequently in international lists for their restrictions on religious freedom. Please intercede for our brothers and sisters in Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

19 Pray for Sergei, an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Kazakhstan, who has been discipling and preparing young men for future ministry roles. Ask for God's blessing, and that He will prepare the way for these men to enter into fruitful ministry.

20 Pastor Dmitri in the nation of Georgia has been reaching children with the Gospel through playground ministry. Join us in praising God for these opportunities, while also praying that many children will come to faith in Christ.



21 Remember SGA's director of Bible training in Israel in prayer today. Ask for the Lord's protection over him and his family as travel across the country is frequently required, and his home region has received periodic missile and rocket attacks from Gaza.

BELARUS



22 Please continue to remember Lilia Podrez, the wife of SGA's Minsk RMC director Piotr Podrez, as she continues to receive cancer treatment. This has been a very difficult

time for the family. May the Lord bring healing to Lilia and comfort to Piotr, their children, and grandchildren.

23 The presidential election was held this past January in Belarus, and these often result in significant turmoil as Western nations consider elections there to be neither fair nor free. Pray for peace, and for God's protection over His people as they continue to minister Christ's love to their people.

24 Lift up the faculty and students of the SGA-supported Minsk Theological Seminary in prayer. Also remember Pastor Leonid Mihovich, who serves as leader of the school in addition to the Baptist Union of Belarus.

25 SGA-supported missionary pastors and their churches in Belarus continue to render assistance to refugees from the war in Ukraine. Ask the Lord for His gracious provision in these needed outreaches.

26 Vasily is one of several SGA-supported missionary pastors engaged in Compassion Ministry as well as one-on-one evangelism. Join us in thanking God for His faithful provision, and for the ministry opportunities these outreaches help open.

27 Pray for the men and women enrolled in church music tracks at SGA-sponsored seminaries across the former Soviet Union. These tracks are vital given the importance of music in the culture, and as a key part of worship in the churches.

28 While most printing of Bibles and Christian literature SGA helps provide are now procured overseas instead of shipped from the USA, the need remains great. Pray

with us for God's ongoing provision.

29 Intercede in prayer for SGA's board of directors, chaired by Dr. Rick Goertzen. Praise and thank the Lord with us for each member and their dedicated faithful service to Christ, while also asking for God's ongoing wisdom as they help direct our mission.

30 Once again before summer camp season begins next month, join us in asking God to prepare the hearts of many children and teens in advance. Pray that their ears will be open to the Gospel, and be moved by the Lord to trust in Christ as Savior.



31 Reflection: Let us conclude the month with King David's song of trust in God . . . *But I have trusted in Your lovingkindness; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me* (Psalm 13:5-6).

Partner Prayer Requests

Please pray for the salvation of several troubled young people I know . . .
 Carterville, Illinois

Pray for us as we are going through deep family sorrow . . .
 Phoenix, Arizona

For ongoing health concerns . . .
 East Setauket, New York

Pray for improved vision . . .
 Greer, South Carolina

For a deeper walk with God . . .
 Springfield, Missouri

**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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