



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 heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands (Psalm 19:1).*

**1 Reflection:** We begin July with the Apostle Paul's praise to God . . . *Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways . . . For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen (Romans 11:33,36).*

**2** Please continue to intercede in prayer for the thousands of children across Russia and her neighboring countries who are attending SGA-supported camps this summer. Pray that many will have their hearts opened to the Gospel and come to faith in Christ.



**3** Pray for the staff of SGA/New Zealand today. May the Lord grant them increased resources and open doors for ministry across the former Soviet Union and in their island nation.

**4** Lift SGA president Michael Johnson and our mission's leadership team in prayer. Much wisdom is needed as a new fiscal year has just begun and future ministry is planned in a rapidly evolving mission field.

**5** Please join us in continuing to pray for retired SGA senior missionary Ruth Erdel after the homegoing last year of her husband, Paul. May God bring her much comfort and continue to use her for His glory in the days ahead.

## RUSSIA



**6** Valery is an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Russia's Krasnoyarsk region who has been engaged in training ministry as well as fruitful children's outreach over Christmas. Pray for the follow-up outreach that will be taking place, asking the Lord to move in the hearts of the children and their parents as they hear the Gospel.



**7** Dr. Piotr Mitskevich has served as president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB) for the past several years in addition to leading Moscow Seminary. Ask for God's continual blessing and guidance in Piotr's nationwide ministry.

**8** We praise and thank the Lord for His provision of SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center, along with director Valery Kazakov and his team. Remember to lift them regularly in prayer as they serve Russian evangelical churches for the sake of the Gospel.

**9** Pray for the students and faculty enrolled at the SGA-supported Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary. Pray especially for Pastor Igor Khokhlov as he settles into his new role as president of the seminary after the retirement of Eduard Genrikh.



**10** Missionary pastors who serve in Russia's Arctic and Far East regions live and minister in very difficult conditions, including a very harsh climate in the winter. Ask for God's ongoing provision, blessing, and encouragement of these faithful men and their families.

## UKRAINE



**11** Ukraine is a large nation made up of 24 oblasts (states), with four of them under Russian occupation. Intercede for the faithful missionary

pastors SGA serves across the country, praying for their safety amid war and for many opportunities to share the peace of Christ through the Gospel.

**12** Pray for the SGA-supported Irpen Biblical Seminary in Ukraine. The faculty and students continue on in their studies while repairs continue to be made from missile damage sustained in 2022 when the Russian invasion commenced. May the Lord protect them and encourage their hearts as God's Word is studied.

**13** Lift up SGA's Kiev RMC director Ruslan Muratayev and his team as they continue to administer Compassion Ministry resources for Ukrainian pastors to distribute. We are thankful to the Lord for their diligent, careful, and faithful service.

**14** Vladimir is an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Ukraine who is carrying out a fruitful prison ministry in his region. Join us in thanksgiving for these opportunities, while also praying for many inmates to come to Christ in faith.

**15** As he carries out his heavy leadership responsibilities, Ukrainian UECB president Valery Antonyuk is thankful for the ongoing prayers of SGA partners. May the Lord grant him ongoing blessing and encouragement in the midst of a nation at war.

## BELARUS



**16** Pray for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, who leads the Belarus Baptist Union and the SGA-supported Minsk Theological

Seminary. Also pray for the enrolled students at the seminary as they prepare for future ministry.

**17** One of the instructors at the SGA-supported Minsk Theological Seminary travels to local churches in order to teach sessions on Bible study and expository preaching. Pray with us for these ongoing classes, and for God's provision to enable more students at the seminary.

**18** Pray today for the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC, led by Piotr Podrez. We are deeply thankful to God for our dedicated Minsk team, and their joy in serving Christ through our mission.

**19** Compassion Ministry, especially the distribution of food packs to needy families, has been an ongoing ministry of several missionary pastors supported through SGA in Belarus. Pray that these encounters would lead to many more opportunities to share the Gospel.



**20** As the summer continues, join us in praying for the ongoing ministry of the Little Pearl Children's Diagnostic Camp in Kobrin. Many children with illnesses are able to seek diagnostic care and limited treatment at this facility, in addition to learning about the Lord Jesus and His love for them.

## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**21** Tensions remain high between the former Soviet nations of

Armenia and Azerbaijan over the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region in the wake of Azerbaijan regaining control over the territory. Pray for our brothers and sisters there as they proclaim the Gospel and reconciliation in Christ.

**22** Join us in praise and thanksgiving to God for His provision of Bible training in Israel through Israel College of the Bible. SGA's director of Bible training serves as an instructor at the school for Russian-speaking students. Ask for God's ongoing blessing and provision.

**23** Yuri is an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Uzbekistan who engages in Compassion Ministry with the elderly, widows, and other needy families. Please lift him in prayer today, asking for many open Gospel doors.

**24** Continue to pray for the faculty and students at the SGA-supported Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. Christian ministry in a largely Islamic culture always presents challenges, but the Lord has truly blessed the outreach of this vitally important school for ministry.

**25** Pray today for SGA missionary Chris Osiecki and his ministry in Poland. We are thankful to God for the opportunity to help evangelical churches in Poland as they reach out to thousands of war refugees from Ukraine.

**26** Lift SGA's chief financial officer Beverly Braunsky, accounting manager Joell Tanner, and their team in prayer. It won't be long before the hectic audit season begins, and we praise God for the

consistently high marks we receive from independent auditors.

**27** Each day at SGA, we receive many prayer requests from faithful partners like you who help sustain our ministry through their prayers and generous gifts. We offer praise and thanksgiving to God for the opportunity to lift our partners in prayer during our daily prayer time.

**28** Pray for SGA senior vice president of partner engagement Garland Gould, along with his team members Mark Miles, Tracey Jackson, Donnette Moak, and Brett Ingalls. Several on the team travel frequently with the joy of encouraging and thanking SGA partners for their ongoing support.

**29** With ongoing children's outreaches across Russia and

her neighboring countries, pray for adequate supplies of children's Bibles, books, Sunday school materials, and other resources for use by the churches SGA serves.

**30** Remember the SGA-supported *Orphans Reborn* ministry across the former Soviet Union. Pray especially for orphan graduates who by age are required to leave the orphanage and go out on their own. Ask the Lord to open doors for continued discipleship.

**31 Reflection:** We conclude this month with King David's thankful reminder . . . *Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but He who trusts in the Lord, lovingkindness shall surround him. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous ones; and shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart* (Psalm 32:10-11).

## Partner Prayer Requests

*Please lift our son who suffers from PTSD in prayer . . .*

Monroe, Washington

*For wisdom and guidance . . .*

Garland, Texas

*Our whole family has been ill this winter . . . pray for recovery . . .*

Luquillo, Puerto Rico

*For the salvation of loved ones . . .*

Easton, Pennsylvania

**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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