



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:

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer (Psalm 19:14).

1 Reflection: We begin this new year with confidence in the perfect timing of our God and Father in all that concerns His children . . . *Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord (Psalm 27:14).*

2 Winter temperatures are deepening in many parts of the former Soviet Union. Pray for God's ongoing provision for SGA-supported missionary pastors as they engage in Compassion Ministry for needy families.



3 For several years now, churches in Ukraine and some in other parts of the former Soviet Union have been observing Christmas on December 25 in addition to Russian Christmas on January 7. Pray that an even greater number of children will be reached this

year through the SGA-supported *Immanuel's Child* ministry.

4 Intercede for SGA president Michael Johnson today. May God grant him continual wisdom and guidance as he leads our mission during these days of increasing ministry challenges.

UKRAINE



5 When the awful war in Ukraine finally ends, it will take years to rebuild from the damage, not to mention the emotional scars left amid all the death and destruction. Pray for the evangelical churches SGA serves in Ukraine, especially that God will lift them up as lighthouses of Gospel hope.

6 Bible training is always SGA's top priority in Ukraine and across the former Soviet Union. Lift the SGA-supported Irpen Biblical Seminary, its faculty, and students in prayer today, thanking God for His faithful provision.

7 Vladyslav is an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Ukraine whose church is involved in multiple outreaches including food for the needy, youth and children's ministry, sports, and other activities. Pray with us that these outreaches open many doors for the Gospel.

8 Continue interceding for SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC) staff in their ongoing, faithful service to evangelical churches across Ukraine. We are thankful to the Lord for director Ruslan Muratayev and his team, and their fruitful ministry.

9 Pastor Valery Antonyuk serves as president of the Ukrainian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Please continue to lift up this faithful brother and his family as they serve during these days of hardship for their country.

10 Compassion Ministry is such a vitally important ministry for the faithful churches SGA serves across Ukraine. Ask for God's increased provision over the winter and as needs grow greater for poor families.

RUSSIA



11 As winter deepens in Russia, SGA-supported missionary pastors in Far East Russia will be planning visits to remote, isolated villages as weather permits. Pray for their safety as they travel and share the life-changing Gospel.

12 Geopolitical tensions between Russia and Western nations can always potentially impact the Bible-preaching churches SGA serves for a variety of reasons. Continue praying with us for an end to the Russia-Ukraine war, and for ongoing tensions to lessen.

13 Pray for Valery Kazakov and his team at SGA's Moscow RMC. With Compassion Ministry increasing during winter and upcoming *Immanuel's Child*

Christmas outreaches, this is always a hectic time for our RMC staff.

14 Pray for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian UECB. Also lift up the seven regional vice presidents who serve as pastors to pastors alongside Piotr. May the Lord encourage their hearts today.

15 Anatoly is an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Russia's Birobidzhan region who has been battling some significant health issues. Please intercede in prayer for him today, asking the Lord to grant him complete healing.

BELARUS



16 Pray for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the Baptist Union in Belarus. We are thankful to God for his servant leadership and oversight of ministry across the country's six oblasts (states).

17 SGA has been a supporter of Minsk Theological Seminary for many years now. We are thankful for God's gracious provision, and for its firm commitment to sound Bible doctrine. Pray for the faculty and students today.

18 Pray for the ministry of Nikolai, an SGA-supported missionary pastor in the Mogilev region of Belarus. He is regularly working to reach young people with the Gospel and makes evangelistic visits, taking the Gospel to villages in the region.

19 Please continue to pray for Piotr Podrez, who leads SGA's Minsk RMC. Also pray for the faithful staff who serve alongside

Piotr, asking God to supply their needs and encourage their hearts.

20 With any SGA-supported children's outreach such as *Immanuel's Child* or Summer Bible Camps, follow-up ministry is vitally important to the churches we serve. Pray for these ongoing efforts to share Christ with the children and their families.



CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

21 As world pressure mounts on Israel over the ongoing war against Hamas in Gaza, pray for our brothers and sisters there as they share Christ's love. May God shield them from harm and encourage their hearts.

22 Pray today for Pastor Vasily Korobov, president of the Baptist Union in Turkmenistan. Evangelical churches in this Central Asian nation are under strict restrictions, yet they faithfully carry on proclaiming the Gospel with each opportunity the Lord grants.

23 Pray as always for the faculty and students of the SGA-supported Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan, now led by Yuri Skurydin. We praise our faithful Lord with thanksgiving for His provision

and blessing on this vitally important Bible school—located at the heart of Central Asia.

24 Late in the summer, U.S. president Donald Trump hosted the leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan in the signing of a peace treaty between the two countries. Join us in praying that this will be a lasting peace, and that doors would open wide for churches there to proclaim the Gospel.

25 **Western Christmas:** *For a Child will be born to us; a Son will be given to us* (Isaiah 9:6). Today the Western world celebrates the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, along with a growing number of churches in the former Soviet Union in addition to their customary January 7. Pray for SGA-supported *Immanuel's Child* outreaches that will be taking place!

26 The Caucasus regions of Dagestan and Chechnya in southern Russia are challenging and dangerous for evangelical churches. Pray for SGA-supported missionary pastors who discreetly visit and share the Gospel with all who will hear.

27 SGA is always seeking relationships with new charitable foundations that could potentially help fund a portion of SGA's ministries across the former Soviet Union. Pray for Garland Gould, our senior vice president of partner engagement, as he oversees this ongoing effort.

28 Provision of Bibles and doctrinally sound Christian literature remains a key part of SGA's ministry of service to evangelical churches in the former Soviet Union.

Pray with us for the ongoing resources needed to help churches distribute this literature in the course of their daily ministries.



29 Remember the staff at SGA's Loves Park, Illinois, headquarters today. We are far fewer in number than in decades past, but we take great joy in supporting the

ministries of our brothers and sisters overseas as they advance the Gospel.

30 The need for more faithful missionary pastors continues to be great as the former Soviet Union is so vast in terms of territory. Pray that God will raise up more national men and their families to take the Gospel into unreached regions.

31 Reflection: As 2025 ends, join us in contemplation of how beautiful heaven will be in God's holy presence . . . *How lovely are Your dwelling places, O Lord of hosts! My soul longed and even yearned for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God* (Psalm 84:1-2).

Partner Prayer Requests

Many loved ones are struggling with illness . . .

Carlisle, Iowa

For our health and strength . . .

Escondido, California

Please pray for my son . . .

Canton, New York

Praising God for improved health . . .

Jacksonville, Florida

An unspoken prayer need . . .

Temecula, California

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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