



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 this is what I commanded them, saying, "Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you will be My people; and you will walk in all the way which I command you, that it may be well with you" (Jeremiah 7:23).*

**1 Reflection:** Let us begin this new year with King David's thanksgiving . . . *I will give thanks to the Lord according to His righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High (Psalm 7:17).*

**2** Please pray today for SGA's executive leadership team—our president Michael Johnson, chief financial officer Beverly Braunsky, and senior vice presidents Eric Mock and Garland Gould. Ask for God's wisdom and direction in the course of this new year.

**3** SGA's advancement division is responsible for raising the funds and resources needed to equip our brothers and sisters overseas for ministry. Pray that God will bless and direct their efforts in communicating ongoing needs to our ministry partners.

**4** We praise and thank the Lord for SGA's history over 90 years in providing Bibles and Christian books across the former Soviet nations. Ask for the Lord's continued gracious provision in this vital area.

**5** As always, lift up SGA's international offices in the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia. May God direct their steps as they fulfill their ministry of service to evangelical churches in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

## UKRAINE



**6** War has brought all sorts of hardships and stresses to the Ukrainian people. SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC) staff, led by Ruslan Muratayev, has been in the midst of it all serving the churches for the sake of the Gospel. Intercede for them in prayer today.

**7 Eastern Christmas:** *For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:11).* As many nations in Eastern Europe and Central Asia celebrate Christmas today, pray for



the many SGA-supported *Immanuel's Child* outreaches taking place. Pray with us for a record number of children to hear the Gospel.

**8** Stepan is an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Ukraine who recently participated in a youth conference with more than 300 youth attending. We praise God for this opportunity to encourage young people and ground them in their faith amid the hardships of war.

**9** Please pray for the faculty and students of the SGA-supported Irpen Biblical Seminary as they continue on in their academic year. Pray also for the students who will be graduating soon and moving on into full time ministry.

**10** Intercede continually for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). May God encourage his heart as he fulfills his pastoral and leadership responsibilities across the country.

## RUSSIA



**11** Pray for SGA-supported missionary pastor Piotr as he and his church continue ministry to families from the local Roma people group in the Kemerovo region. The Roma can be difficult to reach, but many hearts are turning to the Lord after hearing the Gospel lovingly presented.

**12** SGA is thankful for the opportunity to support Bible training through the *Antioch Initiative* in Russia's Yakutsk region. We continue to see wonderful fruit,



and pray that the Gospel will continue to go forth and increase.

**13** In addition to the pastors at individual churches across Russia, there are also many regional pastors responsible for oversight of ministry across a wider area. Please lift these faithful men and their families in prayer.

**14** Intercede in prayer for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian UECB. May the Lord grant him abundant wisdom and safety in travel as he visits and encourages churches across Russia's 11 time zones.

**15** Lift the faculty and students at the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary in prayer. We praise and thank the Lord for His gracious provision of this biblically sound school, which is growing in influence across Russia.

## BELARUS



**16** Pray today for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, who leads the UECB in Belarus in addition to the SGA-supported Minsk Theological Seminary. We praise and thank God for Leonid and his fellow pastors as they shepherd His flock each day.

**17** Continue to intercede for SGA-supported missionary pastors

across Belarus who are in the process of re-registering their churches as required by law. Pray that these congregations will be successful and that the authorities will grant registration.

**18** Pray for Igor, an SGA-supported missionary pastor who makes regular visits to small villages throughout the Minsk region. Ask God to prepare and open many hearts to the Gospel as they hear of Christ's love.

**19** Please pray for SGA's Minsk RMC director Piotr Podrez and his wife Lilia, both of whom have faced significant health challenges in recent years. Pray for complete healing and recovery.

**20** Pray today for ongoing Compassion Ministry in Belarus. We are thankful to God for the opportunity to help evangelical churches reach out to needy families with help for their physical needs and above all, the Gospel.



## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**21** Please lift SGA's director of Bible training in Israel in prayer. Also intercede for the students

enrolled in the courses, asking the Lord to strengthen them in His Word and grant them opportunities to share Christ's love.

**22** Earlier last year, a peace agreement between Armenia and Azerbaijan was reached with the help of the U.S. government. Pray with us that this peace holds, and that the Lord will open many ministry doors for churches in both nations.

**23** Pray for Khafis, an SGA-supported missionary pastor in the Caucasus region. Join with us in praising God for the open doors Khafis has in sharing the Gospel and ministering to many in his largely Muslim nation.

**24** Continue to pray for the faculty and students of the SGA-supported Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. We are thankful to be able to support this important Bible school, which is preparing faithful men for ministry across Central Asia.

**25** Continue to pray for the faithful churches in the former Soviet country of Moldova. Political turmoil has been significant in recent years, yet we praise God for the ministry opportunities He is opening there to advance the Gospel.

**26** Pray for the staff in SGA's ministry division, led by senior vice president Eric Mock. Our ministry team carries out all the logistics necessary to support the faithful churches we serve, including Bible training, missionary pastor support, and Compassion Ministry.

**27** While SGA no longer does much shipping overseas, we are still deeply involved in helping

churches obtain the resources for ministry where they are. Pray for God's continued blessing in this area, as the needs grow greater with international economic challenges.

**28** Join us in praying for the youth ministries of the churches SGA serves across the former Soviet Union. Should the Lord tarry in His coming, preparing the next generation of church leaders is vitally important.

**29** SGA continues to seek support from various charitable foundations here in the U.S. to help underwrite a portion of our ministries. Ask for God's ongoing wisdom and direction in this area, as

well as for His faithful provision.

**30** Between now and Easter, there will be much follow up ministry taking place among children and families reached through the SGA-supported *Immanuel's Child* ministry. Pray for the children's workers and missionary pastors as they lovingly share the Gospel.

**31 Reflection:** We end the month with the Apostle Paul's important reminder . . . *For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope* (Romans 15:4).

## Partner Prayer Requests

*For loved ones who need salvation . . .*

Shoreline, Washington

*For full physical and mental recovery from intense work schedule . . .*

Chicago, Illinois

*I am facing cancer surgery . . .*

Dallas, Pennsylvania

*Pray for wisdom . . .*

Tomahawk, Wisconsin

*For relief from significant arthritis pain . . .*

Glendale, Arizona

**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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