



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:

We proclaim Him, admonishing every person and teaching every person with all wisdom, so that we may present every person complete in Christ (Colossians 1:28).

1 Reflection: We start February with King David's beautiful song of trust in the Lord . . . *Now I know that the Lord saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven with the saving strength of His right hand. Some praise their chariots and some their horses, but we will praise the name of the Lord, our God* (Psalm 20:6-7).

2 Remember to intercede in prayer for the faithful churches SGA serves across the former Soviet Union as they follow up with children reached through *Immanuel's Child* Christmas ministries. We pray that many more kids and their families will be drawn to faith in Christ in the days ahead.

3 SGA's board of directors meets later this month. Pray for SGA president Michael Johnson, our executive leadership, and the board as they review and chart our ministry's course over the next several months.

4 Several members of the SGA family have lost loved ones in recent months or have been facing health challenges. Please lift our staff

in prayer, not only here in the USA, but also at our Regional Ministry Centers in Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine.

5 We give praise and thanksgiving to God today for you—our faithful partners in ministry. You are truly a part of all that we do in helping dedicated churches advance the Gospel across Russia and her neighboring nations, in Poland, and in Israel.

UKRAINE



6 Nearly four years of war have wrought a heavy toll on the people of Ukraine, including the faithful evangelical churches SGA serves. Ask God to strengthen and encourage the hearts of our brothers and sisters, and open to them even more opportunities to share the hope of Christ.

7 Lift the faculty and students of the SGA-supported Irpen Biblical Seminary in prayer today. Provision of doctrinally sound Bible training remains SGA's highest priority, as it is of the churches we serve.



8 Intercede in prayer for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Also lift up the regional pastors overseeing churches across Ukraine's 24 oblasts (states), asking for God's blessing and protection.

9 Join us in thanksgiving to God for His provision through SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC). Pray for director Ruslan Muratayev and his staff today as they faithfully serve the churches and SGA-supported missionary pastors across the country.

10 Pray for Vitaly, an SGA-supported missionary pastor who has been reaching children and their families with the Gospel in the midst of the country's war zones. Ask for God's ongoing protection in ministry, and that He will open many hearts to faith in Christ.

RUSSIA



11 Churches across Russia will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Bible's translation into the common Russian language this year. We rejoice with our brothers and sisters in thanksgiving for the Word of God and its power to change lives for eternity!



12 Pray regularly for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian UECB. Pray also for his extended family, who live in a variety of places including some abroad. May the Lord bless and encourage their hearts today.

13 Continue lifting up Valery Kazakov and our team at SGA's Moscow RMC. As winter continues across Russia, pray for wisdom in coordinating resources for the churches SGA serves, and with other challenges.

14 The ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine has serious impacts on Russian families as well as Ukrainian families. Pray for the faithful churches as they share Christ's love with those families who have lost loved ones due to the war.



15 Rejoice with Igor Khoklov and the SGA-supported Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary for continued expansion of the seminary's extension Bible classes. There are now 29 students in Voronezh and 22 students in Khabarovsk who are now studying God's Word through the extension study opportunity!

BELARUS



16 In recent months, the government in Belarus has

made overtures to Western nations, with President Alexander Lukashenko and USA president Donald Trump having a phone discussion. Pray for a continued thaw in relations as well as for more freedom for evangelical churches in the country.

17 Pray for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the Belarussian UECB and leader of the SGA-supported Minsk Theological Seminary. Also please lift up the regional pastors who serve and oversee churches across the country's six oblasts (states), asking God to protect them and encourage their hearts in service.

18 Dmitri is an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Belarus who has been leading youth on ministry and work trips across his region. We praise and thank the Lord for these times of discipleship and evangelism among young people, with prayer that many will commit their lives to Christ.

19 SGA's Minsk RMC staff has several prayer needs for health concerns in their families, as well as loved ones who need the Lord. Please lift director Piotr Podrez and his faithful team in prayer today, asking for God's blessing and encouragement.

20 Pray for SGA-supported missionary pastors who are engaged in ongoing Compassion Ministry across Belarus. We praise the Lord for His gracious provision in enabling the distribution of so many meals to needy families, and for open Gospel doors!

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

21 Many around the world rejoiced last October when news broke of a President Trump-brokered peace deal between Israel and Gaza. We know that final peace will only come when the Lord Jesus rules and reigns as Messiah and King, yet join us as we continue to . . . *pray for the peace of Jerusalem* (Psalm 122:6).

22 Today we lift the leaders of the Central Asian Baptist Unions—in Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, along with the transcontinental nation of Azerbaijan. Ask for God's protection, encouragement, and guidance as they oversee ministry in a very difficult region.

23 Continue to pray for ongoing Compassion Ministry carried out by SGA-supported churches in Tajikistan and other Central Asian countries. Poverty is widespread, and so many need to hear of Christ's love and the life-changing Gospel.



24 Pray for Yuri Skuryadin, director of the SGA-supported

Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. Also lift up Alexander Karyakov, who served as director and is now academic dean at the school. We praise and thank the Lord for their dedication and servant leadership.

25 Please pray for Pastor Asatur Nahapetyan, leader of the UECB in Armenia. May the Lord encourage him and his family today as they faithfully serve in this Caucasus nation where poverty is severe.

26 Lift the ministries of SGA's international offices in the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia in prayer today. May the Lord increase their

resources to support even more Gospel ministry in the coming year.

27 Pray today for Lana Yusov, SGA's director of children's ministries. We are thankful to the Lord for Lana's diligent ministry through the years, and the support she gives to churches across the former Soviet Union for their children's outreaches.

28 **Reflection:** We conclude the month with the psalmist's wonderful assurance . . . *The Lord will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul. The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in from this time and forever (Psalm 121:7-8).*

Partner Prayer Requests

Pray for ongoing fruit from a missions trip . . .

Burnsville, North Carolina

Please pray for smooth adjustment after a move . . .

Fresno, California

Pray for continued healing from surgery . . .

Ottawa, Illinois

For God's peace and comfort . . .

Merritt Island, Florida

Pray regarding ongoing family concerns . . .

Hitchcock, Texas

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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