



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 the Lord abides forever; He has established His throne for judgment, and He will judge the world in righteousness; He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity (Psalm 9:7-8).

1 Reflection: We begin April with encouragement from James . . . *Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him (James 1:12).*

2 Russia by itself is such a huge country, with many areas yet to be reached with the Gospel. Pray that God will raise up more faithful Russian men to serve as missionary pastors in these regions, and that SGA will have an abundance of resources to help support them.

3 Pray in advance for summer camp season across the former Soviet Union, which begins in June. Join us in asking God for yet another record number of children to be reached with the Gospel and the love of Christ.



4 Continue to intercede for SGA's international offices in Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and the United Kingdom. May the Lord provide abundantly for their ministry needs, and encourage their hearts in His service.

5 Easter (Gregorian Calendar): *But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep (1 Corinthians 15:20).* Join us in joyful, thankful praise to the Lord. He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

RUSSIA



6 Lift SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC) in prayer today. We are so thankful for Valery Kazakov and his faithful team as they labor to serve evangelical churches across vast Russia.

7 The SGA-supported Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary continues to expand its influence across Siberia, Far East Russia, and beyond. Please remember the faculty and students in prayer as they drink deeply of God's Word and prepare for fruitful ministry.

8 Pray for Pavel, an SGA-supported missionary pastor who often leads teams to share the Gospel in

neighboring Mongolia. Please pray that these open doors for the Gospel will continue and that many will come to faith in Christ.

9 Intercede for the SGA-supported *Antioch Initiative* Bible training ministry in Russia's Yakutia region. Both beginning and advanced sessions were held last fall, and will continue as God provides. We praise God for this opportunity to serve the churches in this region.

10 Pray for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian UECB. Also lift up the seven UECB vice presidents and regional pastors who oversee ministry in smaller regions. Join us in thanksgiving to God for these dedicated men and their faithful service.

UKRAINE



11 Even after the war with Russia ends, the damage and the emotional trauma it has caused for millions of people will linger on. Pray for the churches SGA serves as they continue to minister to their people with Christ's love and the Gospel.



12 **Easter (Julian Calendar):** *He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said* (Matthew 28:6). This Sunday is the day when the Lord's glorious resurrection is celebrated by most churches in Russia and the other former Soviet nations. As many rare churchgoers attend today, ask the Lord to open their hearts to the Gospel.

13 Pastor Dmytro is a chaplain who makes regular visits to hospitals and other locations where the war's scars are deep. Pray for open hearts to the Gospel, and for Dmytro's protection as he travels and ministers.

14 Pray for Ruslan Muratayev and the staff of SGA's Kyiv RMC in prayer. Damage from the war to Ukraine's infrastructure has been severe nationwide, and makes ministry all the more difficult. Ask for God's provision and protection.

15 Intercede in prayer for Ukrainian Baptist Union president Pastor Valery Antonyuk and his fellow leaders. May the Lord grant them His continual wisdom and direction as they shepherd their people through these terribly difficult days in Ukraine.

BELARUS



16 Relations between the USA and Belarus have begun to thaw somewhat with American envoys visiting and holding talks with the government. Pray with us for conditions in the country to improve, and that the faithful churches will continue to carry out their ministries unhindered.

17 Pavel is an SGA-supported missionary pastor in western

Belarus, and the Lord has been blessing his fruitful children's outreaches. Please lift him and his church in prayer today, and intercede for the salvation of many boys and girls.



18 Remember Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the Belarus Baptist Union, in prayer. Pray also for the regional pastors across the country's six oblasts (states), asking the Lord for much fruit in ministry.

19 Piotr Podrez, SGA's Minsk RMC director, requests prayer for he and his wife Lilia's ongoing health needs. For Lilia, we praise God that her cancer treatments have stopped progression, but they have left her very weak. Ask God for continued healing and strength.

20 For many years now, SGA has been blessed to be a sponsor of the Minsk Theological Seminary in Belarus. Pray for the faculty and students today as the spring term winds down.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

21 Kazakhstan recently joined the Abraham Accords, which seek to normalize relations between Israel and Muslim nations. Join us in continuing to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and for the advance of the

Gospel in both countries.

22 Alexander, an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Kazakhstan, and his church have been distributing Bibles and Christian literature in his region in the past several months. We thank the Lord for these opportunities to spread God's Word and the life-changing Gospel!

23 Pray for the faculty and students of the SGA-supported Almaty Bible Institute today. Join us in thanksgiving to God for the sound theological training this school is affording many pastoral students and church workers across Central Asia.

24 Pray for Gheorghe, an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Moldova who has a vibrant ministry to children and youth in several locations. Some 170 children and 30 teenagers are involved and receiving discipleship.



25 Tensions remain high in Israel despite an official ceasefire reached last year with Hamas, and occasional outbreaks of violence are still occurring. Pray for SGA-supported congregations there as they discreetly share Christ's love and the hope of the Gospel.

26 Continue intercessory prayer for the SGA-supported *Orphans Reborn* ministry in the

former Soviet Union. This is one of the most effective Gospel outreaches SGA supports, and thousands of needy children are hearing of Christ's great love for them.

27 The staff at SGA's Loves Park, Illinois, office is much smaller in number these days, but deeply thankful for the opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters across the former Soviet Union as they advance the Gospel. Ask for God's ongoing blessing and encouragement in their service to Him.

28 Pray for SGA's board of directors, chaired by Dr. Rick Goertzen. Our board meets in February, June, and September, and

along with our leadership team, prayerfully direct our ministry and ask for God's ongoing wisdom.

29 Please continue to pray for ongoing follow-up ministry with children reached during *Immanuel's Child* at Christmas and at SGA-supported Summer Bible Camps. The faithful churches we serve make every effort to remain in contact with these children and their families year-round.

30 **Reflection:** We end the month with Ethan the Ezrahite's song of praise to our Lord and King . . . *I will sing of the lovingkindness of the Lord forever; to all generations I will make known your faithfulness with my mouth* (Psalm 89:1).

Partner Prayer Requests

Please pray for improved health . . .

Kirkland, Washington

For the salvation of our children . . .

Friendswood, Texas

Pray that there will be no recurrence of tumors . . .

Athens, Georgia

Keep praying for unsaved family . . .

Mt. Prospect, Illinois

We are expecting a new baby . . . pray for a healthy delivery . . .

Porter Ranch, 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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