



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:

They went out and preached that men should repent (Mark 6:12).

1 Reflection: Let's begin May with King David's beautiful song of faith in God . . . *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread (Psalm 27:1)?*

2 With the volatility of our world, it is vitally important that we always intercede in prayer for our brothers and sisters across the former Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, and in Israel. May the Gospel continue to be boldly proclaimed, overcoming all obstacles that the enemy tries to put up.

3 Pray for SGA president Michael Johnson and our executive leadership team—chief financial officer Beverly Braunsky, senior vice president of ministry operations Eric Mock, and Garland Gould, senior vice president of partner engagement. May God grant continual wisdom in their responsibilities.

4 SGA-supported Summer Bible Camp ministries begin in earnest next month and will continue through



August. Pray in advance for the resources needed, and that God will prepare the hearts of many children to hear and believe the Gospel.

RUSSIA



5 Russia's war with Ukraine has had tragic impacts on many families as in Ukraine. Pray for the faithful Bible-preaching churches across Russia's 11 time zones as they minister Christ's love and the Gospel to families who have lost loved ones in the fighting.

6 Pray for Valery Kazakov and his faithful team at SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC). May God encourage their hearts today as they serve Christ and the faithful churches in Russia's huge capital city.

7 Intercede in prayer for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, who leads the Russian Baptist Union. Also remember to pray for the dedicated regional pastors across the country, asking God to bless their ministries and grant them wisdom in their local oversight responsibilities.

8 Vladimir S. is an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Russia who has seen significant fruit in his church's ministry, with several baptisms earlier this year. We praise

and thank the Lord for His grace and blessing, while also praying for even greater fruit.

9 Pray for the SGA-supported Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary in Siberia. Ask for God's continued blessing and provision for the faculty and students of this increasingly influential Bible school.



10 Continue to pray for Mikhail T, who serves in aviation ministry and church-planting in the Far East. Ask for God's continual protection and blessing as he and his team take the Gospel to remote villages.

BELARUS



11 Continue to pray for the health of our Minsk RMC director Piotr Podrez, the RMC staff, and their families. May the Lord bless their ongoing, faithful service to the churches for His glory and the sake of the Gospel.

12 Remember the SGA-supported Little Pearl Diagnostic Camp in Belarus, along with the other church-centered children's camp ministries that will be held this summer. We thank the Lord for allowing us to be a part of helping churches reach hundreds of children with the Gospel.

13 Lift up Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the Baptist Union of Belarus and leader

of the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary. Ask God to continue granting wisdom and provision in Leonid's many responsibilities.

14 SGA-supported missionary pastor Vladimir T. and his church have been engaging in many different community outreaches, including provision of potatoes for needy families. Pray with us that this leads to open doors for the Gospel to be lovingly shared.

15 Remember to pray for ongoing SGA-supported Compassion Ministry in Belarus. We are deeply thankful to God for the opportunity to help needy families through the faithful churches that distribute the aid and present the life-changing Gospel.

UKRAINE



16 The awful war in Ukraine has traumatized the Ukrainian people, especially the children. Please pray with us for the faithful children's workers as they share the love of Christ and the sure hope they can have in Him.



17 In addition to Ukrainian Baptist Union leader Valery Antonyuk, please also pray for the regional pastors spread out across Ukraine's 24 oblasts (states). These "pastors to pastors" carry great burdens and responsibilities in their

support role to churches.

18 As always, pray for SGA's Kiev RMC staff led by Ruslan Muratayev. Ask for God's ongoing provision and protection in these difficult days for their nation.

19 It will soon be time for graduation at the SGA-supported Irpin Biblical Seminary. Join us in praise to God with thanksgiving for His gracious provision in maintaining this solid Bible school through the years.

20 SGA-supported missionary Pastor Ivan's church held children's outreaches in 11 villages last summer, involving 1,635 children. They also had a mobile tent used to distribute Christian literature, New Testaments, and brochures. Pray for ongoing fruit from these ministries.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

21 Continue to intercede for ongoing *Antioch Initiative* Bible training in Far East Russia and other locations this year. Also keep praying for new opportunities to expand this solid teaching in other areas where it is needed.

22 As negotiations continue in the aftermath of the war between Israel and Hamas in Gaza, the threat of violence and terrorist attacks is always present. Pray for SGA-supported missionary pastors and their congregations as they discreetly lift up Christ.

23 In the former Soviet nations of Central Asia, Islam is dominant among the people although the

governments are secular. Lift up SGA-supported missionary pastors as they shepherd their churches and quietly share the Gospel as God grants opportunity.

24 Azerbaijan located in the Caucasus region can be a very difficult place for evangelical Christians due to government pressure and other religious groups opposed to their ministry. May God encourage their hearts, protect them, and open Gospel doors as they faithfully serve Christ.

25 The Central Asian nations where SGA works are Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan. Please intercede in prayer for the faithful missionary pastors we support as they plant new churches and engage in discreet evangelism.



26 Lift in prayer the faculty and students of the SGA-supported Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. Central Asia is a difficult place for ministry, and the need for doctrinally sound, biblically trained pastors and church workers is great.

27 Continue to intercede for SGA's international offices in Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, and New Zealand. Each have their own specific areas of ministry focus, and we are thankful to partner with them in ministry.

28 We are so deeply thankful to the Lord for SGA's retired

missionaries, some of whom go back to SGA's earlier days with our founder Peter Deyneka. Even though officially retired, they continue to serve the Lord faithfully as He grants opportunity.

29 Whether it is here at home in the USA or overseas, the world is consumed by much turmoil. Join us in praying for God to move as only He can, opening doors for the Gospel and bringing repentance to many hearts.

30 This year brings a major change to the SGA-supported *Immanuel's Child* ministry. We are removing the Russian text from all Bethlehem Star ornaments and changing to a "Wordless Star," which will enable us to expand Christmas

ministries where Islam is dominant, or where Russian is not the primary language. Pray for many more children to be reached for Christ this year!



31 Reflection: We end the month with the Apostle Paul's awestruck wonder of our living God . . . *Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways* (Romans 11:33)!

Partner Prayer Requests

Please remember our son in prayer . . . needs friends . . .

Chapel Hill, Tennessee

For recovery after a stroke . . .

Salem, Oregon

Pray for our health . . .

Fountain City, Wisconsin

I'm facing several medical issues . . . need healing . . .

Columbus, Mississippi

Pray for my family . . .

Cuba, New York

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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