



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:

Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father (Colossians 3:17).

1 Reflection: As we start July, join us in reflection on King David's assuring psalm . . . *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 Please continue to intercede for the children attending SGA-supported Summer Bible Camp ministries through August. May the Lord open their hearts to the Gospel as they hear His Word and experience His great love.

3 With the outbreak of the Iran war, the world has experienced significant economic instability and high fuel prices. Pray for an end to the conflict while also asking the Lord to continue His gracious provision for SGA partners and our ministry outreaches.

4 SGA's new fiscal year began July 1, and will run through June 30, 2027. We praise and thank the Lord for His wonderful provision, and look forward with anticipation of what He will do in advancing the Gospel over the next 12 months.

5 Continue to lift up SGA's board of directors, led by Dr. Rick

Goertzen. Ask God to continually grant them wisdom and direction as they chart our mission's course with SGA president Michael Johnson.

RUSSIA



6 Russia's Tambov region can be very challenging for ministry, yet Andrei—an SGA-supported missionary pastor—has faithfully served there for several years and seizes every opportunity God grants for evangelism. Please lift him and his church in prayer today.



7 Pray today for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). We are thankful to the Lord for His servant leadership of Russia's largest evangelical church fellowship.

8 Moscow is a huge city with a population of some 13 million people. Pray for SGA's Regional Ministry Center (RMC) there, asking

for God's ongoing provision. We are thankful for director Valery Kazakov and his faithful team.

9 Intercede for the SGA-supported *Orphans Reborn* ministry across Russia and six other former Soviet nations. We praise and thank the Lord for the opportunity to reach children in more than 280 orphanages. May the Lord open many young hearts to the Gospel!



10 Please pray today for Sergei Meleshko, who now serves as national youth director for the Russian Baptist Union. Ask for God's wisdom as he and his fellow youth leaders disciple today's youth amid many challenges.

UKRAINE



11 Please keep praying for SGA-supported missionary pastors in Ukraine as they travel and take food plus other aid to needy families and refugees from the war. Pray that these distributions will lead to many Gospel opportunities.

12 Summer is typically filled with ministry practicum assignments for students enrolled at the SGA-supported Irpin Biblical Seminary. Join us in praying for them as they continue their studies this fall.

13 Pray for Ruslan Muratayev and his faithful team at SGA's Kyiv RMC as they continue to navigate ministry challenges caused by the war

with Russia. We are thankful to the Lord for their faithfulness to Christ and the life-changing Gospel.

14 Polykarp is an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Ukraine who has been leading many outreaches for families, including special conferences and other events. Pray for much spiritual fruit to be gathered as a result.

15 Continue to intercede in prayer for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian Baptist Union. These are difficult days for Ukraine, and the churches Valery leads need continual wisdom from the Lord, as well as protection in their ministries.

BELARUS



16 Pray for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, who holds a dual role as president of the Belarus Baptist Union, and president of the SGA-supported Minsk Theological Seminary. May the Lord encourage Leonid's heart today and provide for the needs of his family.

17 Lift up SGA-supported missionary pastors in Belarus as they continue engaging in Compassion Ministry across the country. As much-needed aid is distributed to needy families, it opens up many doors for the Gospel.



18 Pray for SGA Minsk RMC director Piotr Podrez and his

team today. Ask God to sustain their health and strength as they fulfill their ministry of service to Bible-preaching churches across Belarus.

19 Mikhail is an SGA-supported worker in Belarus who leads an *Orphans Reborn* team in his region, and they have had opportunities to minister to children from the Roma people group. Pray that many will come to faith in Christ as they hear the Gospel.

20 Continue to lift the SGA-supported Little Pearl Diagnostic Camp in Belarus over the summer. Many needy children come to the camp each year for evaluation and limited treatment, and they also hear the Gospel from loving camp workers. Ask for God's ongoing provision.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

21 Pray today for Arkadiy Belik, who leads the Baptist Union of Uzbekistan in Central Asia. Ask the Lord to grant Arkadiy wisdom as he leads churches in a region where ministry can be difficult for evangelical congregations.

22 The war with Iran has resulted in serious damage and casualties across Israel as they have sustained frequent missile fire. Let's intercede today for our brothers and sisters there, asking the Lord to protect them and open doors for the Gospel during these uncertain days.

23 Pray today for Katya, an SGA-supported children's ministry

leader in Central Asia. We praise and thank the Lord for her fruitful labors in sharing the Gospel with many children in this difficult region.

24 We are thankful for God's faithful provision of the SGA-supported Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. Please lift the faculty and students in prayer as they study God's Word and prepare for future Gospel ministry.

25 Pray for the continued development of SGA-supported ministry in Moldova as our relationship with church leaders deepens. We are thankful for these brothers and sisters and their faithfulness in serving Christ.

26 Remember SGA's director of Bible training in Israel in prayer today. Ask for God's continual protection as the overall situation there remains tense due to the conflict with Iran and its proxies in the region.

27 Lift SGA's international offices in prayer—Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and the United Kingdom. May the Lord grant increased resources for the overall SGA family to enable even greater support of the Bible-preaching churches we serve.

28 Since SGA's founding, provision of Russian-language Bibles, children's Christian literature, theological works, and other materials has been a vital priority. Join us in thanksgiving for God's Word and its impact in changing lives for eternity through the Gospel.



29 With any SGA-supported children's ministry such as Summer Bible Camps, Sunday



schools, or *Immanuel's Child* at Christmas, follow up ministry with the children after the events is a high priority. Pray for even more contacts with the children and their families, and open doors for the Gospel.

30 Please remember the staff at SGA's main office in Loves Park, Illinois. Ask the Lord to encourage their hearts as they serve churches and our mission's partners each day.

31 Reflection: We end the month with the psalmist's song of praise . . . *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

For continued good health . . .

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Pray for strength and energy . . .

Eureka, Illinois

For an affordable place to live . . . my health . . .

Silver Spring, Maryland

Pray for our granddaughter who is battling cancer . . .

Hudsonville, Michigan

Please lift our church's finances in prayer . . .

Reno, Nevada

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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