



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:

Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2).

1 Reflection: We begin the new month with the psalmist's reflection on our God and Father . . . *Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were born or you gave birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, you are God (Psalm 90:1-2).*

2 Each September, SGA sends *Immanuel's Child* kits to participating churches here in the U.S. that have requested them for this year's Christmas outreaches. Please pray with us that even more churches will join this outreach and reach even more children for Christ across the former Soviet Union.



3 SGA's board of directors meets on the 14th. Please pray for God's wisdom and direction, and for His continued blessing on SGA's ministries.

4 Pray for SGA's international offices in the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia. May the Lord continue to direct their steps and provide abundant resources as they press on with their respective ministries.

RUSSIA



5 We praise and thank the Lord for the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary. As the fall term begins, remember to lift the faculty and students in prayer as they learn the proper handling of Scripture and other key subjects.

6 Pray for youth pastors and workers in Russia as they continue to disciple young believers in Christ and reach the unbelieving with the Gospel. Pray especially for youth who are already involved in the ministries of their churches.

7 Join us in giving thanks to God for SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC) team led by director Valery Kazakov. May the Lord grant them continual joy in their service to Christ and to the faithful churches He

is building across vast lands of Russia.

8 Pray for Khakim, an SGA-supported missionary pastor with a vibrant children's and youth ministry. He also uses sports activities as a means of discipling. Ask God to draw many young people to Himself as they hear the Gospel. Also pray for his family's health.



9 Our good friend in sharing the Gospel, Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, was recently re-elected to a third term as president of the Russian Baptist Union. Please continue to intercede for Piotr as he fulfills his many ministry responsibilities.

10 Pray for follow-up ministry that will be taking place with children now that Summer Bible Camp season has come to a close. Also pray in advance for SGA-supported *Immanuel's Child* outreaches that take place at Christmas in a few months.

BELARUS



11 This past May, Franklin Graham held an evangelistic outreach in Minsk, the capital of Belarus. Please join us in praying for the evangelical churches carrying on with follow-up ministry to those who responded to the Gospel invitation.

12 Continue to lift up director Piotr Podrez and our team at SGA's Minsk RMC. We are thankful to God for their many years of faithful service to evangelical churches across Belarus.

13 Pray for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the Baptist Union in Belarus. Leonid shoulders double-duty as leader of the SGA-supported Minsk Theological Seminary. Pray also for the students enrolled as they study in the fall term.

14 Viktor, an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Belarus, has faced some health challenges for some time. Pray for strength and healing, as he maintains a full active ministry in the midst of his physical trials.

15 Political tensions continue to ebb and flow in Belarus and in relations with the West. As always, lift the churches in prayer, asking God to prevent their Gospel ministries from being hindered.



UKRAINE



16 Pray today for Ruslan Muratayev and the staff of our Kiev RMC, asking the Lord to encourage their hearts, keep them safe, and provide for their needs—both ministry and family. We praise and thank the Lord for their steadfast dedication in serving Him.

17 With the ongoing war, many have come to faith in Christ. SGA-supported churches and pastors are ministering to them in the midst of their devastating losses of homes and loved ones. Pray that God will strengthen the faith of these new believers, helping them to be fruitful witnesses as they grow in Him.



18 Continue praying for the SGA-supported Irpin Biblical Seminary—faculty as well as students. We praise and thank the Lord for the joyful graduation ceremonies held in late May, and trust that He will continue to guide the graduates in their ministries.

19 Viktor G. is an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Ukraine whose church continues to reach out to children who were introduced to Jesus through SGA's *Immanuel's Child* ministry last Christmas season. Pray for many more children and their families to come to faith in Christ this year.

20 Pastor Valery Antonyuk continues to serve as president of the Ukrainian Baptist Union during very difficult days for his nation. Ask God to give Valery continual strength and encouragement.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

21 Lift Yuri Skurydin, director of the SGA-supported Almaty Bible Institute, in prayer. Also remember the student body as they commence the fall term of study and delve deeply into God's Word.

22 With the Iran war that began earlier this year plus ongoing clashes with the Hezbollah terrorist group, tensions in Israel remain high. Pray for SGA's director of Bible training and his students, asking for God's continual protection.

23 In Moldova, Yuri T. and other SGA-supported missionary pastors continue to share Christ's love and the Gospel with refugees from the war in Ukraine. Pray that many more people will turn to Jesus in faith through this vital ministry.

24 Poverty continues to be a very serious problem in Central Asia, especially in the nation of Tajikistan. Lift the faithful missionary pastors SGA supports there, asking for God's provision and for open Gospel doors.



25 Please pray today for Pastor Illya Zenchenko, who leads the Baptist Union in Azerbaijan. With a largely Muslim population, ministry in this Caucasus-bordering country can be very difficult.

26 Through the years, many SGA partners have graciously included SGA in their wills and estate planning to further support advance of the Gospel. We are deeply thankful to God and these generous partners for their dedication and faithfulness.

27 In addition to enrolled students at the campuses of SGA-supported seminaries and Bible institutes, a significant number also study through distance-learning online. Please remember these students in prayer as they prepare for ministry.

28 With some SGA staff retirements, we are asking for God's guidance as new team members come on board, and as we press on with the mission

God gave us more than 90 years ago.

29 For many years now, *Orphans Reborn* has been one of the most fruitful of all SGA-supported outreaches, bringing thousands of children to personal faith in Christ. There are many more children desperately needing to hear the Gospel, so please join us in asking the Lord for increased resources to support this ministry.

30 **Reflection:** We close the month with the psalmist's praise to God . . . *I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. May my praise be pleasing to Him; as for me, I shall rejoice in the Lord* (Psalm 104:33-34).

Partner Prayer Requests

Pray for repentance in our country . . .

Auburn, California

For health and daily needs . . .

Lincoln, Illinois

I have an unspoken request . . .

Elkins, Arkansas

Pray for ongoing healing from injuries . . .

Monroe, Connecticut

Please pray for our pastor's health . . .

Cudahy, Wisconsin

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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