



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:

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life (1 John 5:20).

1 Reflection: Let's begin October with King David's song of praise to God . . . *Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind!* (Psalm 31:19).

2 In January, SGA will observe 93 years of ministry serving the churches of the former Soviet Union. Join together with us in praise and thanksgiving to God for all He has done through our mission since as we equip the churches with the resources they need for their outreaches.

3 Intercede for SGA's leadership team. Please ask for God's ongoing wisdom and direction in the constantly changing ministry environment overseas.

4 Join us today in thanking the Lord for His faithful provision in supplying Bibles and Christian literature for distribution across our countries of service. As Scripture tells us . . . *The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word*

of our God stands forever (Isaiah 40:8).

RUSSIA



5 Pray for the faculty and students of the SGA-supported Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary. Now well into their fall term, these faithful students are deeply thankful for this opportunity to receive training in sound doctrine and ministry.

6 SGA's Regional Ministry Centers—including our Moscow office led by Valery Kazakov, is vitally important to our ministry of serving evangelical churches across Russia's 11 time zones. Please lift Valery and our Moscow team in prayer today.

7 Gennady is an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Russia's Kostroma region, and he regularly engages in one-on-one evangelism in addition to children's ministries. Pray especially for the follow-up ministry that takes place after Christmas and other times of the year.

8 Dr. Piotr Mitskevich has begun his third term as president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Join us in lifting this faithful brother before the Lord today.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL



9 The war in Iran has had multiple affects across the Middle East and around the world. Pray for our brothers and sisters in evangelical congregations in Israel as the nation continues to be a target for Islamic extremists. Pray especially for our director of Bible training and his family.

10 As winter gets closer, please pray for SGA-supported Compassion Ministry that takes place through churches in the former Soviet countries of Central Asia. People in Tajikistan especially face deep poverty, especially in the mountainous regions.

11 In Russia's Caucasus Mountains, the regions of Dagestan, Chechnya, and Kabardino-Balkaria can be very difficult for Bible-preaching churches due to Islam's influence. Intercede often for our brothers and sisters there as they discreetly proclaim the Gospel.

12 As you pray today, remember the SGA-supported Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. We are thankful

to God for director Yuri Skurydin and the faithful students, and for the Lord's faithful provision in keeping this key Bible school operating.

13 Political tensions remain high in the former Soviet republic of Georgia, but the faithful churches Christ is building continue to faithfully proclaim the Gospel. Pray for Levan, a long-time SGA-supported missionary pastor and physician, as he reaches people for Christ both through his church and medical clinic.

UKRAINE



14 Pray for Artem, who is an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Ukraine. Artem's church has a fruitful children's ministry, and has also held a women's ministry conference in the past year focusing on serving women who have unbelieving husbands. May these outreaches bear much fruit for the glory of Christ!

15 Ukraine has 24 oblasts (states) in addition to two cities with special status—Kiev and Sevastopol, which is in the disputed territory of Crimea. Pray for the regional pastors of the Ukrainian Baptist Union who serve in each of these oblasts and cities, asking for God's protection and blessings.

16 Pray as always for the SGA-supported Irpin Biblical Seminary in Ukraine. Despite the ongoing war, the faculty and students remain focused on what God has called them to do—studying the Word of God to be equipped for fruitful ministry.

17 Lift SGA-supported missionary pastor Konstantin in your prayers. In the midst of the war's

constant blackouts and bombardment, he and his church conduct ongoing ministry with children, as well as discipleship training and evangelism. We are thankful to God for Konstantin's faithful witness.

18 Pray for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian Baptist Union. Pray also for his family and loved ones as he fulfills his oversight responsibilities in difficult days for his country.

BELARUS



19 Pavel is an SGA-supported missionary pastor who has been carrying out visitation ministry with single-parent families and other individuals in his region. Pray for much fruit to come as the Gospel is lovingly shared.

20 Per various news reports, relations are quietly improving again between the government in Belarus and the USA. Please join us in praying for the loosening of restrictions on the ministries of evangelical churches there.

21 Lift up the staff of SGA's RMC in Minsk, led by Piotr Podrez. We are thankful to God for His gracious blessing on our team as they serve Bible-teaching churches across Belarus.



22 SGA's support for Compassion Ministry continues to enable

missionary pastors to render food and other aid to needy families, thus creating open doors for the Gospel to be shared. Pray with us that God will draw many to Himself as they experience His love.

23 Pray for Pastor Yuri Romanchik, who was recently elected as the new president of the Baptist Union in Belarus. Pray also for Leonid Mihovich, who held the role previously in addition to leading Minsk Theological Seminary. We praise and thank the Lord for both of these faithful leaders and their ministries.

24 Pray today for Garland Gould, SGA's senior vice president of partner engagement. Garland and his team are thankful for the opportunities they have to visit our faithful partners and fill them in on the ministries they help support.

25 Continue to pray for ongoing development of ministry support to churches in the former Soviet republic of Moldova, which borders Romania and Ukraine. May God open many new fruitful doors for the faithful believers there to share the Gospel with their people.

26 Media interviews with television and radio stations are one way that SGA endeavors to tell the story of what God is doing across the former Soviet Union. Ask for God's continued blessing and direction in seeking out these opportunities.

27 While Christmas is still a few months away, it is never too early to begin praying for SGA-supported *Immanuel's Child* outreaches that will take place across

the former Soviet countries in December and January. Join us in asking God to draw even greater numbers of children to Himself through the Gospel this upcoming season.

28 Pray today for Dr. Larry Duncan, SGA's director of training ministries. Larry oversees our support for several Bible institutes and seminaries across the former Soviet Union, as well as *Antioch Initiative* training in varying locations.

29 Continue to pray for SGA's board of directors, chaired by Dr. Rick Goertzen. We are thankful to the Lord for these faithful men who give of their time to help chart the

ministry course for our mission.

30 Pray for SGA's international offices in the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia. May God greatly increase their resources for ministry in their respective countries, and opportunities to share the story of what God is graciously doing through SGA.

31 Reflection: We conclude the month with this admonition from the writer of Hebrews . . . *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful* (Hebrews 10:23).

Partner Prayer Requests

Please pray for our loved ones and their spiritual condition . . .

Lake George, Colorado

My husband went to be with the Lord earlier this year . . .

Citrus Heights, California

Continue to pray for recovery from a fall and broken bones . . .

Rockford, Illinois

Pray with us as we organize a Bible study ministry . . .

Myerstown, Pennsylvania

Several loved ones have health needs . . . pray for healing . . .

Springfield, Massachusetts

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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