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 whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may clearly be seen that his works have been carried out in God (John 3:21).

1 **Reflection:** *Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips! Do not let my heart incline to any evil, to busy myself with wicked deeds . . .* (Psalm 141:3-4).

2 Please pray for all the SGA-supported Bible training ministries that reach across the former Soviet Union. Equipping pastors and church leaders with doctrinally sound teaching from God's Word is vital to the churches we serve and for the advance of the Gospel.

3 Pray for SGA's board of directors, chaired by Dr. Rick Goertzen. We are thankful to the Lord for our board's willingness to serve and provide oversight to our mission.

4 As cold weather has begun in many parts of the former Soviet Union, SGA-supported Compassion Ministry is all the more important. Lift up this ongoing need before the Lord as poverty is severe, especially in Central Asia.



5 The war between the U.S. and Iran has had global impacts with the price of fuel, and this certainly impacts the ministries of SGA-supported missionary pastors. Pray for a soon end to the conflict, and that prices will come back down to a manageable level for those who must travel frequently.

RUSSIA

6 Pray for Konstantin, an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Russia's Belogorsk region. Konstantin has a vibrant youth and children's ministry in addition to family outreach. Pray for much fruit!



7 Lift Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian Union of Evangelical

Christians-Baptists (UECB) in prayer. Piotr was recently asked to serve a third term as leader of Russia's Baptist Union. Pray for wisdom and strength in his many duties.

8 Valery Kazakov has been the director of SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC) for many years. Ask the Lord to bless and encourage him and our Moscow team as they serve during these difficult days in Russia.

9 Pastor Igor Khoklov serves as leader of the SGA-supported Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary in Siberia. Join us in praying for continued growth of the school and for the resources that will enable more students to enroll.

10 In addition to Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, the Russian UECB also has seven regional vice presidents with oversight responsibilities across the country's 11 time zones. Please lift these faithful men in prayer today.

UKRAINE

11 Lift up the staff of SGA's Kyiv RMC, led by Ruslan Muratayev. There are many pressures and dangers faced by our RMC team in Ukraine due to the ongoing war and constant bombardment from missiles and drones. May God grant His protection to the RMC staff, their families, and the faithful churches they serve.

12 The SGA-supported Irpin Biblical Seminary celebrates 35 years of fruitful Bible training this year. Pray with thanksgiving for seminary leader Dr. Mikola Romaniuk, the students, and faculty, as well as for the many who have graduated and are now engaged in fruitful church ministry.

13 Pray today for Pastor Vladimir in Ukraine, an SGA-supported missionary pastor who maintains a busy youth and children's outreach in addition to those who have reached college-age. Ask God to bring forth much fruit among the youth, and to draw them to faith in Christ.

14 With constant attacks on Ukraine's power infrastructure during the war, the winter is beyond difficult for many families. Pray not only for an end to the war, but also for the resources needed to help these families get through the cold months.

15 Lift up Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian UECB. Ask for God's peace and encouragement as Valery and other church leaders shepherd their churches and help their people with their heavy burdens.

BELARUS

16 There has been much speculation in the media on whether Belarus will get directly involved in the war between Russia and Ukraine, although the government insists that will not happen. Please pray that the war does not expand to other countries, and for peace to be reached.

17 Continue to pray for the students and faculty of the SGA-supported Minsk Theological Seminary. Currently there are 217 students enrolled, and we lift up praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for the opportunity to provide them with sound Bible training.

18 Intercede for our team at the Minsk RMC, which has been led by Piotr Podrez for many years. May God grant them joy in their service to Christ, and daily strength for each day's important tasks.

19 Pray for SGA-supported missionary pastors in Belarus as they follow up with those reached during last May's Festival of Hope evangelistic event. Ask the Lord to bring great fruit from the Gospel seeds planted then.



20 Pray for Pastor Yuri Romanchik, who replaced Pastor Leonid Mihovich as president of the Baptist Union of Belarus earlier this year. Ask for God's continued wisdom and direction in Yuri's new responsibilities.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

21 Pray for Egor, an SGA-supported missionary pastor who is engaged in further development of home group ministry in northern Tajikistan. As with much of Central Asia, Tajikistan can be a very difficult place for evangelical church ministry due to dominant Islam.

22 Continue to lift up SGA's director of Bible training in Israel. We praise and thank the Lord for the opportunities he has to travel across Israel and hold classes on God's Word with many students. These students will go on to greatly strengthen their local congregations.

23 Russia's Caucasus region is made up of regions like Chechnya, Dagestan, Ingushetia, North Ossetia-Alania, Kabardino-Balkaria, Adygia, and Karachay-Cherkessia. Islam is dominant in five of these regions, making it challenging for evangelical church ministry. Lift our brothers and sisters there in prayer today.

24 Join us in praising God for the fruitful ministry taking place among social orphans in Central Asia. Please pray for SGA-supported missionary pastors in this region who must carry out their ministry with these children discreetly because of opposition.

25 Pray today for the SGA-supported Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan as students will be wrapping up their fall term soon. May the Lord enable them to use what they have learned to strengthen their ministries and build them on the solid foundation of God's Word.

26 **Thanksgiving Day:** *Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever* (1 Chronicles 16:34). As we gather with our loved ones on this wonderful holiday, let us always remember to offer up praise to our God with thankful hearts for His blessing and provision in our lives. He is worthy!

27 Pray as always for SGA's international offices in the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia. May the Lord greatly multiply their resources for ministry with the churches they serve across the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

28 Continue to pray for the distribution of Bibles and Christian literature across the former Soviet Union. We praise the Lord for His gracious provision of His Word and its Gospel impact on millions of people.



29 SGA-supported *Immanuel's Child* Christmas outreaches begin in less than a month and will run through January 7. Please intercede in advance and often, and pray that even more children will be reached with the Gospel this Christmas season.

30 **Reflection:** We conclude the month with the psalmist's thankful praise to God . . . *In the way of Your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. I will meditate on Your precepts and fix my eyes on Your ways. I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your Word* (Psalm 119:14-16).

Partner Prayer Requests

Please pray for a friend struggling with health issues . . .
Columbia, Tennessee

Pray for the children who attended our VBS in the summer . . .
Morgan Hill, California

Lift up our grandson who is in military training . . .
Castlewood, South Dakota

Please remember my family . . .
Newton, Georgia

For wisdom and discernment . . .
Machiasport, Maine

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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