

"Much Prayer, Much Power!"

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Prayer & Praise



Scripture theme for October 2012

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Join us each day this month in prayer and praise for the work of Christ in the lands of Russia.

1 Reflection: We begin the new month with the lovely prayer of King David . . . *Heed the sound of my cry for help, my King and my God, for to You I pray. In the morning, O Lord, You will hear my voice; in the morning I will order my prayer to you and eagerly watch (Psalm 5:2-3).*

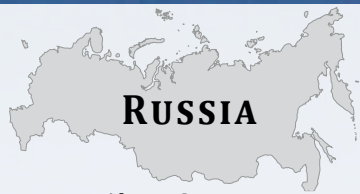
2 Pray throughout this month for SGA president Bob Provost. Bob has an extensive travel schedule this month—preaching in Brazil and in Michigan, followed by ministry trips to Russia, Israel, and the Republic of Georgia.

3 We praise and thank the Lord for the way He is growing youth ministry across the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). These are

believing youth IN ministry eager to share their faith in Christ. Pray for the resources to equip them with training, Christian literature and help with expenses as they travel and participate in evangelism.

4 Pray for SGA's senior missionaries—Ruth Deyneka Erdel, Andrew Semenchuk, Florence Daneliuk, and Nick and Rose Leonovich. We are thankful for their ongoing ministry for the sake of the Gospel.

5 Pray for Rev. Allan Vincent, director of SGA/Canada. Allan has a ministry trip to Russia scheduled for later in the month. Pray that he will be an encouragement and blessing to our brothers and sisters.



RUSSIA

6 Pastor Alexei Smirnov serves as president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB), with Pastor Eugene Bakhmutsky as senior vice president. Both maintain an intense ministry and travel schedule, and are thankful for the regular intercession of God's people.

7 Pray for Russia's national youth ministry leader, Pastor Vlad Treskin. May the Lord grant Vlad many opportunities to help local churches across Russia to build their ministries to adolescents and teenagers—the future of the church, should the Lord tarry in His coming.

8 Lift SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Yevgeny Novikov in prayer today. Yevgeny labors in Russia's huge Krasnoyarsk territory, and is involved in reaching out to people who hold to animist or occultic beliefs. Ask for God's anointing, blessing and protection.

9 Russia's territory is enormous, and some of our missionary pastors labor in very rural, isolated places with extreme climates. Ask God to encourage their hearts, and to enable SGA to help them with any needs that arise, as resources are difficult to obtain.

10 Lift the SGA-sponsored *Antioch Initiative* in prayer, especially in the locations across Russia where the main training components have been completed. May the Lord bless and anoint what the churches have learned and enable them to plant many new daughter congregations!

11 Intercede for the faculty and students of the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary. Pray especially for the students who are engaged in distance learning programs, and for those who are studying for non-pastoral ministry roles.



BELARUS

12 Pray today for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary. Pastor Mihovich maintains a busy personal evangelistic ministry in addition to his oversight responsibilities at the school. We praise the Lord for his dedicated example.

13 Lift Pastor Alexander Pinchuk in prayer today. Alexander is an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in the Belarussian town of Cherven, and he has a fruitful ministry with children and the elderly. May the Lord provide for his needs and encourage his heart today.

14 Please intercede for the Bible-preaching churches of Belarus on a nationwide basis. Government restrictions make ministry very difficult, yet the Gospel continues to go forth and the Lord is drawing many to Himself in saving faith.

15 As with all churches across the CIS who held summer children's camp ministries, our brothers and sisters in Belarus are engaged in follow up ministry with the children who attended, and their families. Lift this before the Lord in prayer today, asking for God's anointing and blessing.

16 Please remember the 20 missionary pastors who are distributing food parcels to needy families with the assistance of SGA and Children's Hunger Fund. The reports we are receiving from Belarus and Ukraine are exciting, and this ministry is opening doors for the Gospel!

CENTRAL ASIA CAUCASUS AND ISRAEL

17 As you pray today, ask for God's continued guidance as SGA supports Bible training in Israel. Join us in praising God for the students who will complete their bible training programs this month, the first SGA graduates in Israel.

18 Earlier this year, we received news that a Protestant church in Kazakhstan was forced to close due to actions by the local government. Please intercede for the registered UECB churches SGA serves, asking for God's continued protection.

19 The rise of radical Islamic terrorists is a matter of legitimate concern by governments across Muslim Central Asia, but Christian believers are often caught up in the crackdowns imposed on religious freedom. Please intercede for our brothers and sisters in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and their neighboring countries.

20 Despite growing oppression of believers, we are receiving encouraging reports from SGA-sponsored missionary pastors in Tajikistan, where fruitful Gospel ministry is taking place. Please lift their

labors in prayer while also thanking the Lord for the opportunities to share His love.

21 Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastors in Russia's Caucasus region, which has seen much bloodshed since the Soviet collapse. Pray especially for believers in the Chechnya region, where resurgent Islam has forced them to go underground and minister very discreetly.

22 Lift Pastor Franz Tissen in prayer as he fulfills his responsibilities as president of the Kazakh UECB. Please also remember the UECB leaders in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan.

23 While open evangelism is very difficult in the "stan" countries, our missionary pastors find various creative ways to share the Gospel—one-on-one, rural meetings, low-key children's ministries and even humanitarian aid provided by SGA partners. Intercede in prayer for our brothers and sisters.

24 Since the 2004 terrorist attack on a school in Beslan, Russia, local evangelical churches have been steadfast in sharing the love and reconciliation that can only be found through Christ. Please remember SGA-sponsored missionary pastors in this difficult region today.



UKRAINE

25 Intercede in prayer today for Vyacheslav Nesteruk,

president of the Ukrainian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists. Pray also for the regional pastors serving across Ukraine's 24 oblasts (states) and the autonomous republic of Crimea.

26 Our professor of Bible, Dr. Roman Dechtiarenko, will soon begin a series of Bible classes at the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary in Ukraine. Pray for God's blessing on the students—and for Roman as he teaches.

27 Lift the staff of SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC) in prayer today. Especially remember director Sergei Gladishko, whose beloved father went to be with Christ earlier this year.

28 SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Bronislav Zilkovsky labors in Ukraine's Odessa region, and has a fruitful ministry with children at a local orphanage. Pray for Bronislav, as well as for the

young ones who will come to saving faith as they hear the Gospel.

29 We praise and thank the Lord for the faculty and staff of Irpen Biblical Seminary and Odessa Theological Seminary. Ask for God's continued provision to keep these key Bible schools operating at full capacity.

30 We rejoice at the tremendous level of freedom enjoyed today by evangelical churches in Ukraine. Pray with us that it will continue for the sake of the Gospel and all who still need to hear.

31 We conclude October with the wonderful prophecy of Israel's coming Messiah from the prophet Isaiah. May it encourage your heart today! *The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them (Isaiah 9:2).*

Partner Prayer Requests

Pray for the growth of our church...

Swift Current, Saskatchewan

My husband recently passed... pray for comfort...

Fresno, California

Intercede about a difficult family situation...

Boone, North Carolina

For the deliverance and salvation of my son...

Freeport, Illinois

The SGA staff is honored to bring your requests to the Lord. We thank you for the opportunity to serve you in this way.



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