

"Much Prayer, Much Power!"

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Prayer & Praise



Scripture theme for August 2013

... and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us (Romans 5:5).

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 praying for you—our faithful partners—with the fervent prayer of the Apostle Paul . . . *We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints (Colossians 1:3-4).*

2 We are thankful to you—our ministry partners—for your faithfulness in lifting SGA's ministries in prayer. We are also thankful for the opportunity to pray for you each morning in our staff prayer groups. As our founder Peter Deyneka loved to declare . . . *Much Prayer, Much Power!*

3 Pray today for SGA president Bob Provost and our leadership team—vice presidents Rosemary Ganesin and Eric Mock. May the Lord grant them abundant wisdom and direction as they direct our mission's activities.

4 This Wednesday is SGA's quarterly staff Day of Prayer at our Loves Park, Illinois, headquarters. Please join us today in praying for our mission's many ministries, staff, international offices and workers, and for the needs of our precious partners who help make our ministries possible.



BELARUS

5 We praise God for the way He is using the youth of Minsk's Golgotha Baptist Church in evangelizing Belarus. Pray for youth leader Dima Podrez and the teams as they serve, setting a godly example for their generation.

6 Soon the fall term begins at the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary. Pray for President Leonid Mihovich, the students and faculty as they study God's Word.

7 Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Alexander Branovitsky serving in Belarus' Gomel region. Alexander has been sharing Christ's love with local drug addicts in addition to his church ministry. Pray for their salvation.

8 A recent roof collapse at the Chernobyl nuclear plant in Ukraine worried Belarus, which absorbed the brunt of the radiation from the 1986 accident. Pray for the SGA-sponsored Little Pearl children's camp in Kobrin, which ministers to young radiation patients.

9 Pray for director Piotr Podrez and SGA's Minsk Regional Ministry Center (RMC) staff. Ask for God's continued blessing, protection and provision as they serve Bible-preaching churches across the nation of Belarus.



RUSSIA

10 Please intercede for renewed improvement in relations between Russia and the West. Ask the Lord to maintain religious freedom, and that doors remain open to help churches advance the Gospel.

11 Praise God for the faithful charitable foundations that help underwrite a portion of SGA's ministries. Pray for God's leading in connecting with other foundations who share our passion for the Gospel in the CIS.

12 Please pray for Pastor Alexei Smirnov, president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). May God grant him continued wisdom in leading the largest evangelical fellowship.

13 SGA's Moscow RMC helps coordinate our mission's ministry activities in Russia and other nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). Lift director Valery Kazakov and his team in prayer today.

14 Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Sergei Repinsky in Russia's Yaroslavl region. Sergei's church ministers at juvenile detention centers, orphanages, and with the elderly in hospice care.

15 Please continue to pray regularly for SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* teams across Russia and the CIS. We rejoice at the impact this ministry is having in the lives of thousands of lonely, forgotten children.

16 We praise the Lord for the godly example of Pastor Eugene Bakhmutsky, vice president of the Russian UECB and pastor of Moscow's growing Russian Bible Church. Ask for God's ongoing blessing as the Gospel is proclaimed in Russia's capital.



UKRAINE

17 Pray for God's wisdom for SGA's advancement division—responsible for communication with our partners and raising needed funds for our ministries. Join us in asking the Lord for many new partners to help further advance His kingdom in the CIS.

18 Lift Pastor Vyacheslav Nesteruk, president of the Ukrainian UECB, in prayer today. We are thankful for this dedicated brother, his servant leadership, and commitment to the Word of God.

19 Pray for the faculty and students of the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary and Odessa Theological Seminary. Ask for God's ongoing financial provision to train future ministers in God's Word.

20 Intercede for director Sergei Gladishko and the staff of SGA's Kiev RMC. Pray that God will enable them to be an ongoing blessing and encouragement to evangelical churches across Ukraine.

21 Please pray for SGA's Dr. Sergei Omelchenko, our mission's chief Russian book editor. He is in the midst of translating a number of titles which need to be completed within the next few months. Also, please pray for the funding of these books.



CENTRAL ASIA CAUCASUS AND ISRAEL

22 Give thanks for God's provision to help churches in the Caucasus republic of Georgia. Please remember SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Zurab Khutsishvili in prayer as he ministers in villages surrounding the Gurjanni region.

23 More reports are coming out of Kazakhstan about the possibility of increased fines levied against evangelical churches and other pressure. Ask God to protect His people as they share the Gospel.

24 Remember Kazakh UECB president Franz Tissen in prayer, as well as his UECB colleagues across Central Asia. These faithful brothers need abundant wisdom from the Lord in these challenging days.

25 Intercede often in prayer for Stanislav, an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in Tajikistan. We rejoice at his report that thus far, he has been able to minister freely in his region, yet we feel constrained to do all that we can to protect his security.

26 Please remember ongoing SGA-sponsored Bible training in Israel, which is done in partnership with Israel College of the Bible. May this be a tremendous blessing and encouragement to Russian-speaking Jewish believers and congregations!

27 Pray for SGA's finance department, led by director Beverly Braunsky. Our mission's annual audit is this week—always a very busy time. We praise God for His blessing in receiving consistently high marks each year.

28 As the summer begins to wind down, the last of SGA-sponsored summer children's camp ministries will

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soon be concluding. Pray that many children will be drawn to saving faith in these final days of the season.

29 We continue to hear encouraging reports from faithful missionary pastors distributing food items to needy families with SGA's assistance. Pray that many hearts will be opened to the Gospel as they experience God's provision.

30 SGA president Bob Provost is scheduled for a major UECB conference in Kiev beginning today. Evangelism and missions is the emphasis. Please intercede for this key event!

31 Reflection: We close August with King David's song of trust in our faithful God and Father . . . *I have set the Lord continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will dwell securely (Psalm 16:8-9).*

Our daughter is trying to adopt a child . . . pray for quick resolution . . .

Woodleaf, North Carolina

We have several health struggles in our family . . .

Ridley Park, Pennsylvania

For ongoing faithfulness to Christ . . .

Sacramento, California

Please pray for restoration in family relationships . . .

Hartford, Wisconsin

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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