

# Prayer & Praise

*"Much Prayer, Much Power!"*

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## Scripture theme for February 2015

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God (1 John 4:7).*

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

**1 Reflection:** As we begin February, let us ponder the love God has shown us in His Son . . . *For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life (John 3:16).*

**2** Much of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) is still in the grip of harsh winter, and the needs of poor families are immense. Pray for missionary pastors who distribute aid through SGA-sponsored Compassion Ministry, as well as for those who receive it, and will hear the Gospel.

**3** Pray for SGA's leadership team—our president Bob Provost, along with vice presidents Eric Mock and Rosemary Giancesin. Ask for God's guidance and wisdom as they prayerfully steer SGA's future ministry course.

**4** Intercede for SGA's board of directors as they meet later this month. May the Lord grant them and our leadership abundant wisdom as ministry conditions in the CIS continue to rapidly change.

**5** Lift up Dr. Allan Vincent, director of SGA/Canada, in prayer today.

Ask God to grant more opportunities for Allan and his team to acquaint Canadian churches and individuals with the many Gospel opportunities in the CIS.

## Ukraine

**6** Please continue to pray for lasting peace and reconciliation in Ukraine. Pray for wise stewardship of SGA's missionary pastors, who are using our Crisis Evangelism Fund to minister to families in the midst of the violence and turmoil.

**7** Please pray for the SGA-sponsored Odessa Theological Seminary as they develop an evangelistic sports ministry program. Pray for wise planning and strategic decisions as they follow the Lord's leading.

**8** Intercede for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Ask for the Lord's anointing as Pastor Antonyuk and his team continue to work with churches to proclaim peace and reconciliation during this difficult time for Ukraine.

**9** Pray for missionary pastor Alexander Voloshchuk, who works in the Vinnitsa region. Pray for his ministry to local teens as they face difficult challenges entering adulthood—especially social and economic instability.

**10** Pray for the staff of SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC) as they continue to tirelessly serve evangelical churches across Ukraine. May the Lord encourage their hearts today and grant His blessing.

## Russia

**11** Pray for Pastor Alexei Smirnov, president of the Russian UECB, as he and his fellow pastors lead with faithfulness and passion for advancing the kingdom of God. So much of vast Russia remains to be reached with the Gospel!

**12** Lift up the staff of SGA's Moscow RMC, led by Valery Kazakov, as they provide support to over 150 SGA-sponsored missionary pastors. They also provide vital support to SGA staff as they travel in-country on ministry.

**13** Across Russia, there are various oblasts (states), territories, and autonomous republics—each with a regional pastor and UECB vice president in oversight. Ask for God's guidance as the churches proclaim the Gospel across such a vast, unreached space.

**14** Lift up SGA-supported churches and missionary pastors as they continue to follow up with children and families reached during *Immanuel's Child* Christmas

outreaches last month. Pray that God will draw many to Himself as His love is shared.

**15** Pray for the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary. We praise God for their adherence to strong, biblically sound theology, and the positive impact the school is having on Russian evangelical churches.

## Belarus

**16** Pray for the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC, led by Piotr Podrez. Pray also for Piotr's sons, Dima, Sasha, and Anton, as they also serve in Gospel ministry, especially with youth.

**17** Please remember Dr. Viktor Krutko, president of the Belarussian UECB, in your prayers today. Ask for God's ongoing provision of wisdom and guidance for Viktor and his fellow pastors as they serve amid much opposition to evangelical churches.

**18** Pray for the students enrolled at the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary. May the sound biblical education they are receiving be a blessing to many churches now, and in the future as new churches are planted.

**19** Praise God for the fruitful Youth IN Ministry program

at Golgotha Baptist Church in Minsk. Pray for the teens and young adults who are involved in reaching out to their peers and others with the Gospel.

**20** Many needy families across Belarus are receiving food parcels and Christian literature provided with the help of SGA partners. Pray for open hearts as these families hear the Gospel through our sponsored missionary pastors.

## Central Asia, Caucasus, and Israel

**21** Intercede for students of Israel College of the Bible attending classes held in several locations. Pray for the safety of the teachers as they travel between locations—sometimes even in the midst of rocket fire from terrorists.

**22** Pray for orphans with special needs in Kazakhstan who have been part of *Orphans Reborn*, but are graduating from the orphanages. Some of them have been placed in specialized institutions where the OR teams have no access. Ask God to open doors!

**23** Pray for an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor and his family in Azerbaijan still threatened with eviction from their apartment because of their faith. This is just one example of persecution that Christians can face in Muslim-

dominated countries. Yet their faith and witness remain strong!

**24** We praise God for several camp ministries in the “stan” countries last year that were held without any interference from authorities. Please pray for the church workers as they follow up with the children reached.

**25** Continue to pray for the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakshtan as they continue the accreditation process. Pray for God’s favor, as the school has encountered much opposition in the past few years.

**26** Lana and Alex Yusov serve in SGA’s Ministry division—Lana in children’s and widows’ ministries

and Alex in overseeing missionary pastor relations. We are thankful for their years of service through our mission. Please lift them in prayer today.

**27** Join SGA in praying for many new partners to come alongside us as we serve evangelical churches across the CIS for the sake of the Gospel. With 90 percent of cities, towns, and villages remaining without a Bible-preaching church or permanent witness, there is much kingdom work yet to do!

**28** **Reflection:** As we conclude February, let us remember to be faithful ambassadors of Christ’s love. . . *By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another (John 13:35).*

#### *Partner Prayer Requests*

*Our son is battling cancer . . . please intercede . . .*

Central City, Nebraska

*For friends whose marriage is struggling . . . need Christ . . .*

Havelock, North Carolina

*Pray as I recover from a fall . . .*

Springdale, Arkansas

*May I be more fruitful for the Lord . . .*

Redford, Michigan

**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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