

"Much Prayer, Much Power!"

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Prayer & Praise

Slavic Gospel Association



Scripture theme for November 2017

You therefore . . . be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus (2 Timothy 2:1).

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

1 **Reflection:** We begin this new month with the wonderful assurance voiced by King David . . . *Cast your burden on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken (Psalm 55:22).*

2 Join us in offering praise and thanksgiving to God for the privilege to be serving Bible-preaching churches across the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) for the sake of the Gospel. With 11 time zones and millions of people to reach, we have much work to do!

3 Please pray for SGA's advancement division, which is responsible for public communication and raising the funding needed to help Russian-

speaking churches keep advancing the Gospel. Ask for God's continued and increased provision.

4 Intercede in prayer for SGA/Canada, led by director Bill Ball. Ask the Lord to open more opportunities for Canadian evangelical churches to participate in the great ministry opportunities that exist across the CIS.

Belarus

5 Piotr Podrez has been the director of SGA's Minsk Regional Ministry Center in Belarus since its' inception. We are deeply thankful to God for his servant leadership and dedication to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

6 Through his loving eagerness to help families in need, SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Oleg is having a tremendous impact for Christ in the Vitebsk region. Pray for the new families who have begun attending Oleg's church and for their continued growth in the Lord.

7 Please continue to lift up Dr. Viktor Krutko, president of the Belarussian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Ministry in Belarus is difficult for evangelical churches, and Viktor labors faithfully to encourage his fellow pastors in their outreaches.

8 Needy families across Belarus are being helped with food relief through SGA-sponsored Compassion Ministry. As the missionary pastors distribute the food, ask God to open doors with the families to share the Gospel.

9 Lift the faculty and students of the Minsk Theological Seminary in prayer today. Having a solid foundation in God's Word is vitally important for future pastors, children's workers, youth leaders, and worship leaders.

10 SGA's professor of Bible, Dr. Roman Dechtiarenko, is frequently able to spend time in Belarus holding theology classes for pastoral students. Join us in thanking God for His provision of sound teaching for these eager students.

Russia

11 In addition to their service at SGA's Moscow RMC, director Valery Kazakov and his staff also are deeply involved in the ministries of their home churches. We praise the Lord for their dedication and commitment to the body of Christ across Russia's vast expanse.

12 Viktor Levashov, an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor, and his church have had wonderful ministry opportunities in Nalchik and other southern Russian towns. Pray for continued open doors for the Gospel in this spiritually oppressed region.

13 Please lift in prayer the many upcoming *Immanuel's Child* Christmas outreaches across Russia and the CIS. The next several weeks will be very busy with preparation to reach as many needy children as possible with the Gospel.

14 Keep interceding in prayer for the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary and its satellite campuses in Volgodonsk and Nizhny-Novgorod. We praise the Lord for the ability to help students who cannot travel to Siberia to attend classes.

15 Pray for the SGA-sponsored *Reach Russia Now* emphasis in Russia's Far East. Ask for God's guidance and provision as training,

aviation ministry, and other plans continue to develop.

16 Please pray for Pastor Vlad Treskin and his fellow youth ministry leaders across Russia. Join us in thanking the Lord for the powerful impact they are having among thousands of Russian teens and young adults.

Central Asia, Caucasus, and Israel

17 When SGA team members are able to visit missionary pastors in Central Asia, they always come back with wonderful reports about what God is doing through His people despite oppression of evangelical congregations. Pray for our brothers and sisters in Kazakhstan as they faithfully labor for Christ.

18 Please keep praying for Angelina Korotky, daughter of SGA's Oleg Korotky. Angelina has made amazing progress in her recovery from severe injuries sustained in an auto accident last year, but is still undergoing rehabilitation and treatment.

19 Evangelical churches always make efforts to follow up with children reached during summer camp ministry, and this is especially important for children in difficult areas such as the Russian Caucasus. Lift these ongoing labors in prayer today.

Ukraine

20 Pray for the UECB leaders in the nations of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan—all being countries where Islam is dominant and churches are oppressed. May God grant them wisdom each day as they encourage and shepherd their flocks.

21 Please pray today for SGA-sponsored Russian Bible students studying through Israel College of the Bible. Join us in praising and thanking the Lord for this opportunity to help equip . . . *the saints for the work of service* (Ephesians 4:12).

22 Because evangelical churches have flourished across Ukraine more than in any other former Soviet republic, the country is sometimes called the "Bible Belt" of the CIS. Pray with us that even more opportunities for the Gospel will open in the days ahead.

23 Intercede for Ruslan Muratayev and the staff of SGA's Kiev RMC today. May the Lord strengthen and equip them to serve the Lord's churches in the midst of these days of challenge caused by the ongoing armed conflict in the east.

24 Pray for Dr. Igor Yaremchuk, president of the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary. Also lift up academic dean Benjamin Brinza and the other faculty as they

labor to ground students in the inerrant Word of God.

25 SGA's Crisis Evangelism Fund has been depleted over the past several months as the churches of Ukraine continue to help thousands of refugees from the conflict zones around Donetsk and Lugansk. Ask for God's blessing in replenishing the funds so more can be reached for Christ.

26 Since he began as SGA's new president on May 1, Michael Johnson has maintained a busy travel schedule to meet faithful partners and to share what God is doing across the CIS. May the Lord continue His blessing and grant Michael wisdom in his leadership duties.

27 Please pray today for Ruth Deyneka Erdel, daughter of SGA founder Peter Deyneka and faithful missionary for many years.

Partner Prayer Requests

We praise the Lord for the ongoing opportunities He gives Ruth to share the Gospel and glorify His name.

28 Lift in prayer SGA's international offices in Canada, the UK, Australia, and New Zealand. Ask for God's increased provision so they can help even more churches across the CIS and Eastern Europe.

29 SGA has several pending book projects in progress, from translation to printing. Please pray with us to tie up all remaining loose ends and to bring these needed Russian-language Christian works to completion.

30 **Reflection:** We end November with thanksgiving for our salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ . . . *I shall give thanks to You, for You have answered me, and You have become my salvation* (Psalm 118:21).

I have an unspoken prayer request . . .

(Anchorage, Alaska)

Please pray for my ill wife . . . cancer and arthritis

(Marengo, Illinois)

I need the Lord's encouragement . . . health struggles

(Jasper, Alabama)

Pray for us as we seek a new pastor . . .

(Plattsburgh, New York)

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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