

"Much Prayer, Much Power!"
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Scripture theme for March 2016

But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us (Romans 8:37).

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 King David's reflection on God's constant watchcare ... *The Lord is in His holy temple; the Lord's throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men (Psalm 11:4).*

2 Please pray for Dr. Bob Provost as he continues to serve the Lord as SGA's president. He has a busy ministry schedule, including the annual Shepherds' Conference in California. Pray for continued strength and wisdom.

3 We covet your prayers for Bill Ball and the faithful team at SGA/Canada. Please ask the Lord to bless them abundantly as they share

Gospel opportunities with Canadian evangelical churches.

4 Forum 18 recently reported that evangelical churches in Georgia are facing growing pressure from other religious groups and the government. Please lift SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Dr. Levan and his fellow workers in prayer today.

5 We thank the Lord for the provision of His Word. Pray for all SGA-sponsored missionary pastors across Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and Central Asia as they share the life-changing Gospel. Pray for adequate support to be raised for their ministries.

Russia

6 Pray for the staff at SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC). Director Valery Kazakov and his staff are thankful to serve the faithful evangelical churches across vast Russia.

7 With 11 time zones, Russia is such a huge country with vast reaches still unreached with the Gospel. Pray that God will . . . *send out workers into His harvest* (Matthew 9:38).

8 Please intercede for Pastor Alexei Smirnov and the leadership of Russia's Evangelical Baptist churches. These are challenging days in Russia, and they need the Lord's constant wisdom, protection, and direction.

9 SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Alexander Shaligyn and his wife were injured in a car accident late last year. Please pray for full recovery and their ongoing financial needs.

10 Please pray for Pastor Eduard Genrikh, the faculty, and the students of the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary. We rejoice that God has raised up this biblically sound school to bless and strengthen Russia's evangelical churches.

Ukraine

11 Pastor Valery Antonyuk is the president of Ukraine's Baptist Union. The past three years of crisis

have been very challenging to Valery, his fellow pastors, and the churches they serve. Lift them before God in prayer today.

12 As in all of the nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), churches in Ukraine are busily preparing now for the upcoming children's summer camp season that begins in June. Pray in advance, asking for the resources needed to send as many kids as possible.

13 Continue to pray for SGA-sponsored Compassion Ministry in Ukraine, and the many needy families that have been reached through distribution of much needed food aid. We pray that many will come to the saving knowledge of Christ as they experience His love and provision.

14 Pray today for Dr. Igor Yaremchuk, president of the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary located near Kiev. By God's grace and provision, Irpen has grown to become one of the most influential Bible schools in the CIS, preparing many for lifetimes of Christian service.

15 SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Mikhail Pimonenko has been working with several families who have physically challenged children, including a camp last summer where 60 attended and heard the Gospel! Pray for ongoing spiritual fruit!

Belarus

16 Please lift up the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC, led by Piotr Podrez, as they continue to encourage and equip churches across Belarus. Opposition is frequent and ministry can be challenging in this authoritarian nation.

17 Lift up SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Alexander P. who recently began carrying out Compassion Ministry in his region of Belarus. Ask the Lord to open many opportunities for the Gospel.

18 Please pray for Dr. Viktor Krutko, president of the Belarusian Baptist Union. Pray also for the faithful regional pastors overseeing churches across the six regions of the country and the capital city of Minsk. We praise God for their dedicated service.

19 Pray for Mark Droz, the young son of Sergei Droz, an academic dean at the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary. Mark is being treated for serious eye problems that could result in blindness if not corrected.

20 As you pray in advance for SGA-sponsored children's summer camp season, please remember the Little Pearl Diagnostic Camp in Belarus, which serves young Chernobyl patients and other children. May the Lord open many

young hearts to hear, believe, and receive the Gospel message.

Central Asia, Caucasus, and Israel

21 Pray for Israel College of the Bible as the current term continues. Intercede for the graduates, praying that they will be bright lights for the Messiah in the land of the Bible.

22 Forum 18 and other media often report fines, raids, and other types of pressure growing on evangelical churches in Central Asia. Ask for God's protection as they spread God's love in these spiritually dark nations.

23 We thank God for the charitable foundations that help underwrite a portion of SGA's ministries. Pray that God will lead more to help advance the Gospel in the CIS.

24 Please intercede for Pastor Kamil, a key church leader in Central Asia. We are thankful to the Lord for this dedicated brother who serves in very difficult conditions.

25 SGA gets many encouraging reports from faithful missionary pastors in Kazakhstan—largest of all the former Soviet Central Asian nations. Ask for wisdom in serving the churches as restrictions continue to increase.

26 We thank God for SGA's international offices in Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and Australia. Pray for wisdom and direction as each office serves churches in the CIS and Eastern Europe.

27 As you pray today, remember retired SGA missionary Valia Szczepanski in prayer. We are thankful to God for her joyful service that continues in many ways despite official "retirement."

28 With last fall's tragic apparent bombing of a Russian plane in Egypt, the threat of terrorism is an evil faced by Russia and Western nations alike. Pray for joint partnership to not only combat wickedness, but also to lessen political tensions between Russia and the West.

29 Please lift SGA's Loves Park, Illinois, headquarters staff in prayer. Pray for greater effectiveness in our support of evangelical churches of the CIS and in Israel as they advance the Gospel.

30 Across Far East Russia, there are many small towns and villages that are only accessible by air. Pray for God's guidance in finding ways to get missionary pastors out to these regions to share the Gospel where it has never been heard.

31 Reflection: We close March with praise and thanksgiving for the glorious written Word of God . . . *these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name (John 20:31).*

Partner Prayer Requests

Recovering from a bad fall . . . pray for healing . . .

(Mendon, Illinois)

Pray for our nation . . .

(St. Helens, Oregon)

Our nephew has stage 4 cancer . . . please pray . . .

(Auburn, Georgia)

Pray for children's ministries to grow . . .

(Pittsford, Vermont)

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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