

*"Much Prayer, Much Power!"*

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# Prayer & Praise

Slavic Gospel Association



*Scripture theme for June 2017*

*All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out (John 6:37).*

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

**1 Reflection:** We begin June with the psalmist's song of trust in God . . .

*Be to me a rock of habitation to which I may continually come; You have given commandment to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress (Psalm 71:3).*

**2** Join us in thanking the Lord for His gracious provision for summer camp ministries beginning this month across the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). Pray that many children will be drawn to saving faith as they hear the Gospel.

**3** Pray for the leadership and staff of SGA's international offices in Canada, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, and Australia. May God grant

them many new opportunities to serve congregations across the CIS, Eastern Europe, and in Israel.

**4** At the end of this month, SGA concludes yet another fiscal year of ministry and service to Bible-preaching churches in the CIS and across North America. Pray with us for increased resources that will enable our mission to serve more churches and advance the Gospel.

## Belarus

**5** Pray for the staff of SGA's Regional Ministry Center (RMC) in Minsk, Belarus. We praise the Lord for director Piotr Podrez and his dedicated team, and for their joyful service to Christ.

**6** Recent news that Belarus has relaxed visa rules encourages our hearts, as it will be easier to help supply evangelical churches with resources they need for Gospel outreach. Pray with us that these trends will continue—even across the rest of the CIS.

**7** Please pray for the extended family of Dr. Viktor Krutko, president of the Belarussian UECB. Viktor's nephew was murdered earlier this year in the republic of Georgia. Ask for God's comfort in this terribly difficult time.

**8** Leonid and Natasha, an SGA-sponsored missionary couple in Belarus, have had several opportunities to share the Gospel with a hospital surgical team who cared for Natasha last year—even welcoming them at their home for fellowship. Lift them up as they continue to lift the name of Christ in their region.

**9** Pray for the faculty and students of the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary. Many students will soon be on summer practicum assignments in addition to service in their home churches.

## Russia

**10** Recent news reports say both Russia and NATO nations have been engaging in military buildups reminiscent of the Cold War. Join us

in praying for a lessening of tensions between Russia and Western nations, and that the proclamation of the Gospel will not be hindered.

**11** As president of the Russian UECB, Pastor Alexei Smirnov oversees more than 1,250 churches and groups across the country's 11 time zones. Intercede in prayer today for this faithful brother in his servant leadership responsibilities.

**12** As part of our new *Reach Russia Now* strategy, SGA is prayerfully expanding the *Antioch Initiative* Bible training program into the Far East. Please pray for the resources needed to send teachers and hold classes.

**13** Aviation ministry is a key part of *Reach Russia Now*, and we are praying for the training of missionary pilots and planes to reach regions inaccessible by road. Lift this need before the Lord today.

**14** We praise and thank the Lord for SGA's Moscow RMC staff, led by Valery Kazakov. Our team in Russia's huge capital city serves the Lord and His church with great joy and resourcefulness. Intercede for them, asking God to bless and encourage their hearts in their ministry.

**15** Pray for the students of the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary. Pray

also for continued development of Novosibirsk's satellite campus Bible training program, which makes it much easier for students who cannot travel long distances.

## Ukraine

**16** There are efforts on the diplomatic front to bring peace to the war-torn separatist regions of eastern Ukraine. At the same time, SGA's Crisis Evangelism Fund is helping Ukrainian churches reach afflicted families with humanitarian aid and the Gospel. Please lift this ongoing need in prayer.

**17** Please remember the faculty and students of the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary in prayer. Since the early 1990s, Irpen has been providing excellent theological and ministry training for pastors, Christian education workers, children's, and youth ministry leaders.

**18** Lift SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Piotr Vladichak in prayer today. Piotr serves in Ukraine's Chernigov region northeast of Kiev, and children's ministry is one of the many outreaches our partners help make possible.

**19** We praise and thank the Lord for the leadership of the Ukrainian UECB, with Pastor Valery Antonyuk serving as president. May the Lord continue the great freedom allowed to evangelical churches

in Ukraine to worship and share Christ's love.

**20** Continue to pray for SGA's Sergei Omelchenko, our chief Russian-language book editor. Provision of biblically sound theological works and Christian books is vitally important in equipping of the churches for fruitful, effective service.

**21** Pray for director Ruslan Muratayev and the staff of SGA's Kiev RMC, asking for God's continued blessing and protection. May the Lord use them to encourage the hearts of His people during these difficult days in Ukraine.

## Central Asia, Caucasus, and Israel

**22** While Russia's Chechnya region—located in the Caucasus Mountains—is no longer a war zone, ministry in this Muslim-dominated area can still be very dangerous. May the Lord guard faithful missionary pastors as they take the name of Jesus to the lost.

**23** Pray for ongoing Bible training in Israel for Russian-speaking congregation leaders. We are thankful to the Lord for Israel College of the Bible and their faithful dedication to teaching the Word of God.

**24** As several nations in the former Soviet republics of Central Asia are undergoing

leadership changes in their governments, pray for oppressed believers who are lights in the spiritual darkness there. We are thankful for every God-given opportunity to serve them.

**25** Remember to pray often for the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan, and for its director, Alexander Karyakov. As with many Muslim countries, it is increasingly difficult for Bible-preaching churches and their ministries due to government pressure.

**26** Pray for SGA's retired senior missionaries—Rosemary Ganesin, Valia Szczepanski, Vince and Nina Lee Rosheger, and Jacob and Lillian Bergen. While they may be retired from SGA, they continue to serve in their churches and in any way the Lord makes available.

**27** Lift SGA's Loves Park headquarters staff in prayer today. Our team has many

different duties; yet share a common commitment to advancing the Gospel across the CIS.

**28** Pray for director Bill Ball and the staff of SGA/Canada. May the Lord use them to encourage Canadian evangelical churches, and to challenge them to help seize the many Gospel opportunities in the CIS.

**29** We praise God for Reach Russia Now progress in the Far East. We have five airplanes thus far for Gospel work, and we are praying for donation of several more small airplanes in good condition.

**30** **Reflection:** Let us end the month reflecting on the great love of our God and Father . . . *We have thought on Your lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of Your temple. As is Your name, O God, so is Your praise to the ends of the earth* (Psalm 48:9-10).

#### *Partner Prayer Requests*

*Please pray for family concerns . . .*

Stafford, Virginia

*For improved health . . .*

Freeport, Illinois

*Battling cancer . . . pray for healing . . .*

Summerville, South Carolina

**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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