

"Much Prayer, Much Power!"

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Prayer & Praise



Scripture theme for April 2012

For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also reign with Him (2 Timothy 2:11-12).

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

1 Reflection: Let us begin the new month with the prophet Daniel's wonderful vision of the Messiah's future reign... *And to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which will not pass away (Daniel 7:14).*

2 Please pray today for SGA president Bob Provost, who is scheduled to have an extensive travel itinerary this month. Ask for continued health, strength and protection as he maintains this grueling ministry schedule.

3 Join us in praising God for the faithful charitable foundations

that underwrite a portion of SGA's ministries across the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). The economy is challenging, and we pray that the Lord will continue to protect their resources.



4 Russia is seeing an increasing level of protests against the government — beginning with last fall's parliamentary election and this year's presidential election. Pray for stability, and for the protection of Russian evangelical churches.

5 Intercede for Valery Kazakov and SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC) staff. It is truly amazing what the Lord does through such a small staff in service to evangelical churches across such a vast country.

6 Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Vitaly Sorokin in the city of Dudinka. Vitaly's daughter Alina has been struggling with numerous illnesses, and the family must travel to Irkutsk for treatment. Join us in praying for complete healing.

7 Lift the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary in prayer today. We are thankful to God for the 369 students who have graduated from the seminary, and are now engaged in fruitful ministry.

8 *Easter Sunday/Pascha: I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies (John 11:25).* Join the SGA family and believers across the lands of Russia in celebrating our Risen Lord by exclaiming — Christos Voskres! Voistinu Voskres! (Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!) Pray for follow-up evangelism that will take place afterward. *Editor's Note: April 15 is Easter on the Russian Orthodox calendar.*



BELARUS

9 Pray for SGA Bible professor Dr. Roman Dechtiarenko. Roman is scheduled to travel to Minsk Theological Seminary this month for another round of intensive Bible lectures. Ask for God's anointing and blessing.

10 Please pray for SGA's Minsk RMC staff, led by director Piotr Podrez. Peter has faced some health challenges in the past year, and we are interceding for his continued recovery and strength.

11 Lift SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Sergei Konyshv in prayer as he ministers in Belarus' Dzerzhinsk region near Minsk. Sergei is rejoicing at the growing number of youth in ministry through his church!

12 As Belarus continues to face isolation and Western sanctions, Bible-preaching churches are intent on avoiding politics and focusing on the Gospel. Ask for God's blessing and anointing, and for changed hearts as Christ is proclaimed.

13 Pray for Dr. Viktor Krutko, president of the Belarussian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). May the Lord grant Viktor great wisdom and discernment as he leads Belarus' largest evangelical church fellowship in challenging days.



CENTRAL ASIA

14 Please continue to pray for evangelical pastors and their congregations in the former Soviet nations of Central Asia. While the level of oppression varies from country to country, all are facing renewed pressure reminiscent of the communist days.

15 Soon it will be time for summer camp ministries in the Central Asian nations and all former Soviet

republics. These camps must often be held discreetly. Pray for the necessary funds, and also for the repentance of many children.

16 Central Asian nations are largely Muslim, making evangelism and church-planting very difficult and even dangerous in some locations. Pray for faithful SGA-sponsored missionary pastors as they proclaim the Gospel.

17 Pray for the SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* ministry across the CIS. There are thousands of lonely forgotten orphans across Central Asia. Ask God to provide the resources to expand this much-needed ministry.



UKRAINE

18 Pray today for SGA's Sergei Omelchenko, who serves as assistant to SGA president Bob Provost and as our chief Russian-language book editor. Pray also for his wife Lidia and their three children — Mark, Karolina and Sofia.

19 We praise and thank God for SGA's Kiev RMC and faithful staff led by Sergei Gladishko. Ask Him to continue His gracious provision for the service of evangelical churches across Ukraine.

20 Pray for Pastor Vyacheslav Nestaruk, president of the Ukrainian UECB. Ask for God's ongoing wisdom as ministry conditions across the CIS are constantly changing.

21 SGA partners have helped provide 2,000 Russian-language copies of *Slave*, Dr. John MacArthur's new book on Christian service. Join us in praising the Lord for this book, which will be a tremendous blessing and encouragement to Ukrainian churches.

22 Pray today for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Dmitri Lyutiy, who ministers in at least four Ukrainian villages. Dmitri is a wonderful example of a faithful church planter who is actively planting more than one church at a time!

23 SGA missionary Ruth Deyneka Erdel is scheduled to visit Ukraine and Belarus this spring for ministry to women's groups. We praise God for these tremendous opportunities for Ruth to be a blessing!



KAZAKHSTAN

24 In December, Kazakh authorities fined several leaders of unregistered Baptist churches—a sign of further crackdown against evangelical churches following adoption of new religion laws. Please lift this matter before the Lord, asking for His intervention.

25 Kazakhstan is the largest of the so-called "stan" countries, with miles of sparse landscape and tiny villages — all in need of the life-changing Gospel. Ask the Lord to multiply His workers and send them into this vast waiting harvest.

26 An SGA-sponsored Kazakh missionary pastor recently wrote . . . “We understand that we have not much time left, so we want to use every opportunity to tell children about Jesus.” Pray for the resources needed to help Kazakh churches hold as many summer camps as possible.

27 Pray for the SGA-sponsored *Antioch Initiative*, especially the new program that began last year in the Russian city of Pskov and the resumption of classes in Irkutsk. May many new churches be planted as missionaries are trained and sent throughout this region!

28 Now that Easter has passed, evangelical churches will

be following up with men, women and children reached through the numerous Easter outreaches. Ask God to draw many to Himself as they hear the Gospel and encounter His love.

29 SGA is continually in need of new partners who share our burden for the lost across the lands of Russia. Pray that God will help us communicate the great ministry opportunities that exist more effectively, so that more people and churches will join in.

30 **Reflection:** We conclude April with wonderful assurance from the pen of King David . . . *The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His sovereignty rules over all* (Psalm 103:19).

Partner Prayer Requests

My nephew is battling a brain tumor . . . pray for healing . . .

Lynnwood, Washington

Unspoken request for our family . . .

Indianapolis, Indiana

My wife passed away recently . . . pray for God's comfort . . .

Wayland, Massachusetts

For the salvation of family members . . .

Thomson, Georgia

Pray for me . . . several physical ailments . . .

Arden Hills, Minnesota

Please pray for loved ones trapped in a cult . . .

Mission Hills, California

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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