

"Much Prayer, Much Power!"

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Scripture theme for November 2016

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings. For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father . . . (Hebrews 2:10-11).

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 pondering our security in our God and Father . . . *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble* (Psalm 46:1).

2 This past year has seen many political and legislative events across the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). We praise and thank the Lord for His sovereignty over all, and that He will continue to build His church until He comes in glory.

3 Pray for Dr. Bob Provost and SGA's leadership team today. May

the Lord grant them wisdom and direction as new financial and ministry challenges arise that impact our ministries.

4 Christmas and the SGA-sponsored *Immanuel's Child* ministry will soon be here. Please pray in advance of January 7, when many of the churches' outreaches to needy children will take place. May many young hearts receive the Lord in saving faith!

Belarus

5 Please pray for SGA's Regional Ministry Center (RMC) staff in

Minsk, led by director Piotr Podrez. In addition to their RMC duties, each of our Minsk team is also deeply involved in the ministries of their home churches.

6 With the onset of the cold winter months, pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastors engaged in Compassion Ministry, distributing food to needy families. Many doors are opened for evangelism as physical needs are met.

7 Lift the students of Minsk Theological Seminary in prayer today. SGA's top priority is sponsorship of the Bible training necessary to prepare pastors and church workers for fruitful ministry in the many new churches being planted.

8 Intercede in prayer for Pastor Piotr V, SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in Belarus' Vitebsk region. Pray especially for follow up ministry that continues with children who attended Piotr's summer camp sessions, including those who repented and trusted in Christ.

9 Pray for Dr. Viktor Krutko, president of the Belarussian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). May the Lord bless and direct Viktor's steps in the midst of his many ministry and oversight responsibilities.

Russia

10 Since the new anti-missionary law went into effect in

Russia over the summer, we have kept prayerful vigil with the Bible-preaching churches we serve, and are thankful the impact thus far has been small. Pray with us for continued freedom to worship and share the Gospel.

11 Pray for Valery Kazakov and the staff of SGA's Moscow RMC. As ministry opportunities continue to develop in Russia, may the Lord grant our team great wisdom and protection as they serve congregations across Russia's vast expanse.

12 Join us in praying for Pastor Alexei Smirnov, president of the Russian UECB. Pray also for the seven regional vice presidents overseeing churches across the country's 11 time zones.

13 Lift the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary in prayer today. Pray especially for expansion of satellite campuses across Russia, as the need is significant and demand for solid Bible training is high.

14 Missionary pastors sponsored by SGA have many ways of finding Gospel opportunities. Sergei Khaibulin and his English-language tutoring ministry in the Tomsk region is a great example. Ask for God's ongoing blessing on this and Sergei's many other outreaches.

15 Many towns and villages in Russia's Far East have yet to be reached with the Gospel due to their remote locations. Pray for

the resources needed to send SGA's Mikhail Tsvirenko to head up aviation ministry that will make reaching them possible.

Central Asia, Caucasus, and Israel

16 These are times of great uncertainty in Uzbekistan with the death this past summer of President Islam Karimov, who ruled autocratically for 27 years. Intercede for Uzbek evangelical churches, asking for God's protection and for more freedom to preach the Gospel.

17 In Kazakhstan, SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Kairat is ministering to both ethnic Russians and Uzbeks in his region in the north of the country. Ask for God's continued blessing and provision.

18 We thank the Lord for Almaty Bible Institute (ABI) and director Alexander Karyakov. Our partners' support of ABI is vitally important for advancing doctrinally sound Bible teaching for church planters and new pastors across Central Asia.

19 Across Central Asia and the Caucasus, evangelical churches have to minister very discreetly due to the dominance of Islam and governmental opposition. Pray for God's protection, and for open doors despite any obstacles the enemy may try to impose.

20 Please continue to pray for SGA's Bible training director

in Israel, and his family. We praise and thank God for the opportunity to strengthen Russian-speaking Jewish believers in the Word of God and sound doctrine.

21 Authorities across Central Asia often raid summer camp ministries held by evangelical churches. In advance of this year's *Immanuel's Child* Christmas ministries, pray that God will protect them from hindrance, and that many children may be reached with the Gospel.

22 Pray for the students who have studied at Almaty Bible Institute, the Tajik Bible Institute, and other Bible training opportunities sponsored by SGA. The need for sound Bible training is still great, and we are praying for the resources to keep making it available.

Ukraine

23 Pray for SGA's Kiev RMC, led by Ruslan Muratayev. Please ask God to give them strength and blessing as they help churches reach thousands of refugees from the conflict in eastern Ukraine.

24 **Thanksgiving Day:** *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful (Colossians 3:15).* Join us in praising God with thankful hearts for all His abundant blessings. We are thankful for all our ministry partners who help make our ministries across the CIS.

25 Pray for Dr. Igor Yaremchuk, president of the SGA-

sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary. Ask the Lord for His continued blessing and provision for this vitally important Bible school.

26 Intercede for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian UECB. Especially pray for Valery and his fellow church leaders as they encourage unity in the Lord and in the advance of the life-changing Gospel.

27 Lift SGA's international offices before the Lord today—Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand. Pray for God's abundant provision as they serve evangelical churches in the CIS and across Eastern Europe.

28 We are thankful for Bill Ball and his leadership ministry

at SGA/Canada. May the Lord open opportunities to bring many more Canadian evangelical churches into partnership with congregations in the CIS.

29 Please remember SGA's senior missionaries—Ruth Deyneka Erdel, Andrew Semenchuk, and Florence Daneliuk—in prayer. Pray also for retired missionaries Rosemary Ganesin, Valia Szczepanski, Vince and Nina Rosheger, and Bill and Stella Kapitaniuk.

30 **Reflection:** Let's close November with King David's glorious praise of God . . . *Great are the works of the Lord, they are studied by all who delight in them. Splendid and majestic is His work, and His righteousness endures forever* (Psalm 111:2-3).

Partner Prayer Requests

For the sale of my property . . . I'm elderly and upkeep is too hard . . .

(Hinckley, Illinois)

My son is battling cancer. . . needs salvation . . .

(Wheeling, West Virginia)

I am recently widowed . . . ask for God's comfort . . .

(Burney, California)

Will be traveling and witnessing. . . pray God will use me . . .

(Webster, Texas)

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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