

*"Much Prayer, Much Power!"*

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# Prayer & Praise

Slavic Gospel Association



## Scripture theme for April 2017

*O Lord, You have heard the desire of the humble, You will strengthen their heart,  
You will incline Your ear (Psalm 10:17).*

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

**1 Reflection:** We begin April with thanksgiving and prayer for you—our faithful partners in ministry . . .

*For this reason also . . . we have not ceased to pray for your and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding (Colossians 1:9).*

**2** Praise the Lord for His provision of funds for SGA-sponsored seminaries and Bible institutes in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). We are thankful for the opportunity to help prepare hundreds of faithful workers for labor in God's vast harvest fields.

**3** Please pray for SGA-sponsored summer camp workers and the attending children in advance of camp season. Especially intercede for our Russian brothers and sisters, who carry on ministry with the anti-missionary law passed last year hanging over them.

**4** Pray for the directors and staff of SGA's international offices in Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and the United Kingdom. We are thankful to God for the global outreach to Russian-speakers that He has made possible.

**5** Please pray that God will continue to grant wisdom to SGA president

Bob Provost as he oversees SGA's ministries here and in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

## Russia

**6** Pray for the students at the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary. Pray also for Pastor Eduard Genrikh, the president of the seminary, asking for God's ongoing blessing and wisdom.

**7** Intercede for SGA's new *Reach Russia Now* initiative, which is beginning with emphasis on reaching the vast Far East with the Gospel. Pray for the funds needed to train missionary pilots and provide them with ministry resources.

**8** In Russian culture, church congregations that do not have their own building are viewed with suspicion, and many small churches are not able to afford construction of a church. Please lift this urgent need before the Lord today.

**9** Praise God for the staff at SGA's Moscow RMC, led by Valery Kazakov. We are thankful to the Lord for the wonderful team He has brought together for the service of the churches He is building across vast Russia.

**10** Pray for Pastor Alexei Smirnov, president of the Russian UECB. He and his fellow pastors will need great wisdom and discernment from the Lord as

restrictions on evangelical churches continue to tighten.

## Ukraine

**11** Continue to intercede for SGA-sponsored missionary pastors as they distribute food and other aid to war-shattered families in eastern Ukraine through our Crisis Evangelism Fund. Ask for safety as they travel in what is still a very dangerous situation.

**12** Join us in praising God for the servant leadership of Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). May the Lord encourage Valery's heart as he serves congregations across Ukraine.

**13** Irpen Biblical Seminary and Odessa Theological Seminary are the two primary UECB Bible schools sponsored by SGA in Ukraine. Pray today for the faculty and students as they study the Word of God and prepare future servants of Christ for fruitful ministry.

**14** Lift up the staff of SGA's Kiev RMC in prayer, led by director Ruslan Muratayev. With summer camp season nearing, our team will be very busy helping get children's Bibles and other ministry resources to the churches.

**15** Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Yury K, who serves in war-torn eastern Ukraine.

Ask the Lord to encourage his heart as he faithfully plants churches and preaches the Gospel to many who are waiting and wanting to hear.

## Belarus

**16** *Easter Sunday: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my Gospel . . . (2 Timothy 2:8).* Join together with us and our brothers and sisters across the CIS in proclaiming the risen Savior! May many be drawn to saving faith in Christ as they hear the life-changing Gospel.

**17** Missionary pastors and their families across Belarus face many governmental restrictions that hinder their ministries. Yet God is greater, the Gospel is proclaimed, and the lost are being drawn to Christ. We praise Him with thanksgiving for His enabling power.

**18** Pray today for Dr. Viktor Krutko, president of the Belarussian UECB. We are thankful to God for Viktor's strong leadership and commitment to the inerrant Word of God.

**19** Intercede for the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC, led by Piotr Podrez. In addition to their busy RMC duties, they are also individually involved in the fruitful ministries of their churches.

**20** Belarussian foreign minister Vladimir Makei recently addressed a meeting of foreign diplomats and urged the restoration of "the level of trust between countries." Pray for improved relations with the West and a loosening of tight restrictions on evangelical churches.

## Central Asia, Caucasus, and Israel

**21** Lift SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Dr. Levan in prayer today as he carries on with his fruitful ministry in the Caucasus nation of Georgia. We are thankful for this dedicated servant of Christ and his tireless labors for the sake of the Gospel.

**22** Pray for the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan, where 98 students are currently enrolled. Join us in praising the Lord for His gracious provision for this vitally important Bible school in the heart of Central Asia.

**23** Please continue to remember the Russian-speaking students at our Bible college in Israel. Ask God to increase our resources to help these students and their growing congregations in the land of the Bible.

**24** The former Soviet nations of Central Asia are very difficult for evangelical churches due to the influence of Islam, which is dominant there. Pray for the advance

of the Gospel to millions of people who desperately need to hear.

**25** Pray for the pastoral students who have attended SGA-sponsored Bible institute training in Tajikistan. May the Lord grant them many opportunities for evangelism and discreet planting of churches in a land where poverty is severe.

**26** Please lift up SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* workers across the CIS in prayer. Despite increasing legal and cultural difficulties, these faithful workers tirelessly labor to reach children with Christ's love.

**27** Remember SGA's senior missionaries in prayer today—Ruth Deyneka Erdel, Florence Daneliuk, and Andrew Semenchuk. We are thankful to God for the example they set in their tireless service for Christ.

**28** Pray for SGA's leadership team—our president, Bob Provost, chief financial officer Beverly Braunsky, and Eric Mock, vice president of ministry operations. May the Lord grant them great wisdom as they develop our new Reach Russia Now emphasis.

**29** Pray for Bill Ball, director of SGA/Canada, and his assistants—Sue Petten and Olive Coke. Ask the Lord to greatly multiply their resources and increase partnerships with Canadian evangelical churches to reach the lost in the CIS.

**30** **Reflection:** We close April with King David's wonderful song of trust in our Lord ... *I have set the Lord continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken* (Psalm 16:8).

#### *Partner Prayer Requests*

*I am in constant spinal pain ... pray for relief...*

Orange, California

*My wife recently passed ...*

Newfane, New York

*For the salvation of my brother ...*

Houston, Texas

*Our child is very ill and diagnosis elusive ... pray for healing ...*

Fort Wayne, Indiana

**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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