



Slavic Gospel Association

# Prayer & Praise

SHARING THE GOSPEL • EQUIPPING THE CHURCH • HELPING THE FORGOTTEN

*Please join us each day this month in prayer and praise for the work of Christ across Russian-speaking nations.*

**Scripture theme of the month:** *In the morning, O Lord, You will hear my voice; in the morning I will order my prayer to you and eagerly watch* (Psalm 5).

**1 Reflection:** We begin this new month with the Apostle Peter's evangelistic call to all people . . . *Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord* (Acts 3:19).

**2** Join us in praise and thanksgiving for God's generous provision for SGA-sponsored summer camp ministries, which kick off in June and last all summer. Pray that many children will come to saving faith in Christ as they hear the Gospel.



**3** Pray today for SGA president Michael Johnson. He will have a very busy travel schedule over the

remainder of spring and summer. Ask the Lord to make him a blessing to churches, charitable foundations, and individual SGA partners as he meets with them.

**4** Remember SGA's international affiliate offices in the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, and New Zealand. May God grant them wisdom and increased resources to support ongoing ministry across the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and Eastern Europe.

## BELARUS



**5** We are thankful to God for His provision for SGA-sponsored ministries in Belarus. Although churches there are under tight restrictions, fruitful ministry still takes place. Ask for God's ongoing wisdom as we serve His people there for the sake of the Gospel.

**6** Pray for Dr. Viktor Krutko, president of the Belarussian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Viktor maintains a very heavy travel and ministry itinerary, yet loves the opportunities he is given to encourage fellow pastors and their congregations.

**7** Lift up Lilia Podrez, the wife of SGA's Minsk Regional Ministry Center (RMC) Piotr Podrez, along with their whole family. Lilia's mother recently went to be with the Lord. May God comfort their hearts in this difficult time.

**8** We praise and thank the Lord for the Minsk Theological Seminary, its faculty and students. SGA has sponsored this key Bible school for many years, and we rejoice at the impact it is having for the sake of the Kingdom.

**9** Pray for Pastor Mikhail in Belarus' Stolbtsy region as he continues to distribute food and evangelistic literature to widows and other needy families as part of Compassion Ministry. He also holds puppet theaters and other outreaches to reach children for Christ.

**10** Please remember the SGA-sponsored "Little Pearl" children's diagnostic camp in Kobrin, Belarus. Many children suffering effects from residual Chernobyl radiation come to the camp during the summer to be evaluated for treatment. May many come to faith in Christ as they hear the Gospel.

## RUSSIA



**11** Intercede for the SGA-sponsored *Reach Russia Now* outreach in the country's Far East. Pray especially for Mikhail Tsvirenko and his family as they raise support to relocate there for Aviation Ministry and helping to plant more evangelical churches.

**12** We thank God for the pastors and leaders of the Russian

Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Please pray for them and the churches they serve, a king God to grant wisdom as they lead Russia's largest evangelical church fellowship..

**13** Lift up director Valery Kazakov and the staff at SGA's Moscow RMC. Russia is such a huge country and the resources needed by the churches to advance the Gospel are great. We praise God for the dedicated service of our Moscow team!

**14** Please pray for Eugene Bakhmutsky, pastor of the growing Russian Bible Church in Moscow. Ask the Lord to bless their vibrant ministry and committed evangelistic efforts in Russia's huge capital and beyond.

**15** Lift up Pastor Vitaly Zanin, who is the new national youth director for the Russian UECB. Pray for Vitaly and his fellow youth leaders as they disciple many young men and women for a lifetime of service to Christ.

## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**16** The nation of Tajikistan has more than 8 million people, with the Tamir mountain range covering most of the land. Pray for more opportunities to help Tajik missionary pastors to share the Gospel and distribute compassionate aid to their needy people.

**17** The republic of Dagestan—located in Russia's Caucasus Mountains—is considered one of several hotbeds for breeding Islamic



terrorism along with neighboring Chechnya. Please pray for the safety of evangelical churches and their congregations in this dangerous region.

**18** Earlier this year, Israel began sustaining more rocket attacks from the Gaza Strip and even from southern Syria. Join us in asking for God's protection for His people, and for SGA's director of Bible training whose family lives within range of Gaza rocket fire.

**19** Please continue to pray for children's workers as they prepare to begin summer camp season in the central Asian countries. Camp ministries in these Muslim-dominated lands must be conducted very discreetly and sometimes have been subject to raids.

**20** Intercede for the UECB churches of Turkmenistan as they reach out to their people with the Gospel. Pray for safety and God's leading as they preach God's Word and live faithful lives in Christ amid severe persecution.

**21** Pray for our faithful partners at Israel College of the Bible and the Russian-speaking congregations they serve. It is a privilege to come

alongside them and help to equip them with the Russian-language resources they need for study.

**22** Lift up Franz Tissen, president of the Kazakh UECB, and his fellow church leaders across Central Asia. Pressure on the churches grows almost daily, and the churches need great wisdom in discreetly carrying out their ministries.

## UKRAINE



**23** We praise God with thanksgiving for the staff of SGA's Kiev RMC, led by director Ruslan Muratayev. Please remember Ruslan in prayer as he has struggled with some health issues over the past few months.

**24** Pray for the faculty and students at the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary as summer break approaches. Pray especially for the students who will be doing summer practicums as part of their learning requirements.

**25** Intercede for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Gennady Savenkov, who ministers in Ukraine's Zaporozhye region. Gennady and his wife Alyona lead a vibrant children's ministry, and also have adopted several children from dysfunctional homes.



**26** Ask for God's ongoing provision as evangelical churches in Ukraine reach out to needy families through SGA-sponsored compassion ministry. A gift of food frequently opens the door for the Gospel!

**27** Pray for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian UECB. With his country still locked into a bloody conflict with separatists in the east, the peacemaking ministries of evangelical churches are all the more important. Ask for God's guidance.

**28** Please lift SGA vice president Eric Mock in prayer today. As Eric oversees our ministry operations across the CIS, ask God to provide abundant wisdom as conditions can change very rapidly.

**29** Although we're only halfway through 2018 and summer is near, advance preparations continue for the next *Immanuel's Child* Christmas outreaches across the CIS. Ask God for even more open doors to reach children with the Gospel.

**30** Pray today for the staff at SGA's US headquarters in Loves Park, Illinois. We count it a great privilege and blessing to serve Bible-preaching churches both here in North America, as well as across the CIS.

**31 Reflection:** We conclude May with the hope of the Apostle Paul that we will all . . . *walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God* (Colossians 1:10).

## Partner Prayer Requests

*Really struggling with health . . . pray for healing*

Freeport, Illinois

*For our children . . .*

Seattle, Washington

*Pray for my son's recovery from heart surgery . . .*

Graham, Texas

*For God's blessing in my witnessing . . .*

Rochester, New York

**The SGA staff is honored to bring your request to the Lord.  
We thank you for the opportunity to serve you in this way.**



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