



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 for the month:
For the Lord is righteous, He loves righteousness. The upright will behold His face (Psalm 11:7).

1 Reflection: *But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you (Romans 8:11).*

2 Please pray today for SGA president Michael Johnson and our board of directors. May the Lord grant them abundant wisdom as we set our mission's future ministry course across the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). Ministry conditions can change very rapidly.

3 Please intercede in prayer for the many churches across North America that support SGA's ministries in Russia and her neighboring countries. We praise and thank God for their faithful partnership in the Gospel.

4 SGA's vice president of ministry operations Eric Mock maintains a very heavy travel and ministry schedule both here in North America and in the CIS. Pray for health, strength, and wisdom in the midst of his many responsibilities.

5 Please pray for the family of Vincent Rosheger, a retired SGA missionary and representative who went to be with the Lord in December 2018. Especially remember his beloved wife Nina Lee, asking the Lord to hold her close during this difficult time.

UKRAINE



6 The conflict in eastern Ukraine has raged since 2014 with no end yet in sight. Please lift our brothers and sisters in prayer as they labor to share the peace and reconciliation of Christ through the Gospel.

7 Pray for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Ask God to grant him and his fellow pastors continual anointing and guidance as they lift up Christ before their nation.

8 We praise and thank the Lord for the ministry of SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Vladimir Mikhailov, who continues fruitful ministry with children and families in Starye Troyany and other local villages. Lift him in prayer today.

9 Please pray for director Ruslan Muratayev and the staff of SGA's

Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC) today. We're thankful for the opportunity to provide this ongoing resource and encouragement for the evangelical churches we serve across Ukraine.



10 Intercede often for the faculty and staff of the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary. As the spring semester continues on, the students are busily preparing for exams and summer ministry assignments.

RUSSIA



11 Intercede in prayer for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian UECB. Pray for God's wisdom as Piotr prayerfully leads the churches in planning ministry and outreach direction for the coming months.

12 Denis Tolstov is an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in Russia's Far East. Please lift him in prayer as he seeks Gospel opportunities in rural villages, and with children's ministry.

13 Pray for Valery Kazakov and the staff of SGA's Moscow RMC. May the Lord encourage their hearts as they minister in Russia's huge capital city and assist churches across the nation. We thank God for their loving, faithful service.

14 Join us in thanksgiving for the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary. Ask the Lord for increased resources that will enable this strategic Bible training center to train even more students for lifetimes of Christian service.

BELARUS



15 Pray for Piotr Podrez and the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC. Summer camp ministries will begin in two months, and our Minsk team will be busily helping Belarussian churches with needed resources.

16 Missionary pastor Vasily labors in the region around the Belarussian capital of Minsk. Please pray for him and his church as they regularly engage in one-on-one evangelism.

17 Intercede in prayer for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the Belarussian UECB as well as leader of the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary. We are thankful for the way the Lord has blessed this strategic school in a difficult environment for ministry.

18 Belarus and Ukraine continue to be key focuses for SGA-sponsored Compassion Ministry, which missionary pastors say is vitally important in reaching

needy families with the Gospel. Pray for more resources in this key area of outreach.

19 The Zhemchuzinka (Little Pearl) diagnostic children's camp near Kobrin has been sponsored by SGA for many years and is a vitally important outreach for children suffering from Chernobyl-related illnesses. Please pray for the resources needed to keep this Gospel-centered camp operating at full capacity.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

20 Pray for Pastor Ilya Zenchenko, president of the UECB in Azerbaijan. As a Muslim-dominated nation in the southern Caucasus Mountains, Azerbaijan can be a very difficult region for evangelical churches and their ministries. May God grant Ilya wisdom in his leadership responsibilities.

21 **Easter Sunday:** *Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my Gospel (2 Timothy 2:8).* Today



is Easter in the Western calendar, while Sunday, April 28 is observed in Russia and other Eastern nations. Join us in thanksgiving for our Savior's glorious resurrection, and pray for many to hear the Gospel today across the CIS.

22 Pray for SGA's ongoing partnership with Israel College of the Bible, and the opportunities He has granted SGA to serve Russian-speaking congregations in Israel. Ask for God's continued blessing and direction.

23 The Caucasus Mountains cover several former Soviet countries and contain some 50 different people groups. Pray for the evangelical churches of this important region, asking for God's provision in advancing the Gospel.

24 Pastor Igor is one of several SGA-sponsored missionary pastors serving in Central Asia and has suffered from health challenges in the past year. Please pray for Igor, asking for a complete restoration of health and strength.

25 Pray for Alexander Karyakov, director of the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. We are thankful for Alexander, the students and faculty, and the ministry of this key Bible school in such a strategic region.

26 The SGA family is thankful for generous charitable foundations in North America that help underwrite a portion of our ministries across the CIS. Ask for God's abundant blessing and return for their investment in His kingdom work.

27 Pray for Bill Ball, director of SGA/Canada, and his assistant Sue Petten. May the Lord encourage their hearts today, and continue to raise up many new Canadian partner churches that will help seize the great ministry opportunities that exist in the CIS.

28 Please remember SGA-sponsored summer camp ministry preparations in prayer again today. Camp season begins in Russia and her neighboring countries on June 1 and will continue throughout the summer months.

29 Lift SGA's senior missionaries—Ruth Deyneka

Erdel, Florence Daneliuk, and Andrew Semenchuk—before the Lord in prayer. We are thankful for the opportunities they continue to have to reach the lost with the Gospel and the love of Christ.

30 Reflection: We close April with the Apostle Paul's heartfelt admonition . . . *Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel* . . . (Philippians 1:27).

Partner Prayer Requests

Pray for Navy grandson's health . . . Washburn, Tennessee

Wisdom for future decisions . . . Wheeling, West Virginia

For Gospel opportunities with loved ones . . . Oceanside, California

Pray for us as we begin Bible institute . . . Luquillo, Puerto Rico

For comfort after my husband's passing . . . Carnegie, Pennsylvania

Pray for sister who is battling cancer . . . Peoria, Illinois

**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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