



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:

This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5).

1 Reflection: We begin the new month with the psalmist's thankful praise and worship of our wonderful Lord . . . *Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and song (Psalm 12:2).*

2 Communicating effectively with our partners and the general public about SGA's ministries in a time of rapidly changing technology is always challenging. May the Lord grant wisdom to our advancement division as they oversee our website, social media, and printed publications.

3 SGA president Michael Johnson travels frequently across North America to visit churches and individual partners to update them on our ministries. Pray that he will be a blessing and encouragement as he shares what God is doing across the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

4 Pray for Eric Mock, SGA vice president of ministry operations. Eric also maintains a heavy travel schedule and oversees all SGA ministry functions in the CIS. May the Lord grant him health and strength today.

RUSSIA



5 Pray for Russian Baptist Union president Dr. Piotr Mitskevich. As local and national authorities continue to increase pressure on evangelical churches, please ask the Lord to grant Piotr and his fellow pastors abundant wisdom and guidance.

6 Lift the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary faculty and students in prayer. Ask God to protect them and sustain their vitally important Bible training ministry in the heart of Siberia.

7 While SGA-sponsored summer children's camp ministries have concluded for the year, follow up ministry will go on throughout the fall and winter. Pray with us that the seeds of the Gospel being planted will take root and grow in the hearts of many young Russian boys and girls.

8 We praise and thank the Lord for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Vyacheslav Shevkunov in Russia's Leningrad region, which encompasses St. Petersburg. Vyacheslav's church has a fruitful drug rehabilitation ministry as well as regular ministry in several rural villages.

9 Pray for SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC) staff, led by director Valery Kazakov. The coming months will be very busy in the leadup to Christmas and the Immanuel's Child outreaches in December and especially January 7, which is Russian Christmas.

UKRAINE



10 Please intercede in prayer today for ongoing Compassion Ministry in Ukraine, especially in the east of the country where the armed conflict with separatists continues to flame. Ask God for the resources needed to help churches distribute much needed food and other supplies to affected families.



11 Join us in praising the Lord for the ministry of Ivan Ivanov, an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in the town of Zhovkva. They recently had dedication services for a new House of Prayer that even drew unbelievers who were happy for the event. Pray for their salvation and the continued proclamation of the Gospel in the city.

12 Please remember the staff of SGA's Kiev RMC in Ukraine. Director Ruslan Muratayev and his staff work many long hours, yet with great joy, in service to evangelical churches across Ukraine.

13 Irpen Biblical Seminary is one of SGA's sponsored Bible schools across the CIS. Pray for seminary president Dr. Igor Yaremchuk and the faculty as they labor to ground future church leaders in God's inerrant Word.

14 Pray for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian UECB. Ask for wisdom and direction in Valery's many leadership responsibilities during these troubling days in Ukraine.

BELARUS



15 Lift director Piotr Podrez and the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC in prayer today. We are thankful to the Lord for our Minsk team, and their dedicated service to Christ in Belarus' capital city, as well as across the country.

16 Each year, thousands of orphan children across Belarus and other CIS nations are disciplined for Christ through the SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* ministry. Join together with us in thankful praise for God's faithful provision.

17 Yura is an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in the Grodno region. He and his wife Natasha regularly visit the homes of unbelievers in their town and share Christ's love, in addition to their

church ministries. May the Lord use their loving witness to draw many to Himself in saving faith.

18 Pray for the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary, which is headed by Pastor Leonid Mihovich. Leonid also serves as president of the UECB in Belarus in addition to his seminary duties. We are thankful for Leonid and his faithful, tireless service to Christ.

19 Please remember the many children who spent time at the SGA-sponsored Little Pearl Children's Diagnostic Camp over the summer. Pray that God will use their time at camp to open their hearts for follow up ministry by churches in their hometowns.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

20 Pray today for Alexander Karyakov, director of the Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. As the country continues to adjust to new political leadership, pray with us for more freedom for evangelical churches, and that this key Bible school will be allowed to keep operating unhindered.

21 SGA is thankful for the opportunities God has given us to help Russian-speaking congregations in Israel, and a growing partnership with Israel College of the Bible. Pray for our director of Bible training in Israel as he works with SGA leadership in developing this partnership even further.

22 Pray for Ilya Zenchenko, president of the UECB in Azerbaijan. Believers in Azerbaijan and many regions in the Caucasus encounter many difficulties in a culture opposed to evangelical churches, yet God continues to bring people to Himself as they hear the Gospel.

23 The Central Asian nations where SGA supports evangelical church ministries are Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan. With largely Muslim populations, the churches and missionary pastors must conduct their ministries very discreetly. Please pray for them today.

24 Intercede in prayer for increased resources to keep supplying churches across the CIS with more Bibles and Christian books in the Russian language. Pray also for more distribution opportunities, especially in children's ministries such as *Orphans Reborn* and *Immanuel's Child*.

25 Pray for the staff of SGA/Canada, led by director Bill Ball. Ask the Lord to increase their resources to help Bible-preaching churches across Russia and her neighboring countries. We are thankful to God for their faithful partnership.

26 Lift the staff of SGA's U.S. headquarters in Loves Park before the Lord today. We count it a daily joy to serve the Lord and His people across Russia and her neighboring countries. Ask for God's wisdom and direction as he opens future opportunities to serve and equip.

27 Distribution of food, warm clothing, and other needed humanitarian aid continues to be a significant part of SGA's ministries under the umbrella of Compassion Ministry. Ask for God's provision as winter draws closer and needs are certain to increase.

28 Charitable and family foundations have always played a key role in helping to fund the various ministries in operation across the CIS through SGA. We praise and thank the Lord for their generosity through the years, while also praying for additional opportunities in the days ahead.

29 Pray for SGA partner churches across North America as they continue to help sustain vital ministries in the CIS. We praise and thank God for the opportunity to serve

them, and to help connect them in partnership with congregations across Russia and her neighboring countries.

30 As you pray in advance for the children to be reached at Christmas through *Immanuel's Child*, please also ask the Lord to open the hearts of their parents or caregivers to the Gospel. Many children reached through this ministry become "little evangelists" to their parents, drawing the whole family to the church.

31 Reflection: We conclude October with the prophet Jeremiah's praise of our great God and Father . . . *There is none like You, O Lord; You are great, and great is your name in might. Who would not fear You, O King of the nations? Indeed it is Your due* (Jeremiah 10:6-7).

Partner Prayer Requests

Please pray for my health not to worsen any further . . .

Boerne, Texas

I need God's wisdom and guidance . . .

Greenlawn, New York

A dear family friend was severely injured . . . pray for healing . . .

Reno, Nevada

Pray for a family having difficulty with a foster child . . .

Wausau, Wisconsin

**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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