



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:

*But examine everything carefully; hold to that which is good (1 Thessalonians 5:21).*

**1 Reflection:** We begin this new month with thankful hearts, praising God for His love and gracious provision . . . *I will give thanks to the Lord according to His righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High (Psalm 7:17).*

**2** National and global economies ebb and flow, but our trust is in God who has . . . *cattle on a thousand hills (Psalm 50:10).* Please join us in thanksgiving for God's provision as we continue to serve Bible-preaching churches across the lands of Russia, equipping them to reach the lost with the Gospel.

**3** Pray for SGA president Michael Johnson today. His leadership position requires frequent travel across both North America and the former Soviet Union, and we are thankful for the opportunities God grants to encourage His people in their ministries.

**RUSSIA**



**4** As enforcement of the 2016 anti-missionary law continues to vary across Russia, please intercede in

prayer for evangelical churches and their freedom to share the Gospel. Ask God for great wisdom as we serve them in the face of challenges.

**5** Please lift Dr. Piotr Mitskevich in prayer today in his key leadership role as president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists — Russia's largest evangelical church fellowship. May the Lord grant Piotr and his fellow pastors wisdom as governmental pressures on evangelical churches continue to increase.

**6** Pray for director Valery Kazakov and the staff of SGA's Regional Ministry Center (RMC) in Moscow. May the Lord encourage their hearts and multiply their resources for ministry in Russia's huge capital city.

**7** Artyom Zemlyanov is an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in Russia's Amur region (Far East). We praise and thank the Lord for his vibrant children's ministries including Sunday school outreach, as well as his evangelism in regional villages. Lift him in prayer today.

**8** Join us in praising the Lord for growing youth ministry in Russia, and the servant leadership of the UECB's national youth director, Vitaly Zanin. Pray with us that God will

raise up many more local church youth leaders to help reach this generation for Christ.



## BELARUS



**9** Intercede in prayer today for director Piotr Podrez and his team at SGA's Minsk RMC. Ask God to grant them health and strength, as well as increased opportunities to help Belarussian churches in their ministries.

**10** Several recent news articles have reported on Belarussian president Alexander Lukashenko's efforts to warm relations with the U.S. and other Western nations. Pray that this will continue, and lead to more freedom for evangelical churches from tight restrictions.

**11** Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Alexander in Belarus' Gomel region. Summer is several months off, but he and his church are already planning Vacation Bible School and other children's ministries, which have been very fruitful.

**12** Minsk Theological Seminary is one of four key Bible schools sponsored by SGA in the CIS. Please intercede in prayer today for seminary president Leonid Mihovich, who also serves as president of the

Belarussian UECB.

## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**13** Please pray for Pastor Ilya Zenchenko, who leads the UECB churches in the Caucasus nation of Azerbaijan. Believers there are under considerable oppression, and some pastors have been jailed in recent years. Ask for God's continual wisdom and protection.

**14** Forum 18 has reported increasing pressure against churches in Kazakhstan, where the political situation continues to evolve following the retirement of Nursultan Nazarbaev, the nation's longtime president. Join us in praying for our brothers and sisters as they adapt their ministries to changing conditions on the ground.

**15** In Israel, rocket attacks from the neighboring Gaza Strip continue to hit in Ashkelon, where SGA's director of Bible training resides. Intercede in prayer for him and his family, as well as the evangelical congregations he serves.

**16** Pray for Pastor Franz Tissen, president of the Kazakh UECB, and his fellow pastors in the heavily Muslim republics of Central Asia. Pray especially for pastors in Kyrgyzstan, as the country's parliament recently passed a new, highly restrictive law on religion.

**17** As winter continues, please pray for SGA-sponsored Compassion Ministry that takes place through missionary pastors in Tajikistan. Poverty is severe and

rampant, especially in the cold mountain villages of the country.

## UKRAINE



**18** Pray today for SGA missionary pastor Vitaly Morokhovets, who serves in Ukraine's Kharkiv region. Vitaly and his wife Nadia are the new grandparents of twins—Amelia and Isaac! Join us in rejoicing with Vitaly and his family, and as they continue their varied and fruitful ministry.

**19** Lift Ukrainian UECB president Valery Antonyuk in prayer, asking for God's provision, wisdom, and direction in his many leadership responsibilities. We are thankful for this dedicated brother and his servant leadership during these challenging days in Ukraine.

**20** Lift the faculty and students of the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary in prayer. Pray especially for Dr. Igor Yaremchuk, the seminary's president, as he often travels for evangelism in addition to his leadership responsibilities.

**21** Director Ruslan Muratayev and the staff of SGA's Kiev RMC find great joy in serving the

evangelical churches of Ukraine. We praise and thank the Lord for them, and for the level of religious freedom enjoyed by the Bible-preaching churches they serve — the greatest in the former Soviet Union.

**22** Pray for the faithful missionary pastors and church teams who continue to travel into the war zones in eastern Ukraine with humanitarian aid provided by SGA partners. Pray for their safety in this dangerous region, as well as for many Gospel opportunities.

**23** Please pray for SGA's ministry division, led by vice president Eric Mock. Our ministry team joyfully works many hours to help coordinate all of our service to Bible-preaching churches across the CIS.

**24** Join us in praising the Lord for the ongoing Bible training ministry of SGA's Dr. Roman Dechtiarenko. Pray with us for God's continued blessing on Roman's classes, as well as for strength as his teaching and travel schedule is heavy.

**25** Join us in thanksgiving for the SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* ministry in the CIS. Thousands of orphan boys and girls have been reached with the Gospel and receive ongoing discipleship through this wonderful outreach. Please pray for the teams and the children regularly!

**26** Remember SGA senior missionary Andrew Semenchuk in prayer today. Now in his 90s, Andrew continues to faithfully serve and proclaim the Gospel at every opportunity the Lord provides.



**27** As you pray today, please lift up the evangelical churches we serve as they follow up with children reached during last month's *Immanuel's Child* ministries across Russia and her neighboring countries. We look forward to hearing the reports from the participating churches, which we will share in our Good News Report.

**28** We praise and thank the Lord for the more than 300 church-planting missionaries sponsored through SGA across the CIS. We are also deeply thankful for the many church planter sponsors across North America who help make their ministries possible.

**29 Reflection:** Let us close this leap year February with the Apostle



Paul's wonderful praise to God . . .  
*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen*  
(1 Timothy 1:17).

## Partner Prayer Requests

<i>Salvation for my grandchildren ...</i>	Manitoba, Canada
<i>I am having mini strokes and am lonely ...</i>	Saskatchewan, Canada
<i>Pray for healing of my grandson's leg ...</i>	Alberta, Canada
<i>Prodigal sister and 2 adult sons ...</i>	Ontario, Canada
<i>Salvation for my granddaughter ...</i>	Ontario, Canada
<i>Salvation for my granddaughter ...</i>	Saskatchewan, Canada

**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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