



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:

*Lead me in Your truth and teach me,  
for You are the God of my salvation;  
For You I wait all the day (Psalm 25:5).*

**1 Reflection:** We begin the new month with the Prophet Hosea's admonition . . . *Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; whoever is discerning, let him know them. For the ways of the Lord are right, and the righteous will walk in them, but transgressors will stumble in them (Hosea 14:9).*

**2** As the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to be felt globally, pray for faithfulness and wise stewardship throughout as our leadership team and board continue to make important financial decisions in the days ahead.

**3** Pray today for SGA president Michael Johnson. This past year, Michael has been blessed with numerous media interview opportunities to tell the story of what God is doing through His people across the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). We praise and thank the Lord for His provision!

**4** Intercede in prayer for SGA's international offices in the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada. May the Lord grant them provision, wisdom and direction as we

all work together to help evangelical churches across the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

**5** Join us in praying today that God will lift up His people across the CIS, causing them to find favor in their communities as they share Christ's love through Compassion Ministry and the Gospel.

## UKRAINE



**6** Pray that the evangelical churches in Ukraine will continue to be salt and light in the ongoing challenging circumstances, not only from the COVID-19 pandemic, but also the ongoing armed conflict in the east. Join us in asking the Lord to bring peace soon!

**7** Pray for the ongoing safety of Ruslan Muratayev and the staff of SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC). We praise and thank the Lord for their diligent service and faithful example.

**8** Please intercede today for Pastor Oleg Serbo and other faithful SGA-sponsored missionary pastors engaged in Compassion Ministry across Ukraine, and especially in the eastern conflict zones where the needs

are severe. We are thankful for the opportunity to help them reach out in Jesus' name.

**9** SGA-sponsored Bible schools such as Irpen Biblical Seminary are prayerfully determining how to manage classes in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Ask for God's wisdom and direction in the days ahead, as well as for His provision.

**10** Lift the leadership of the Ukrainian UECB in prayer today, especially President Valery Antonyuk. Ask for God's continued blessing and anointing for the 24 regional pastors as they serve the Lord with their gifts.

## RUSSIA



**11** Pray for the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary, especially the distance learning program that has been in place for a few years now. This offers more Russian pastors and Bible students the ability to receive Bible training without traveling long distances to study.

**12** Please lift up our *Orphans Reborn* workers in Russia as they



minister tirelessly among needy children. We are continually praying for expanded access so that more lonely, forgotten boys and girls can hear of Christ's redeeming love for them.

**13** Join us in prayer for a new generation of godly leaders in Russia, particularly those who have a passion to plant vibrant new churches. Pray for church youth leaders as they disciple and train young adults for ministry now and in the future.

**14** Praise God for the staff of SGA's Moscow RMC, led by Valery Kazakov. We thank God for their hard work and passion to see the Gospel go forth, particularly in Russia's enormous capital city.

**15** Intercede for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian UECB. Pray for God's guidance while Piotr and his fellow pastors make important leadership decisions that will help guide Russia's largest evangelical church fellowship.

## BELARUS



**16** Please lift Pastor Dmitri and his *Orphans Reborn* team in Belarus' Grodno region today. We are thankful to God for the opportunities Dmitri has to share Christ's love with these neediest of children.

**17** Pray today for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, who serves as president of the Belarussian UECB in addition to leading the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary. May the Lord encourage and strengthen him in the midst of

his many responsibilities.

**18** Intercede in prayer for the SGA-sponsored Little Pearl Diagnostic Camp in Kobrin, Belarus. The COVID-19 outbreak has limited summer camp operations across the CIS, but the needs of radiation-affected children remain. Ask for God's ongoing provision.

**19** Pray for Piotr and Dima Podrez and the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC. Ask for health, strength, encouragement, and provision as they faithfully serve evangelical churches across Belarus.

**20** As summer winds down across Belarus and the rest of the CIS, plans are already being laid for SGA-sponsored *Immanuel's Child* Christmas outreaches. Pray that the pandemic will wane, and that evangelical churches will be able to hold these vitally important evangelistic programs unhindered.

## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL



**21** The former Soviet nations across Central Asia, as well as many of the Caucasus Mountain regions, are largely Muslim and can

be very difficult—if not dangerous—for evangelical church ministry. Please lift our brothers and sisters in prayer today as they faithfully serve Christ.

**22** Pray for Dr. Levan, a key SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in the former Soviet country of Georgia. We praise God for the open doors Levan has for the Gospel through the medical clinic he operates for needy people in his region.

**23** Pray for UECB churches in Central Asia as they continue to press for legal registration for their congregations. The authorities often refuse to grant registration and make it very difficult for believers to gather and worship together.

**24** Join us today in praying for Pastor Ilya Zenchenko, president of the UECB in Azerbaijan. Along with poverty and tight governmental restrictions, evangelical churches in Azerbaijan face considerable challenges in their ministries. Ask for great wisdom and guidance.

**25** Please pray for the ongoing ministry to the homeless and so-called “social orphans” in Uzbekistan. May many hearts be opened to Christ's love as the churches reach out to “the least of these.”

**26** We praise the Lord with thanksgiving for the opportunity to help Russian-speaking congregations in Israel with Bible training and other resources. Pray for SGA's director of Bible training there as he travels and teaches God's Word to eager students.

**27** Continue to pray for the many reached across the CIS through the SGA-sponsored Christ Over COVID campaign. We are thankful to the Lord for the many new partners who are praying for the advance of the Gospel and helping the churches respond to great physical needs.

**28** We thank God for SGA's senior missionaries—Ruth Deyneka Erdel, Andrew Semenchuk, and Florence Daneliuk as they continue to serve our Lord in every opportunity He provides. May the Lord encourage their hearts today!

**29** Pray for Bill Ball, director of SGA/Canada, and his staff as they work to share with Canadian churches what God is doing throughout

the CIS, and how they can help. We praise and thank God for their diligent service to Christ for the sake of the Gospel.

**30** Pray for SGA vice president of ministry operations Eric Mock, children's ministry director Lana Yusov, and Alex Pashkovets, director of missionary ministry. Together they oversee our mission's vital ministry activities across the CIS.

**31 Reflection:** We close June with this reminder from the Apostle John . . . *God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth* (John 4:24). May He draw us to Himself closer than ever in the coming days.

## Partner Prayer Requests

*For my son's protection from coronavirus in the Kuna Islands . . .*

Beatrice, Nebraska

*That God will use me in a mighty way . . .*

Milford, Massachusetts

*Pray for reconciliation with our son and his repentance . . .*

The Villages, Florida

*For healing from cancer . . .*

Lake View Terrace, California

*I need God's guidance in decisions . . .*

Bridgeview, 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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