



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:

*And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself (John 12:32).*

**1 Reflection:** We begin September with praise to God from the psalmist . . . *We have thought on your lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of Your temple. As is Your name, O God, so is Your praise to the ends of the earth; your right hand is full of righteousness (Psalm 48:9-10).*

**2** This month, SGA is sending our *Immanuel's Child* kits to churches here in the U.S. that have requested them for this year's Christmas outreaches. Pray in advance for God to open doors to reach even more children with the Gospel across the former Soviet Union.



**3** SGA's board of directors meets later this month on the 9th. Ask for God's wisdom and guidance for our president, Michael Johnson, and the board as they discuss ongoing ministry

issues and planning.

**4** Pray for SGA's international offices in the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia. May the Lord continue to direct their steps as they press on with their respective ministries.

## RUSSIA



**5** Please pray today for the faculty and students at the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary as the fall term gets underway. We praise God for His gracious provision for this vitally important school in Siberia.

**6** Please intercede in prayer for Vitaly Zanin, national youth leader for the Russian Baptist Union. Also lift up the many other youth pastors and workers at churches across the Russian Federation as they disciple youth and share the Gospel.

**7** Pray for Valery Kazakov and his team at SGA's Regional Ministry Center (RMC) in Moscow. These are difficult days in Russia, and we praise God for Valery and the selfless dedication of the RMC staff.

**8** Alexander is an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Russia's

Udmurtia region, and has a vibrant outreach to youth and elderly alike in addition to Compassion Ministry. Please lift this faithful brother in prayer today.



**9** As the leader of the Russian Baptist Union, Dr. Piotr Mitskevich must frequently travel across the country and internationally. Please pray for him, asking for God's blessing and protection.

**10** Continue to pray for SGA-supported missionary Mikhail in Russia's Far East. As he and other local believers travel to reach unreached remote villages with the Gospel, pray that God will prepare the way in the hearts of those who hear.

## BELARUS



**11** Lift Piotr Podrez and the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC in prayer. Ask for God's continual blessing, protection, and provision for their ministry in these difficult days.

**12** Join us in praising God for His gracious provision with Compassion Ministry across Belarus. Several SGA-supported missionary pastors are involved, taking food and other aid to needy families and, as always, the life-changing Gospel.

**13** Pray for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the

Baptist Union in Belarus. Leonid shoulders double-duty as leader of the SGA-supported Minsk Theological Seminary. Pray also for the students enrolled as they study in the fall term.

**14** Viktor, an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Belarus, has faced some health challenges for some time. Pray for strength and healing, as he maintains a full active ministry in the midst of the challenges.

**15** Political tensions continue to ebb and flow in Belarus and in relations with the West. As always, lift the churches in prayer, asking God to prevent their Gospel ministries from being hindered.

## UKRAINE



**16** With the challenges caused by the ongoing war in Ukraine, Ruslan Muratayev and the staff of our Kiev RMC have an enormous workload. Please intercede in prayer for them today, also offering thanks to God for their selfless service to Christ.

**17** While summer camp ministry ended last month in Ukraine and the other former Soviet nations, follow-up ministry with the children continues on. May the Lord open many young hearts to the Gospel in the days ahead.

**18** Because of increased enrollment, the SGA-supported Irpen Biblical Seminary has had to use rooms at SGA's RMC for classes. We are thankful to God for His hand upon this vitally important training center for pastors and church workers. Continue to lift them in prayer!

**19** Intercede for Pastor Valery Antonyuk, leader of the Ukrainian Baptist Union. May God grant him continual wisdom in his servant leadership role, encouraging fellow pastors and church workers across Ukraine.

**20** Pray for the teams of missionary pastors who are traveling into combat zones to minister to families in great need. Ask God to shield them in their travels, and open doors for the Gospel.

## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**21** Lift Alexander Karyakov, director of the SGA-supported Almaty Bible Institute, in prayer today. As with the other SGA-supported schools, the fall term is underway. May God's abundant blessings be on the faculty and students.

**22** Pray for SGA-supported Bible training in Israel. As more Russian and Ukrainian-speaking immigrants come to Israel, more opportunities to discreetly reach them with the Gospel arise. Pray that God will open many hearts!



**23** Lift up the ongoing development of SGA-supported ministry in the former Soviet country of Moldova in the Balkans. Join us in thankful praise to

God for opening new doors to serve the churches and further the Gospel.

**24** Yuri is an SGA-supported missionary pastor in one of the former Soviet Central Asian nations. Yuri's church was able to complete a new building for their congregation even amid strict restrictions on churches. We praise and thank God for His provision!



**25** Please pray for the ongoing development of Bible training ministry in Poland. With the large number of Ukrainian war refugees in the country, SGA has been working with Polish churches to reach them with aid and the Gospel.

**26** SGA is thankful for recent gifts from charitable foundations in the USA. Join us in praise to God for such organizations that have the Gospel at the heart of their work.

**27** In recent years, most of SGA's Russian-language Bible and Christian literature ministry has transferred overseas to make distribution through the churches more cost-effective. We pray that God's Word will continue to be easily available to strengthen new believers.



**28** Keep interceding for the staff at SGA's headquarters in Loves Park, Illinois. We take great joy in serving evangelical churches across the former Soviet Union, supporting their fruitful ministries however we can.

**29** Pray for the SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* ministry and other children's outreaches across the



former Soviet Union. Thousands of boys and girls have been reached with the Gospel through the years, with many going on to have a part in the ministry as adults.



**30 Reflection:** We conclude September with the Apostle John's reminder . . . *As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father* (1 John 2:24).

## Partner Prayer Requests

*For a loved one who is struggling . . .*

Mountain View, California

*Pray with me as I get older . . .*

Stoneham, Colorado

*That we all stay close to Jesus . . .*

Dunlap, Illinois

*For ongoing wisdom and discernment as I teach . . .*

Myerstown, Pennsylvania

*Pray for my men's ministry at church . . .*

Dequincy, Louisiana

**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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