



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:

*By this the love of God was revealed in us, that God has sent His only Son into the world so that we may live through Him (1 John 4:9).*

**1 Reflection:** We begin December with King David's praise of our glorious God and Father . . . *But You, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory and the One who lifts my head. I was crying out to the Lord with my voice, and He answered me from His holy mountain (Psalm 3:3-4).*

**2** We are deeply thankful for all that God has enabled SGA to accomplish in support of Bible-preaching churches across Russia and her neighboring nations. Our brothers and sisters face new challenges each year, and we ask for the Lord's continued provision to help meet the needs of their ministries.

**3** Keep SGA president Michael Johnson in prayer as he faithfully fulfills his leadership responsibilities. Pray also for our executive leadership team as they work together with Michael day to day in steering our mission's course.

**4** Please pray in advance for evangelical churches across the former Soviet Union as they finalize plans for the SGA-supported *Immanuel's Child* Christmas ministry. May the Lord draw many needy children and their families to faith in

Him as they hear the Gospel.

## RUSSIA



**5** Pray for Dr. Piotr Mitskevich, president of the Russian Baptist Union. Piotr carries a significant load as president of Moscow Seminary in addition to his leadership responsibilities in the Union nationwide.

**6** SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC) is led by Valery Kazakov, who has served with our mission for many years. Please lift Valery and his family in prayer today as they serve the Lord in Russia's huge capital city.

**7** Viktor is an SGA-supported missionary pastor who has been discipling youth in Russia's Volgograd region. Pray that many young people who are believers will be strengthened in their faith, and that unbelieving



youth will repent and turn to Christ.

**8** Pray for ongoing aviation ministry in Russia's Far East, especially in winter months when access to remote villages is only possible by air. Pray for safety for the pilots and open doors for the Gospel.

**9** Lift the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary in prayer today—both faculty and students. Pray also for the students who are unable to travel to the seminary and participate in online learning or extension centers.

**10** Lift up Valentin, an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Russia's Altai region. Valentin has been very busy over the summer with youth ministry. Pray that God will open the hearts of many teenagers to the Gospel through this, and in follow-up ministry.

## BELARUS



**11** While not directly involved in the Russia/Ukraine war, the conflict has had its own impacts on Belarus with refugees and other issues. Intercede for the faithful churches SGA serves as they minister Christ's love to many hurting people.

**12** Pray today for Timur, an SGA-supported missionary pastor in Belarus. He has about 40 children in church and many visits to the services by unbelieving families. Pray with us that God will work powerfully in them as they hear the Gospel.

**13** Pastor Leonid Mihovich serves as president of the Belarussian UECB and leader of the SGA-

supported Minsk Theological Seminary. Remember Leonid and his family today in prayer, with thanksgiving to God for his diligent service to Christ.

**14** Pray regularly for director Piotr Podrez and the team at SGA's Minsk RMC. Ask for God's blessing and generous provision for their vitally important ministry across the country.

**15** Pray for the students and faculty at Minsk Theological Seminary today. There are about 240 students enrolled, and we praise God for the opportunity to help them become firmly grounded in God's Word.

## UKRAINE



**16** Due to constant wartime attacks on the country's infrastructure including the power grid, this will likely prove to be another difficult winter for Ukraine. Pray for the resources needed to help the churches respond to the needs of their people in the weeks ahead.



**17** Yevgeny is an SGA-supported missionary pastor who lives in a region where rocket and bomb attacks are frequent to the point of shaking the house. Please join us in praying for him and his family's safety in the midst of war.

**18** Please pray for director Ruslan Muratayev and his staff at

SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC). Ask God to grant him good health and renewed strength in these stressful days.

**19** This term, the SGA-supported Irpen Biblical Seminary in Ukraine has 715 enrolled students. May the Lord bless them and encourage their hearts as they drink in the truths of God's Word and prepare for future ministry.

**20** Pray for Ukrainian UECB president Valery Antonyuk and his fellow overseers across the country. We praise God for their faithful, diligent leadership and service, as well as the dedicated example they set for the churches.

## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**21** Pray today for Pastor Oleg Shevkunov, who leads the UECB in Uzbekistan. Ministry in Central Asia can be very difficult for evangelical churches, and we thank the Lord for the steadfastness of His people there.

**22** Tensions have been so high in Israel for more than a year with the Hamas war, coupled with other attacks from Hezbollah in Lebanon, and threats from Iran. Ask



for God's protection, and for more open doors to reach Russian-speaking Jewish immigrants with the Gospel.

**23** The Russian region of Chechnya in the Caucasus Mountains continues to be one of the most dangerous places for Christian ministry. Pray for the faithful missionary pastors who discreetly reach others there with the Gospel.

**24** SGA is partnering with Grace University to provide *Antioch Initiative* Bible training in Moldova. Join us in thanksgiving for this relationship as it continues to develop and bear fruit for the sake of the Gospel.

**25 Western Christmas:** *For a Child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us . . . (Isaiah 9:6).* Join us in praise and thanksgiving for the gift of the Lord Jesus Christ, who came to redeem His people from their sin. Also pray for the growing number of churches in the former Soviet Union who will hold SGA-supported *Immanuel's Child* outreaches today.

**26** We offer thanksgiving to God for His provision in funding the SGA-supported Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. May He continue to bless and encourage the students in their studies, and to strengthen churches through its graduates.

**27** Pray for SGA's international offices in Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, and New Zealand. We praise and thank God for their faithful dedication to the Gospel and service to evangelical churches in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

**28** Continue to lift up SGA's efforts in seeking new partners

to help support our ministries across Russia and her neighboring countries. The Lord has been faithful in sustaining our ministry for nearly 91 years, and we are ever thankful!

**29** Please pray today for the SGA-supported *Orphans Reborn* ministry across Russia and her



neighboring nations. We are praying the Lord will open even more locations to reach these deeply needy children with the Gospel and the love of Christ.

**30** SGA leadership must frequently travel overseas as part of our service to evangelical churches in the former Soviet Union. Pray for them and their always hectic schedules, and for ongoing traveling mercy.

**31 Reflection:** We end December and the year 2024 with praise and thanksgiving for the gift of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ . . . *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people* (Titus 2:11).

## Partner Prayer Requests

*Pray for our loved ones' health needs . . .*

Monroe, Washington

*Pray for recovery from COVID . . .*

Houston, Texas

*Please pray that cancer screen comes back clear . . .*

Peoria, Illinois

*For wisdom in church outreach locally . . .*

Machiasport, Maine

*Pray for family and health needs . . .*

Charlotte, North Carolina

**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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