

Prayer & Praise

JUN / JUL 2022



PRAYER MEETINGS

20 Jun & 18 Jul @ 7:30pm
at 351 Princes Hwy
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SGA is honoured to bring your requests to the Lord.
Please let us know how we can serve you through prayer by
sending your requests to our office.

1. Let us begin by **PRAYING FOR** peace in Ukraine. The situation is devastating and our hearts break for the men, women and children who are suffering.
2. Lyena's story gave us a picture of what circumstances have been like for Ukrainians faced with sudden invasion and violence. We join Lyena in **PRAISING GOD** for all the people that are serving and helping war victims. (['Lyena's Letter', Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.2-3](#))
3. Pastor Andrei shared some stories about displaced people travelling through his town, and asked us to **PRAY** for them. Not everyone has been able to survive or escape, and many people are grieving over their losses. (['Escaping Mariupol', Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.4](#))
4. Pastor Oleg wrote about the relative peacefulness of his town, highlighting the simple pleasures of seeing the sunshine and hearing the sounds of happy children. Let us **PRAY FOR** Pastor Oleg's church as they continue to provide food and shelter to traumatised victims in Poninka. (['The Laughter of Children', Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.5](#))
5. Pastor Peter, in Losynivka, was trapped in his basement while his village was occupied by Russian forces. The whole family was on their knees, crying and praying, and we **THANK GOD** that they are safe now. (['We Hid in Our Cellar', Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.6](#))
6. Peter asked us to **PRAY** for the Ukrainian churches, homes, children, grandchildren, and his own family that they would have strength to endure. (['We Hid in Our Cellar', Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.6](#))
7. **PRAISE GOD** for the wonderful work being done at the Lutsk printing factory in Ukraine, the warehouse where SGA-sponsored Bibles, Christian books and children's Action Bibles are printed. It has been preserved from damage, so far. (['Photos, Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.6](#))
8. The Lutsk printing factory is also being used as a distribution centre for emergency supplies. Free literature comes with the food and we **PRAY** it will lead to the salvation of souls. (['Photos, Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.6](#))
9. Oksana and her son narrowly escaped death as they fled their basement in Mariupol. All along their journey, they continued to recite Psalm 90 – putting their trust in God. We **THANK GOD** for answering their prayers. (['We Recited Psalm 90', Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.7](#))
10. Pastor Vladimir wrote to us about a mother and daughter that were sexually harassed and threatened by soldiers. We **THANK GOD** that they were able to escape the worst, run away and find another hiding place. (['The Soldiers Were Dissuaded', Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.7](#))
11. Other women have not been so lucky during this war. The ones that are still alive will carry emotional scars for life – some may be pregnant. Let us intercede for them, **ASKING GOD** to help and comfort them. And these crimes are ongoing and we pray for an end to this horrible violence. (['The Soldiers Were Dissuaded', Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.7](#))

12. Let us **PRAY FOR** the Polish churches which run crisis centres. They have many logistical issues to organise and fund: health care; legal advice; food and housing; etc. and it is very costly and time-consuming.
[\('It Takes Time, Money and Effort', Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.8\)](#)
13. Christian literature for Ukrainian children is being sent to various places in Poland, and also to refugees in Latvia. We hope and **PRAY** that they will be a source of comfort and hope in God for the traumatised children.
[\('It Takes Time, Money and Effort', Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.8\)](#)
14. We **PRAISE GOD** that the 43 children with leukemia were able to escape Ukraine and be transported to medical clinics in Poland and Italy where they can receive medical treatment in safety.
[\('43 Orphans With Leukemia', Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.9\)](#)
15. We also **THANK GOD** that refugee foster-families, often large with many orphans, were able to evacuate through Poland and into Germany. We ask for God's ongoing provision for them all.
[\('43 Orphans With Leukemia', Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.9\)](#)
16. Also entering Poland are children who were sent abroad alone; handicapped people; and entire cohorts from orphanages. These groups are vulnerable to exploitation and need special oversight. Let us **PRAY FOR** their wellbeing and safety.
[\('43 Orphans With Leukemia', Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.9\)](#)
17. The story of Elena's escape out of Ukraine with her daughter, Alisa, is happy but also tragic. Elena now suffers from PTSD: she gets panic attacks; sleeps in bathrooms; takes sedatives; and is too afraid to go outside. Many who escaped still re-live the trauma, let us **PRAY** for them.
[\('Elena's Escape into Poland', Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.10\)](#)
18. Many women, like Elena, are dreading bad news about their husbands, brothers, fathers and sons, who were prevented from leaving Ukraine. Please **PRAY FOR** the separated families to be reunited soon.
[\('Elena's Escape into Poland', Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.10\)](#)
19. Elena wouldn't have made it to Poland if not for the acts of generosity and kindness shown by various people along the way. Even at her destination, she continues to rely on charity. We **THANK GOD** for all these provisions.
[\('Elena's Escape into Poland', Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.10\)](#)
20. Let us **PRAY** for churches such as Bethel Baptist Church and Yaltushkiv Baptist Church, who are reaching out to evacuees, hoping to share the Gospel with them, along with tea, coffee and free meals.
[\(Photos, Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.11\)](#)
21. **PRAISE GOD** for an answered prayer of a village pastor trying to get 200 loaves of fresh bread into Kharkiv. It just so happened that Oleg was forced to stop there, so the bread was added to his cargo and delivered.
[\('This is Oleg', Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.11\)](#)
22. We want to **THANK GOD** for the ministry of Sasza, a young person who decided to stay and help in Poland, rather than going on to the Netherlands with his family. And Sasza would like us to pray for his father who remained in Ukraine.
[\('This is Sasza', Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.11\)](#)
23. SGA is grateful for the huge response we have had to our Ukraine Crisis appeal. Large amounts have already been sent to Ukraine, and is being used to buy food, medicine, blankets and more. We **THANK GOD** for the generous gifts.
[\('Let Us Not Lose Heart in Doing Good', Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.12\)](#)
24. The crisis situation in eastern Europe is seen to be a marathon, not a sprint, because it will take a long time for refugee families to be established where they are or return to Ukraine. We **ASK GOD** to help us remember their needs and be able to support them long-term.
[\('Let Us Not Lose Heart in Doing Good', Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.12\)](#)
25. For all those purchasing, packaging and distributing aid 'on the ground', in Ukraine, we **PRAY** for their safety – especially when missiles are exploding all around.
[\('Let Us Not Lose Heart in Doing Good', Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.12\)](#)
26. For all those who are seeking God in their time of need, we **PRAY** that the messages they hear in the churches, and the passages they read in their free Bibles will give comfort and bring them to repentance.
[\('Let Us Not Lose Heart in Doing Good', Slavic Gospel News, Jun/Jul 2022, p.12\)](#)
27. SGA's Eric Mock, and other representatives have been travelling to Eastern Europe to gain understanding and give oversight regarding the distribution of aid. Please **ASK GOD** to provide them wisdom and safety.
28. SGA continues to provide care and support to pastors in Russia and we receive letters from them. Please **PRAY** for them as their ministries to prisoners, orphans and impoverished people are ongoing (and needed now, as much as ever, because of the worsening economic situation).
29. People in Russia are also in difficult circumstances as the government has clamped down on access to information and their freedom to express any criticism of the war. Opinions are divided and family relations have become complicated by political views. Please **PRAY FOR** them.
30. Also in Russia, there are refugee centres with evacuees from eastern Ukraine arriving daily – often with injuries, torn clothes, starving and unwashed. SGA-supported orphanage workers have been going to these centres to run programs for children. Please **PRAY** for them.
31. We **PRAISE GOD** that through all this suffering, there have been accounts of churches with their Sunday services full to overflowing with people seeking spiritual answers. One man was baptised in his bathtub by a visiting pastor! While pastors are pleased to see revived interest in religion, they will also provide follow-up Bible studies.