

## Russia & Ukraine August Prayer Focus

Tuesday – 1

Please pray for FEBC-Ukraine’s program director, Maxim, who is serving as a chaplain in the army. May God’s presence and great wisdom be with Maxim. And may God open the hearts of the soldiers he is serving. Please pray for Maxim to be strengthened emotionally and spiritually as he serves the soldiers.



Wednesday – 2

Please pray for listeners like Igor, in Ukraine, who are facing an immense amount of stress. “My city suffered a lot during the war, it barely still exists,” he said. “My wife just told me she wants a divorce; my mother died while she was abroad, it happened very quickly; and now I take care of my father, who is ill. I get maybe 2-3 hours of sleep a day.” Igor had never read the Bible before. “I don’t even know if God exists,” he said. When FEBC’s Christian counselor prayed with him, Igor burst into tears. “Thank you so much!” Please pray for listeners like Igor, who are turning to the Lord as they face extreme trials in their lives.

Thursday – 3

Please pray for new programs being developed in Russia. May they reach many young people with the Gospel and connect them to local churches in their cities.

Friday – 4

“At heart, I’m probably more of an atheist,” said Boris, an FEBC listener. “But your broadcasts awakened me to Christianity. I’ve been to church twice recently; I liked it. I think I’ll go back. Thank you for talking about Jesus and church in your programs.” Please pray for Boris and other listeners like him to come to know the Lord through FEBC’s programs and through the churches they are connected with through FEBC.

Saturday – 5

Please pray for the wives and children of those on the FEBC-Ukraine team who are serving. Yulia and Karina are the wife and daughter of one of the team members. Kateryna, Inesa and Oleh are the wife and children of another. Please pray for God to take care of their needs as their husbands and fathers are away from home.



Sunday – 6

Please pray for listeners like Dmitry, who called FEBC to talk about his broken marriage; he was eager to respond to God when given the chance. When FEBC’s Christian counselor suggested they pray, Dmitry said, “I don’t know how to pray,” but said he was already kneeling. As they prayed, Dmitry was moved and wept. Then he was connected with a church. Please pray for listeners like Dmitry who are open to God as long as they are given the opportunity.

Monday – 7

Please pray for Ruslan, an FEBC-Ukraine broadcaster who is undergoing training to serve as a chaplain in the military. Please pray for his health, and that the Lord strengthens him physically, spiritually and emotionally.

Tuesday – 8

Please pray for listeners like Elena, who grew up with an alcoholic mother and was now dealing with extreme anxiety and panic attacks. “When a train I was in broke down, we were locked in, and I felt like I couldn’t breathe; I lost consciousness. These kinds of panic attacks are happening over and over. My mother used to drink and then beat me. I can’t stop remembering how I would hide in the shed whenever my mother started drinking.” Elena prayed with FEBC-Russia’s counselor. Please pray for many affected listeners to turn to the Lord.

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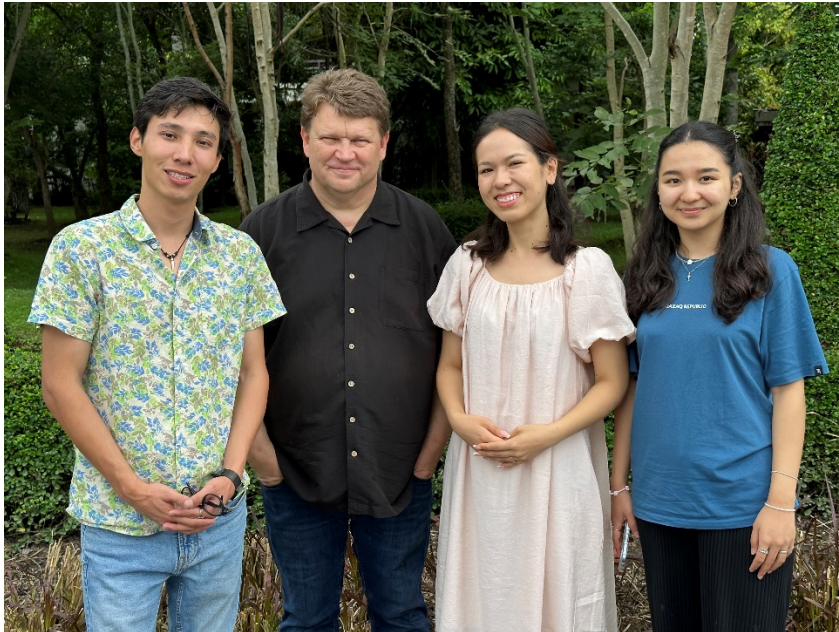
Please pray for listeners like Nargiza and Gulnara from Kyrgyzstan, who are praying for the salvation for her families. They are praying for their children, husbands, and parents to come to know the Lord through their examples and through FEBC-Kyrgyzstan’s programs.

Thursday – 10

Please pray for listeners like Sasha, who suffered severely in the war. Sasha had recently lost a loved one he was very close to, and this brought up other painful memories. “I was in Mariupol when the fighting was worst. I remember sitting in the basement, praying 24/7. Somehow I survived, even some large buildings near me survived—was this God sparing me?” As the counselor prayed for him, Sasha wept. Please pray for Sasha, who had a lot of anger towards God for the things he had experienced and seen in the war. Please pray for healing for him and those who have suffered like him.

Friday – 11

Please pray for the FEBC-Kazakhstan team, including Ruslan, Aizhan, Ulan, and Aruzhan. Please especially pray for the helpline, where suicides are averted, families are healed, and listeners put their faith in Christ.



Saturday – 12

Please pray for listeners like Katerina, who lived in Kherson, which had been occupied by Russian troops. “Almost a year of occupation,” she said, “de-occupation, and now, the blowing up of the dam. It makes you want to cry, to destroy something... As for me, I am a stone. My husband and children have never seen my tears—I think it’s a sign of weakness. But when everyone goes to sleep, when no one can see me, I get up from bed and cry, sometimes all night.” FEBC’s Christian counselors prayed for Katerina and her family. “It’s a miracle that I found you!”

Sunday – 13

Please pray for the Lord to continue bringing new team members to the FEBC-Russia team. Please pray for the Lord to bring bold, creative, and evangelistically minded people who can reach younger listeners in the quickly changing landscape of new media.

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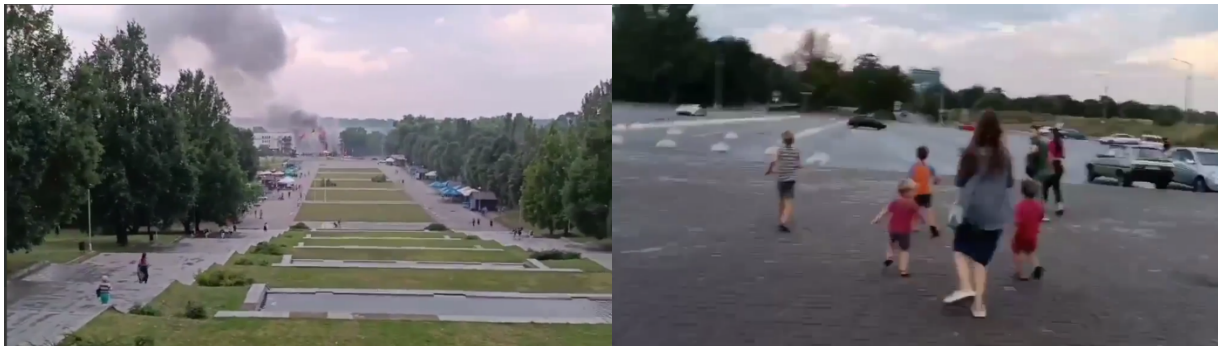
Please pray for young listeners like Olesia, who was upset with her parents after they yelled at her. As FEBC's counselors spoke with her about God, Olesia was very open. "Can we really pray together? I've been to church a few times, I lit candles there." The counselors told Olesia how she could have a real relationship with God, telling her about His love and acceptance. Olesia accepted Jesus and "became friends" with Him. Please pray for the children who need to hear the Good News, whether their problems are with their parents or because of the war.

Tuesday – 15

Please pray for the students from the nearby university and listeners who come to FEBC-Ukraine's studio and are able to be evangelized in person. Often, this is how real change occurs, as FEBC's broadcasters and staff are able to form relationships with people and connect them with local churches.

Wednesday – 16

Please pray for Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine, which was recently hit by missile attacks. God provided for FEBC-Ukraine to open a radio station in the region during wartime, 88.8 FM, and this has become one of the most responsive regions to FEBC's programs. The people here are under constant fear over to the nearby nuclear powerplant which is under Russian control.



Thursday – 17

Please pray for a new project working with three new Central Asian countries, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan. These countries have historically been very closed to the Gospel, but have recently seen some freedom. Please pray that the Lord brings the right people from these countries to work on this project and opens door for the Gospel in these countries.

Friday – 18

Please pray for listeners like Elena, who are dealing with alcohol addiction. When counselors prayed with her, Elena was in tears. "Your prayer moved me," she said. "No one has prayed for me like that for a long time!" They connected her with a church, and then they decided to pray again. That's when Elena gave her life to Jesus. Please pray for Elena to grow in her new faith in a church as she deals with her struggle with alcohol.



Saturday – 19

Anna called FEBC because she was having relationship problems, then she told FEBC’s counselors about the betrayal that she experienced in her family home. This had seriously affected her view of relationships. FEBC’s counselors told Anna about her Heavenly Father, who was always faithful and would never betray her. Anna prayed with the counselors, putting her faith in Jesus, and asking God to heal her family’s relationships. Please pray for FEBC-Russia and Ukraine’s listeners who have broken families. With the ongoing war, and the many families who are living in separation or are losing their loved ones to violence, this social problem is only increasing.

Sunday – 20

Please pray for listeners like Marta, a former soldier in Ukraine, who was living in constant fear. “My hands start trembling every evening,” she said. “That’s when the missiles start flying.” As Marta spoke with FEBC-Ukraine’s counselors and heard the Gospel, Marta put her faith in Jesus and prayed with the counselor. They prayed for the safety of her husband, who was still in the army, and connected her with a church.

Monday – 21

Please pray for the leadership of FEBC-Kyrgyzstan, including Ulanbek, Nurayim, and Nooruz. Please pray for the teams to continue to grow and pray for open doors for evangelism in the increasingly oppressive society.



Tuesday – 22

“I saw my friend die in the war,” said Ivan. “And since I’ve been back from the war, I’ve been seeing him. He comes to me. Once he told me to lie down on the train tracks. Some workers saw me there and helped me get off the tracks and go home.” Please pray for listeners like Ivan, who was really struggling after coming home from the war. Many soldiers who come home are having trouble adjusting and are dealing with mental health struggles. They need the hope of the Gospel. Ivan prayed with FEBC’s Christian counselors and put his faith in Jesus during this call.

Wednesday – 23

Please pray for soldiers who are having serious struggles, like Dima, who called FEBC because he was feeling suicidal. He followed Buddhism, but agreed to be prayed for. After the prayer, he said, “Amen,” and broke down crying. Please pray for many more soldiers to turn to the Lord, the death toll is alarmingly high.

Thursday – 24

“I’m alone,” said Maria. “My loved one died recently, my daughter is out of the country, and my pay has been cut. I can barely survive, and I still need to help my daughter.” Maria visited church once every 3 months and lit a candle to the saints. When FEBC’s Christian counselors shared the Gospel with Maria and told her about Jesus, Maria ended the conversation. “I have my own faith, I’m not a fanatic,” she said. But when the counselor called her back, Maria began to open up and agreed to pray. Afterwards, she said, “I believe you. Whatever church you belong to, I would like to go there.” Please pray for listeners like Maria who are opening their hearts to the Gospel while talking with FEBC’s Christian counselors.

Friday – 25

Please pray for FEBC-Ukraine’s support staff, the editors, designers, technical directors, accountants, and administrators. They are helping FEBC continue to proclaim the Good News online and on the air on 8 radio stations.

Saturday – 26

Please pray for listeners like Alena, who started listening to FEBC-Russia’s program for prisoners when her husband was put in prison. “Your program has changed the way I see the world. Now I see it through a lens of faith in God. My husband is out of prison, but I still listen, I still learn so much. I’ve even joined a prayer group where I support other people in prayer.” Please pray for prisoners and their family members who come to know the Lord through FEBC’s programs.

Sunday – 27

Please pray for FEBC’s partnerships with churches in Russia and Ukraine. This is more essential than ever, as the war continues to ravage Ukraine and as the political situation in Russia continues to become more authoritarian.

Monday – 28

Please pray for listeners from Ukraine, like Tanya, whose husband died in the war. “My husband was carrying his injured friend when he was killed. His commander saw him get hit, but they were not able to recover his body. Sometimes I can’t help but think that he will somehow come back.” Tanya prayed with the counselor and put her faith in Jesus. “I feel so much lighter, I feel peace,” she said. Please pray for those who have lost loved ones in the war.

Tuesday – 29

Please pray for listeners to FEBC-Russia’s program on adoption, like Ludmila. When Ludmila saw how many orphans ended up in terrible circumstances after leaving the orphanage, she wanted to do something to help. But, at first, things did not go well. “I made many mistakes,” she said. “But then I found your program and started to listen. I learned so much about how to properly help them and connect with their hearts. And things are going so much better! I’m really able to help these children now!” Please pray for the many people who are inspired and equipped to adopt or work with orphans through FEBC’s program *Wonderful Family*.

Wednesday – 30

Please pray for listeners like Masha, from Moldova, who started watching the evening live program. “I never thought I would end up in church,” she said. “But I’ve been hearing so much about God from you, and I had to check it out.” She has now been to youth church meetings several times. Please pray for the many young people in Moldova who do not know Jesus to hear the Gospel through FEBC’s programs.



Thursday – 31

Please pray for young teens like Tamara, who wrote to FEBC because she was feeling suicidal—many teens chose to write to FEBC’s counselors with their prayer needs instead of calling.

Tamara felt completely hopeless, and wanted to end the conversation multiple times, until she heard about God’s love and plan for her. “How can God have a plan for me if I don’t even have one?” she asked. Then she agreed to pray with the counselor. Please pray for the many teens who are struggling with hopelessness and suicidal thoughts, and for the counselors who are helping them. Many suicides are being averted.