

Russia and Ukraine September Prayer Focus

Thursday – 1

Please pray for the ministry in Moldova. Thought the ministry team is still being built, they have already begun evangelizing, and people have been responding in great numbers. Please pray for God to give Ilia and Alina wisdom as they put together the team and to bring the right people to the ministry. And for Him to continue to work mightily through the team.



Friday – 2

Please pray for listeners like Sonya, who grow up nominally religious, but haven't really heard the Gospel. She met with an FEBC broadcaster in person, and after he prayed for her, she broke down crying. She had always felt unworthy to come to church because of her past sins, but after hearing about the sacrifice of Jesus, communion, and acceptance, she put her faith in Christ and joined a community. She's now the most faithful member.

Saturday – 3

Please pray for the search for new FEBC-Ukraine team members in the capital, Kyiv, and for the purchase of additional equipment. Praise God that many of the original Kyiv team have returned to the city, but we also need more support!



Sunday – 4

“Since the war began, I can’t help but think that everyone would be better off without me,” said one young girl when she called FEBC’s prayer helpline. Please pray for young people who are emotionally affected by the war. Many young people feel completely helpless, and with so many people having lost their homes, many are now living without communities or support.

Monday – 5

Please pray for Max, FEBC-Ukraine’s program director. Please pray for God’s favor, guidance, for protection for his family, and for energy as he helps manage the team in Ukraine.



Tuesday – 6

Please pray for Ukrainian soldiers who have been wounded and are suffering with PTSD. One soldier who was recovering after having been wounded in his head called the prayer helpline. “It’s hard for me to sleep at night because of the nightmares and flashbacks,” he said. We receive many calls like this to our helpline.

Wednesday – 7

Please pray for FEBC-Ukraine’s new station in Kyiv, 89.4 FM. FEBC received a temporary license under a war provision, and in order for the station to continue to broadcast in 2023, we must exhibit excellence in the quality of the signal, uninterrupted service, and the quality of the programming—all under extremely stressful circumstances.

Thursday – 8

While many listeners reach out to God when they are going through trials, others feel His lack when there doesn’t seem to be anything going wrong in their lives. One listener called the prayer

helpline to say that, though he seems to have everything – an apartment, a car, a job – he often struggles with suicidal thoughts. After a counselor shared the Gospel with him, the man prayed to give his life to Christ. “After I prayed,” he said, “My feeling of torment lifted. Thank you!” Please pray for God to continue reaching listeners wherever they are.

Friday – 9

Please pray for Muslim listeners who are watching and interacting with FEBC’s programs. One young man began a correspondence with one broadcaster, asking questions about Christianity and, finally, asking for help finding a Bible. Though he got into trouble when his mother found the Bible, he is still eager to learn more about God.

Saturday – 10

Please pray for listeners who use alcohol to deal with their pain. “I have three sons who are fighting,” said one listener, who had been drinking. “When I spoke with my brother, who doesn’t live in Ukraine, yesterday, he told me that he doesn’t care about what’s happening in Ukraine. I felt totally demoralized.” Lyudmila gave her life to the Lord during the call. “I’m giving Him my pain.”

Sunday – 11

Please pray for our broadcasters in Ukraine who are travelling more often during the war, sometimes running to safety, sometimes to meet with listeners. Please pray for their safety.

Monday – 12

Please pray for those listeners who are resistant to talking about God when they first talk to counselors, but open up over time. One listener who was contemplating divorce called to ask for help. The counselor helped the caller with his issues, but whenever he brought up God, the man was uninterested. Later that day, the man called back to thank the counselor. “Your advice really helped me.” This time, when the counselor suggested they pray for him and his family, the man agreed. As they prayed, the man burst into tears. “I feel so much lighter,” he said. “I felt so bad until I spoke with you. Now I have joy. I’m even smiling!”

Tuesday – 13

Please pray for Eduard, the director of FEBC-Ukraine, as he leads the team in Ukraine. He is under a great deal of pressure. Please also pray for his family, especially as they plan for their children’s educations.



Wednesday – 14

Please pray for listeners who are involved in the occult. One woman who called the prayer helpline claimed to tell people’s futures. She knew this was wrong, and she turned to Jesus during the call. She was eager to read the Bible, pray, and begin attending church.

Thursday – 15

Despite many interruptions to our work in Russia, we are still broadcasting. We have not been banned, and our audience is actually growing, though it has become more difficult to work on some platforms because of government restrictions. Please pray for this freedom to continue.



Friday – 16

“Every day, I watch tanks driving by and hear them shooting,” said one listener when she called FEBC’s helpline. She lived in a combat zone and felt completely helpless. “Maybe I should just die?” she said to an FEBC counselor. After the counselor shared the Gospel with her, she prayed to give her life to Christ. She became more confident and began making plans to get to a safer

location. Please pray for listeners who are facing the war on their own, without God, without hope.

Saturday – 17

Please pray for the ministry in the Buryat Republic in Russia, near Mongolia. It is growing quickly right now. The Buryat Republic has a deadly mix of Buddhism, Animism, ancestral worship. They are producing testimonies and some short videos with pastors from the area. Some of these videos have been watched several million times; one video alone received 4 million views.



Sunday – 18

Please pray for listeners like Vladimir, in Ukraine, whose city is under heavy attack. “My son has just died,” he said to FEBC counselors. He seemed not to know what to do next. He was having difficulty even speaking after losing his young son. “I don’t want to burden you,” he said. Please pray for comfort for those who have lost loved ones in the war, and for the Lord to bring an end to this war quickly.

Monday – 19

We are thankful to see some short videos of broadcasters praying becoming more popular in Russia. These videos have little dialogue besides prayers that viewers can join in with. These videos are being followed by more and more viewers. Praise God!

Tuesday – 20

“The air raid alarm went off at five a.m. today, really scaring my granddaughter,” said one listener. “How can I help her?” Please pray for parents and grandparents who are raising children during this traumatic time. They need wisdom and encouragement, and many are becoming believers after hearing the Good News.

Wednesday – 21

Please pray for God to work on the hearts of the Russian soldiers, turning them away from fighting. May God lead them home to Russia, end the brutal violence against the people of Ukraine, and turn the hearts of the Russian people towards Him.

Thursday – 22

Please pray for the many people in Ukraine dealing with suicidal feelings, often aggravated by the war. There are many people who call FEBC's prayer helpline feeling hopeless—people who are separated from their loved ones, who are afraid to or cannot leave cities that are under attack. Many people are finding life when they hear the Gospel and pray with FEBC's counselors.

Friday – 23

Please pray for FEBC's counseling ministries in Russia and Ukraine, which are having to adapt as the questions and problems counselors are facing are becoming more difficult. We are bringing on board more trained Christian counselors to handle the more difficult calls. Please pray for these counselors.



Saturday – 24

Please pray for the Ukrainian children who are facing the extreme conditions of war. The psychological trauma that many are receiving can only be guessed at right now. The real damage will only be known in the years to come.

Sunday – 25

Please pray for listeners like Maria, who was ill and suicidal when she called FEBC. Maria was an orphan and had no home or hope for her future. After speaking with FEBC's counselors, she put her faith in God and saw her life turn around. "God blessed me!" she said. "God gave me a job, and I was able to buy a small house in my village. Now, people come and sit on a bench outside my house and listen to the Christian music and sermons I listen to on the radio all the time!"

Monday – 26

The ministry in Moscow to Central Asian people is developing and growing. Videos are being filmed with people from Central Asia for several Central Asian countries. Please pray for the ministry to continue growing and reaching many people who have never heard the Gospel before.



Tuesday – 27

Please pray for families that are breaking apart, especially with the added stress of the war. One listener, Ivan, called the prayer helpline after his wife took his child and left. During the conversation, Ivan opened his heart to God in tears, putting his faith in Jesus. “I’m so glad that I called you. Thank you so much! I learned a lot—it was as if my eyes were opened!”

Wednesday – 28

Please pray for FEBC Russia broadcasters who have had to leave their homes because of threats. Please pray for safety for them and their families and for God’s guidance and provision as they make future plans.

Thursday – 29

“My husband and I were able to get my brother and his wife out of Kharkiv while it was being shelled,” said a listener named Olesia, who called the prayer helpline with her sister-in-law. “But afterwards, my brother became seriously ill, and so did my husband—my husband was diagnosed with lung cancer. I don’t know how to go on.” When the counselor shared the Gospel with the women, they prayed together with the counselor, repenting and putting their faith in Jesus. They were put into contact with a minister who promised to call the women and to visit Olesia's husband in the hospital. "Thank you so much!" said the women.

Friday – 30

Please pray for the ministry to Muslims in Russia, which has a large population of Muslims. While programs can get Muslims to engage, the real evangelism often happens in one-on-one conversations with FEBC-Russia’s broadcasters and counselors.