

PRAYING WITH PURPOSE



PRAYER GUIDE FOR
TEXAS COUNTRY BOYS
MISSION TO UKRAINE

OCT 22 - NOV 3, 2023



Members of this mission team ask you to pray that this mission to 6 cities in Ukraine and 2 cities in Poland will result in many people hearing the message of salvation through Christ. Ask God for His miracle of grace in a multitude of hearts during these days. As you pray - remember that Ukrainian time is 8 hours ahead of time in Dallas (CST), and Polish time is 7 hours ahead. So, on most days, pray especially from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. CST for our concerts.

Everyday Prayers:

- For God to bless the Texas Country Boys' strong voices and musical gifts while also giving them a special sensitivity to the Spirit's leading.
- For Michael Gott and his interpreters to preach Christ with an anointing, so that the people will hear "Another Voice".
- For total unity of the American team, Ukrainian staff and church teams.
- For no air raid alert sirens to cause the crowd to be evacuated to bomb shelters during concerts.

Friday, October 20 | TRAVEL | Michael Gott International staff arrives in Warsaw

Pray for this team of 8 veteran mission staff members who will go into Ukraine ahead of The Texas Country Boys to prepare final details for the concerts with the Ukrainian staff members who will also travel with the group.

Saturday, October 21 | TRAVEL | MGI staff crosses the Polish border into Ukraine

Pray for this team by name today as they go into Ukraine by public bus: Michael and Jan Gott, Sherri Johnston, Bill Sheldon, Judy Shipp, Allison Ware, Larry and Tammy Wood.

Sunday, October 22 | TRAVEL | TCB band & staff departs the US (10:59 PM)

Pray for this team by name all day as they minister in their home churches and leave for the airport for flights going east: Kevin Barham, Trent Blackley, Michael Bridges, Steve Colburn, Jason Fargason, Becky Fuller, John Hewitt Paul Jennings, Mark Jones. Pray for flights to be on time and for suitcases and instruments to be successfully transferred to each plane.

Monday, October 23 | TRAVEL | TCB arrives in Warsaw (9:05 PM)

Pray rest and strength for this team! They flew all night, and today they will change planes in London - arriving in Warsaw this evening. Pray that all of their bags and instruments arrive with them. Pray for Amy Pannell, MGI staff director who stayed in Poland to bring the Texas Country Boys team to Ukraine.

Tuesday, October 24 | TRAVEL | TCB crosses the border into Ukraine (by bus)

Pray for the all day bus crossing into Ukraine. The wait at the border can take up to 8 hours. Ask God to give them a supernaturally fast crossing. Pray that they will all be comfortable on the bus and be able to sleep today. Pray that border control will allow all Bibles and instruments to go into Ukraine. Pray for the two Ukrainian bus drivers.

Wednesday, 25 October | Concert 1 at Shevchenko Theatre, Lutsk (900 seats)

Pray by name for the Ukrainian staff arriving to work beside the team: Interpreters: Valera Tseona and Pasha Onatsko and Mihailo Korenevych; Pray also for the 7 members of the Ukrainian Technical staff. Pray that in this very first concert, everyone in the band and staff will, in unity, look to God for miracles with great joy that He has opened this door into this country that needs deliverance on so many levels. Ask God to show His power from the very beginning! Thank God for Pastor Sasha Grebenyuk and the churches in Lutsk who prepared for their evening's concert. Pray that the concert will not be interrupted by an air raid alert siren (in that case, everyone must exit and go to a bomb shelter)

Thursday, 26 October | Concert 2 at Tekstylnyk Palace of Culture, Rivne (700 seats)

The team travels 2 hours to the regional capital of Rivne. When our mission bus arrives in a city, a team of workers from the host church in that city are at the concert venue to meet them. Pray that the love of Christ will flow from every incoming mission team member when they meet the people who prepared for the concert. Pray that the concert venue will be full and that no air raid alerts will disrupt the concert. Pray that many will turn to Christ in faith. Thank God for Pastor Andriy Korniychuk and his great church that is always faithful to follow up those who come to Jesus.

Friday, 27 October | Concert 3 at Academic Regional Philharmonic, Ivano Frankivsk (500 seats)

Pray for this day when the team will travel for over 5 hours to the concert city. Pray for the technical staff that travels by van ahead of the bus to be ready for the concert. Pray for Evangelist Michael Gott and Interpreter Valera Tseona as they share the message of God's love through Christ. Pray that there will be no air raid sirens to interrupt the concert. Thank God for Pastor Bogdan Galyuk and the team of young people who prepared for this concert.

Saturday, 28 October | Concert 4 at Lviv National Opera (1,100 seats)

People from all over Ukraine have fled the war in the east to this western-most city. Pray that this world famous opera hall is absolutely packed for this noon - 2:00 p.m. concert. Thank God for Christian professional Andriy Yelisyeyev who enlisted the cooperation of all Lviv churches to publicize this concert. Thank God for the miracle that this world famous hall was secured for this concert when many said that it could not happen. Praise God that He is a God of miracles in peace and in war, and ask Him to keep all on this team faithful to lift up only Christ today. Pray that many will turn to Christ by faith!

Concert 5 at Lviv's Shevchenko Monument at 3:00 p.m. Pray for good weather for this outdoor acoustic concert.

Sunday, 29, October | Concert 6 at the Palace of Culture for Oilers, Boryslav (600 seats)

The Texas Country Boys will sing at Zelena Church in the center of Lviv, and then board the bus and drive 2 hours to Boryslav in the Carpathian Mountains of Ukraine. Ask God to especially bless this concert. Thank God for Lena Kardash and her team of workers from First Baptist Boryslav that are daring to reach out to their small town in such a creative way. Pray that God will keep the skies clear with no air raid alerts, so that the team can sing and preach Christ. The team will have homemade dinner at First Baptist and drive back to Lviv.

Monday, 30 October | Concert 7 UBTS Auditorium, Lviv (400+ seats)

The new Ukrainian Baptist Seminary in Lviv is located in a different district of the city from the opera hall, and there will be a different crowd at this location. Pray that this Monday concert will be packed with young people. Pray for a spirit of joy and enthusiasm as the Texas Country Boys sing the beautiful message of God's love through Christ. Pray for Michael Gott and Valera Tseona as they preach about Christ's love and forgiveness.

Tonight, the American team will say goodbye to the Ukrainian staff who have served beside us. Men age 18 - 60 who don't have at least 3 children cannot leave the country. There are over 250 Baptist pastors fighting in the Ukrainian army today. Pasha Onatsko and Andriy Yelisyeyev could leave, but they stay in Ukraine to serve God and the Ukrainian people.

Tuesday, 31 October | TRAVEL | (All Saints Day) - cross border into Poland

Pray for safe travel through the day and for the miracle of a fast border crossing. Leaving Ukraine can take up to 13 hours. Ask God to turn the hearts of those on this mission team to the Ukrainian refugees who now live in Poland and will fill venues for the next two nights at concerts in the country of Poland.

Pray for the new team of Ukrainian workers who will join the mission staff in Poland. Michael Gott's main interpreter Kos Ivantsov now lives in Warsaw with his wife and 4 children. Bogdan Lynnik and his Polish wife live in Tomaszów Mazowiecki. Bogdan, Pasha and David Vinogradski, who have done sound for MGI evangelism since 2010, will join us in Poland. God is faithful to send amazing people to work with us.

Wednesday, 1 November | Concert 8 Palladium Theatre, Warsaw (700 seats)

Thank God for Pastors Michael Baloha and Valerii Tokar and their dynamic Warsaw Bible Church who will pack this popular downtown venue with Ukrainians for tonight's concert. Thank God that they never stop evangelizing the thousands of refugees who have come to them for help. Thank God for the two daughter churches they have planted in other areas of Warsaw. Pray that many will turn to Christ by faith at this evening's concert.

Thursday, 2 November | Concert 9 at the Arena, Tomaszów Mazowiecki (400 seats)

Thank God for Pastor Leonid Matseyka from Kherson who fled to Poland with his family when Russians occupied his native city. MGI worked with his church in Kherson, and now Texas Country Boys and Michael Gott will have a concert in Leonid's church near Warsaw. Ask God to fill the building that is used for worship on Sundays. Thank God for the Polish congregation that sponsors this Ukrainian congregation. (Ukrainian churches in Poland are the fastest growing evangelical churches in the nation of Poland.)

Friday, 3 November | Depart for the US 7:45 AM/Arrive DFW 7 PM